

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday May 20th 2021
At 7:00 p.m.**

HELD BY ZOOM MEETING

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

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

Regrets: nil

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

Public: nil

Press: nil

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 21/047

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the May 20th 2021. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST;
COUNCILLOR GREEN ITEM TWO OF INCAMERA AGENDA SPOUSE OF
RESIDENT.**

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 21/048

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the minutes of the council meeting held April 15th 2021. Be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Livingston: see attached

Councillor Brooks: All good at the water plant a valve malfunctioned that needs to be replaced. Thank you, Francine Blowe, for helping to pickup litter around Town, and Shelly Borgford and her children

Councillor Cartner: Next vaccination clinic in Latchford will be June 2nd Looking to Schedule a budget meeting in June. FONOM online conference had some interesting topics

Councillor Gadoury- East Waiting on COVID 19 restrictions to ease to have a REC. meeting same goes for Canada Day.

Councillor Blowe: Fednor application for an intern has been submitted. Received a quote for two shortest bridge signs for the \$480.00 for each. Looking at getting a covered canopy for logging equipment at the museum for.

Councillor Green: Bylaw officer will do follow up on properties after spring cleanup week.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1.

Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 21/049

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$59,244.85 and accounts payable in the amount of \$45,193.05 including online bills in the amount of \$15,859.16

For the period April 8th thru May 13th 2021.

CARRIED

Surplus Equipment

Resolution No.: 21/050

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford declares 2008 Kubota Tractor BX2200 lawn tractor surplus and advertise for sale.

CARRIED

Support Town of Englehart regarding DTSSAB Audit.

Resolution No.: 21/051

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford supports the Town of Englehart resolution regarding DTSSAB conducting an internal audit on all Ontario Works cases from 2019 and onward as per attached.

CARRIED

Kirkland Lake Opioid Preventive Task Force.

Resolution No.: 21/052

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford supports Kirkland Lake Opioid Poisoning Preventive Task force in its efforts to open an Addiction Residential Community detox center in Kirkland Lake at the now close Pinegar detention center.

CARRIED

Support for Provincial Offences Part 3 Prosecution.

Resolution No.: 21/053

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Whereas the following resolution was originally passed on March 21, 2019 and circulated as indicated, but has not been responded to by the provider, and the reliability of the landline phone service in Latchford continues to deteriorate as experienced on May 03, 2021, therefore Council will again pass the following resolution:

Whereas land line phone service is provided to the Town of Latchford exclusively by Northern/Bell Telephone,

And whereas this basic service is considered to be essential for the safety and well being of the residents and businesses of this municipality,

And whereas the service has deteriorated to the level where numerous customers are having difficulty using their phones on a regular basis and there are reports of some local numbers being unable to call other local numbers on a consistent basis,

And Whereas calls to the service provider have been responded to by statements to the effect that “the phone lines are worn out and there is nothing that can be done” and other less than desirable responses.

Therefore, be it Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby requests that Northern/Bell Telephone extend the necessary effort to restore this essential service to the level that will ensure that it is accessible for the residents and businesses of this Town on an as needed basis.

And further, it is recommended that the phone lines be replaced with fibre optics so that the additional services of such infrastructure would be available here in Latchford.

And further, that his resolution be forwarded to the attention of MP Anthony Rota and MPP John Vanthof, for their assistance in resolving this critical situation.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 21/054

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By Jo-Anne Cartner

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

B. Information Items

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- 1) Barry Weller flower donation
- 2) DTSSAB response to overbilling.
- 3) Ministry of Municipal Affairs accountability of members of council
- 4) Bryan Searl Municipal advisor changes to the election act.
- 5) DR Roedde new volunteer palliative care.
- 6) Bryan Searle, Municipal advisor, strengthen Municipal codes of conduct
- 7) Temiskaming Shores income statement POA funds 2020 4th quarter
- 8) Ministry of Finance, OMPF allocation second quarter payment
- 9) OPP Municipal Policing Billing Statement
- 10) Ministry of Environment 2020-21 inspection report

CARRIED

09. New Business:

Phone Service in The Town of Latchford

Resolution No.: 21/055

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

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CARRIED

Ontario Northland Property in Latchford

Resolution No.: 21/056

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Scott Green

Whereas the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) has previously expressed a desire to have municipalities along their route of service communicate with the Commission relative to anything that might impact said Commission,

And Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford believe it is important to communicate actions that are the responsibility of the ONTC that negatively impact the Town so as to resolve those actions,

And Whereas the Town of Latchford has a property standards by-law that attempts to ensure properties within the community are maintained to a reasonable level of appearance and we note that our largest property owner, the ONTC, do not adhere to these standards by allowing old, used railway ties to accumulate; sections of rail and assorted related hardware scattered about your right-of-way and abandoned and unused buildings to deteriorate rather than be demolished.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford respectfully request the ONTC to attend to the aforementioned issues so as to better reach property standards expected of property owners in the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Official Stone of Latchford

Resolution No.: 21/056

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford have recently been made aware of the presence of a mineral "Iron Oxide Dendrites" also known as "Temiskaming Sunrise Stone" existing within the boundaries of the Corporation,

And whereas the uniqueness and attractiveness of this mineral is such that Council would like to give recognition to its existence in Latchford,

Therefore, be it resolved that henceforth Iron Oxide Dendrite or Temiskaming Sunrise Stone will be known as the official stone of Latchford.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS:

Intermunicipal Agreement POA.

