

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday March 18th 2021.
At 6:30 p.m.

HELD BY Zoom Meeting

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors, Mike Brooks, Scott Green, Perry Livingston, Jo-Anne Cartner, Sharon Gadoury-East, Francine Blowe.

Regrets NIL

Staff: Jaime Allen, Clerk-Treasurer, Laurel Gadoury, Dep Tres-Dep-Clerk

Public: nil

Press: Jamie Mountain, Temiskaming Speaker.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 21/025

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the March 18th 2021 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST
COUNCILLOR BROOKS RESOLUTION 21/035 RELATIVE OF AN EXP
EMPLOYEE.**

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 21/026

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 21st 2021. Be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: Danielle Girard and Nick Seed. Kemp, Elliott and Blair. Presented Town of Latchford 2020 Financial Statements.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor P. Livingston: see attached

Councillor Green: Updated Reported on by-law officer activities, also on the fire dept Expanding auto-extraction to the 11B turn off.

Councillor Brooks: Operation of WTP running smoothly even though there was an extreme effect on the process all back to normal

Councillor Gadoury: Gave an update on snow sculpture contest the winners were the Venne family Green family and the Blowe family. There will be an easter parade April 4th Looking to expanding the community garden to kids

Councillor Blowe gave an update on progress being mad on ONR property that was purchased. Potential for an outdoor market depending on COVID-19 restrictions, brushing need to be done on museum sign south of Latchford.

Councillor Cartner: see attached

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 21/027

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Town of Latchford declares approves attached payroll in the amount of \$32,053.44 for the period February 11th thru March 10th 2021 and accounts payable in the amount of \$68,364.87 and online bills in the amount of \$11,872.25

CARRIED

Electronic Funds Transfer

Resolution No.: 21/028

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the use of Electronic Funds Transfer Service to be used to pay suppliers.

CARRIED

Asset Management Plan.

Resolution No.: 21/029

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has had significant financial and operational impacts on Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have had to divert resources towards addressing the immediate needs of the pandemic and maintaining service delivery standards despite evolving restrictions and limited funds;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has delayed timelines with respect to several pieces of legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal asset management through O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*;

AND WHEREAS O. Reg. 588/17 mandates that every municipality shall prepare an asset management plan in respect of its core municipal infrastructure assets by July 1, 2021, and in respect of all of its other municipal infrastructure assets by July 1, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the key components of an asset management plan as required by the regulation are:

1. Infrastructure asset inventory
2. Levels of service
3. Lifecycle management and financial strategy

AND WHEREAS there is a concern amongst Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) members and their municipalities that current capacity challenges (redeployment of staff, and lack of available resources) will result in limitations for purposeful asset management planning;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities do not anticipate the current capacity challenges to be resolved in the short-term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation OF the Town of Latchford supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting a one-year extension of deadlines in O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*; so that all municipalities can focus on the immediate needs of the pandemic and engage in municipal asset management planning when capacity challenges are resolved.

CARRIED

Laptop Purchase

Resolution No.: 21/030

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the purchase of two laptops one for Public Works Dept, and one for Water Treatment Plant. Funds to come from COVID -19 recovering funding for Municipalities in the amount of \$2497.96 plus hst

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 21/031

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the following Information Items be noted and filed:

B. Information Items:

- 1) Canadian Heritage Celebrate Canada, Canada Day Funding
- 2) MNRF Temagami Forest Management
- 3) Ministry of Municipal Affairs annual repayment limit
- 4) Ministry of Transportation Hwy 11 concerns (manholes)
- 5) Ministry of Municipal Affairs Covid-19 recovery funds
- 6) Temiskaming Shores Chamber of Commerce annual letter
- 7) DTSSAB 2021 budget and Municipal payment schedule.
- 8) District School Board East Community Planning

CARRIED

09.

Open Councillor Discussion. Councillor Brooks would like the ball field blocked off in the winter time to prevent snow machines in Also commented on what style of lawnmower to buy for public works

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS:

Amendment to Sea Can Bylaw

Resolution No: 21/032

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that By-law No.2018 -20 that section 2 and 3 be amended as highlighted Be taken as read a first, second and third time, and passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIE

Infrastructure Agreement

Resolution No: 21/033

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2021-007 being** a by-law to authorize s contribution agreement under the investing in Canada Infrastructure program (ICIP) Green stream project Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford

CARRIED

Confirming Bylaw

Resolution No: 21/034

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2021-007 being** a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held February 18th 2021. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford

CARRIED

11. New Business:

Resolution No. 21/035

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Design agreement with Exp (UV Project)

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves quote from EXP for engineering services for design of Latchford Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent disinfection system in the amount of \$36,041.00 plus hst

****Councillor Brooks declared a conflict of interest on this and did not vote.**

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 21/036


Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:09 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 18th
Of March 2021.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Public Works March 18th 2021

With the lack of snow at end of February/ beginning of March and the yo-yo temperatures I have used more sand than I expected. No concerns though we have enough for the season. I have been pricing out some zero turn mowers to confided replacing our aging unit. Most manufacturers have spring promotions on at this point with zero percent financing for 36 to 48 months. This would put a \$12,000.00 mower at a monthly payment of \$300.00. The ideal unit is a 4wd Kubota similar to our old sweeper and you buy attachments but at \$21,000.00 and a \$587.00 a month payment I know that's a bit much for a lawnmower. But if we look long term when I can't patch up the old sweeper anymore and we buy the sweeper attachment for the machine we have solved that problem.