Resolution No 21/058

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-law No. **2021-009** being a by-law to Authorize the execution of an intermunicipal Agreement with Municipal Area Partners with respect to the Provincial Offences Act. Be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Weight Restrictions on Town Roads

Resolution No 21/059

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that By-law No. **2021-010** being a by-law to designate weight restrictions of vehicles and trailers on Town Roads. Be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Confirming by-law

Resolution No 21/060

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2021-011** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held May 20th 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. IN-CAMERA.

Move In camera

Resolution No 2/061

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into closed meeting at 7:40pm to discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239

*** Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or board employees**

CARRIED

Arise from closed session

Resolution No 21/062

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford arise from closed session at 7:46 pm to discuss.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 21/063

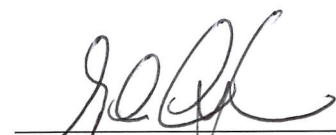
Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:55 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

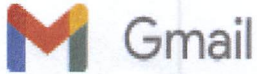
Dated at Latchford this 17th day
Of April 2018



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen



Jaime Allen <jallen@latchford.ca>

May council update

1 message

Roger Clark <rogclark313@gmail.com>

Thu, May 20, 2021 at 8:17 AM

To: Perry Livingston <pliv676@gmail.com>, Jaime Allen <jallen@latchford.ca>

It's been a busy month .

Continued cutting danger trees around town and brushing rural roads. Have a handful of trees to come down in the unopened laneway behind Nellies place and beside Scott's place. Hopefully I will get them all done before the end of the month. Howard was in and brushed out Anamanip road. I have spoken with the roads board and my number has been passed along to the MTO to coordinate grading of the road early June.

Spoke to Demora and planning on grading laneways in the next few weeks and I will get some calcium down after that. Looks like there is a calcium shortage due to Covid and prices have jumped !!! I have one bag from last year so he are ok to start the summer. Will need to buy at least one bag at some point when stock becomes available.

Received the new mower this month and it's amazing to operate ! It's like riding around on a lazyboy chair , and the cup holder ! The old one is serviced and ready to sell. I have put some feelers out but no one is interested yet.

Hydrants have been flushed and clean up week is done today. There was some confusion with the dates. My bad got confused with opening pickerel. As always the people who should be cleaning up didn't.

Fixed up the old swim raft and have it in the water. Kids were out swimming the other night !

The new forest fire sign is up and looks great. I also replaced the swimming signs at the beach.

Finally put a small dock down at the lower boat launch. It will have to come out every fall but that's not a big deal. Also put up a use at own risk sign.

Denis and Rose have been really great with the signs and helping to install along with a lot of freebies .

Inspected playground equipment and added sand to play area. Campground is opened and ready to go. Boardwalks are safe but could use some TLC. Going to hold off this year due to lumber prices.

Worked a deal out with Scott for our winter sand again for next year.

I am being cross examined for my statement regarding the ATV lawsuit on the ONR tracks two years ago. Not really sure how it all works but if it gets stupid and I speak my mind someone better post my bail !!

That's all I have to say this month , well there is more but I know how you love long reports.

Roger

Sent from my iPhone

Mayor's Report, May 20, 2021

Manhole Issue on Highway 11

I received my response from Herb Villneff that I alluded to in my last report which indicated that realignment of the centre line between Mowat and McLeod wouldn't draw the traffic far enough away from the manholes to be effective. He has offered to meet with us and subsequent to that received a promotion to Director of Northeast Regions. Kristin Franks is now the contact but I haven't reached out to her yet because meeting is not something we can do at this point.

Dam Operation/PSPC Land

I haven't heard anything back from Helene Belanger regarding the map Jaime sent her but she did contact me to get some archival pictures of the old dam which I shared with her but failed to ask about said map. I have a call scheduled with Ravi Sundaraj and John Ikonopoulos this afternoon. Roger has asked me to bring to their attention a pier that has eroded to the point it has become a navigational hazard just upstream of where the safety buoy line is located. He further advised that they have a contractor scheduled to come in the latter half of June to install a permanent year-round safety buoy and that would be an ideal time to lower the problem pier to a safe height.

I was told that the water level in Bay Lake was raised to an acceptable standard prior to spawning occurring for most species of fish.

Natural Gas Expansion to Latchford

I mentioned in my report last month that I had been contacted by an individual who had read out natural gas story on TVO.org and reached out to me offering their assistance. That is progressing well but is something that has to be shared in-camera at this point. Publicly I can say that I feel very positive about what is being done for Latchford with regard to natural gas.

Latchford Land Line Phone service

Earlier this month, on May 03, we had yet another interruption to our phone service. This time it was attributed to a break in the fibre optics line serving Latchford which is strung on poles through the bush with trees leaning on the line. Little wonder it broke! The service was down for in excess of 12 hours for some which means no access to vital services such as 911 during that period for, primarily our seniors who depend on this service. Following this there was an effort by a non-resident to clear some of the deadfall away from the line feeding Latchford after hearing of the impact on the users of this service. I have refreshed the motion that we last passed in March of 2019 for your consideration.

FONOM Conference

Participating in a virtual webinar conference that goes on for 8 hours is a challenge that I was not up to but I lasted almost 6 hours but waived from my attentiveness on a couple of occasions. There were two rather interesting presentations on satellite broadband services from Starlink and Telesat Lightspeed, the latter I had never heard of before? There was a presentation on municipal insurance, which was interrupted by a phone call, but I did find out that Intact Insurance now owns Frank Cowan Company which has been a preferred provider of municipal insurance for decades.

GLL