This is more of a budget topic and I imagine Joanne is having a stroke as you read this lol. I will get some prices on having someone sweep the town streets in the spring to give everyone an idea of the cost and why doing it ourselves is more economical. On that note I have ordered new sweeper brushes for the spring.

Spring thaw has gone well. No flooding or pooling of water around the town.

I have identified and started cutting danger trees in the parks and along the roadside. This I expect will take the better part of this week and maybe part of next week. Once snow is gone I will continue to brush shoulders of Murphy mill road. It's a bit of work but I can cut it a lot shorter than a machine around the rocks and I enjoy it I am planning on sending the brushing unit to clean up the rural roads and cousins this year. The weather looks promising but I'm not planning spring cleanup work yet. I don't want to jinx things. It is still very early but my to-do list is growing daily in my head.

Ya I know , didn't keep it short again !

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March 18th, 2021

Report from Councillor Cartner

. Laurel has provided Dr. Roedde with a copy of the clinic's revenues and expenses up to and including today which shows how much the clinic has left to spend before its year-end in two weeks. Once the Ministry notifies us of the 2021/22 budget allocated to the clinic, Dr. Roedde will be able to give the breakdown of amounts for each area of her budget and then Laurel will submit the required paperwork to the Ministry for their approval.

. The clinic staff has been contacting their patients over the age of 80 to find out if they wish to have the COVID vaccine and if they agree, they then take care of the online booking for them. All patients that have agreed have their appointments scheduled for Monday, March 22nd. Melissa tells me they are hoping to be able to book patients 70 and over for their vaccine later this month for April appointments if the vaccine delivery schedule stays on track.

. Jaime, Laurel, and I have continued to review the budget. Laurel has included a copy of the budget for each of you to review as well as a spreadsheet of random assessments that show a 3% tax increase. as well as the 5% increase to water and sewer and what they would be so you will have an idea of the increase. In the meantime, we will continue to review the budget and I hope each council member will do so as well so when we do have a budget meeting you can provide your thoughts/input on where we can lower some of the costs in your specific areas of the budget Any revisions you decide on can be emailed or called into Laurel so she can update the working copy before our meeting.

Thank you.

Jo-Anne1

The Town of Latchford Fire Department

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March 18th, 2021

Points of interest

1. Old fire truck: After our mouthy meeting we agreed to sell the truck as is to see what the town can get for it.
2. We will be doing a Duck race this August date not picked yet.
3. At last night's Temiskaming Fire Chiefs meeting Latchford Fire Department was asked if we could extend our Auto extrication to cover Coleman as far as 11B turn off. As it is now we go to the Pipeline. I informed them I would bring it to Council for approval.

Fire Chief

Mike Beaupre

MAR 18 2021

Mayor's Report, March 18, 2021

Manhole Issue on Highway 11

Included in our package for the meeting is the response received from the MTO with regard to this issue. We will continue to argue, in my opinion, this issue as previously noted that their engineers were involved in the design of the sewage system with the then Ontario Water Resources Commission and the Town of Latchford was not positioned to make any decisions or input to them during design. His comment relative to the shifting of the pavement markings was done at the request of the Town is not something that Jaime or I are familiar with but if that is what causes traffic to go over the manholes the simple solution would be to revert to the old alignment. This would mean narrowing the centre dividing line from just north the Johnston/Cartner homes south to the area of Roger Clark's home. I will send a formal letter suggesting that and again remind him that we are not in any way liable for manhole maintenance on Highway 11 in the Town of Latchford.

Dam Operation/PSPC Land

Nothing much transpired during my bi-monthly phone call with Ravi and John other than their assurances that the property transfer was moving forward and that we will continue to stay in touch. Early this week Jaime received a detailed map of the area west and south of the Water plant that is proposed for transfer to the Town so that is progressing if ever so slowly. I am following up with Helene Belanger to determine the status of the remaining lands that were being surveyed for transfer to the Town.

During the "Upper Ottawa River Committee Pre-Freshet Call" on February 25 it was revealed at that time that snow depth and water content of said snow were both at 53% of normal and we all know we haven't received much since. This bodes well for a light freshet but unfortunately can also lead to an early forest fire season.

Natural Gas Expansion to Latchford

I have shared with all of you the TVO.org story that Josh Sherman had published on their web page. I have to commend him on the depth of research he put into this story and the manner in which it was presented. I confess to being shocked by the fact that electricity rates in Latchford have increased by 480% since we were forced to sell the Latchford Hydro Electric Corporation to Hydro One in 2000. In assembling the story, Josh reached out to Danny Whelan of FONOM, whose comments were very supportive, and contacted the Associate Minister of Energy, Bill Walker. Minister Walker's response to Josh included a link to the list of applicants for this round of funding and they number in the range of 200. I have my thoughts on the list that I do not wish to share publicly. With only 20 to be identified in this round, I feel it is imperative for us to

keep working and lobbying to increase our chances for inclusion. They are now stating that the successful applicant communities will be announced in the Spring which just happens to start on Saturday!

On the 10th, I received a reply to my letter to minister Walker sent him on Feb 12. I firmly believe that the reason I got this response was due to TVO questioning him but my email did not include the detail that Josh Sherman received to his enquiry.

Bell Outreach re High-Speed Internet

I have emailed Neal Hougham of Bell and enquired as to whether there is any way that we can track the application that has been made on our behalf by Bell to the Universal Broadband Fund.

GLL