

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday June 17th 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: Darlene Wroe, Temiskaming Speaker.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 21/066

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the June 17th 2021. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST: NIL

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 21/067

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the minutes of the council meeting held May 20th 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 waste separator repairs are being fixed

Councillor Cartner: Clinic remains busy only clinic doing lab work, Roedde would like a meeting with all three communities, they have been helping patients book vaccines there has been two students from the Northern Medical School. Cancer outreach has been going well

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

Councillor Blowe: Assisting Mayor Lefebvre with a senior with disability grocery shopping And contacted the CNIB for help. Hope Canada Day parade is successful and would like to get a group shot of vehicle on the bridge to post on the website

Councillor Green: Bylaw officer will do follow up on two properties that have received several warnings, Fire dept duck race tickets continue to be on sale, would like to thank Masonic Lodge for there donation

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. **Accounts Payable and Payroll**

Resolution No.: 21/068

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury- East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$32,630.99 and accounts payable in the amount of \$39,974.69 For the period May 14th thru June 9th 2021.

CARRIED

Police Services Board

Resolution No.: 21/069

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Whereas the Ministry of the Solicitor General has developed a framework for the creation of an OPP Detachment Board(s) for those municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP); and

Whereas, under the framework, municipalities and First Nations receiving services from the OPP are being asked to submit one proposal per detachment indicating the composition of their board and, if needed, a rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Solicitor General has further indicated that municipalities and First Nations working on a joint proposal shall select one municipality or First Nation to complete and submit the proposal; and

Whereas the Temiskaming Detachment of the OPP serves 19 municipalities and one First Nation; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Solicitor General has requested that municipalities and First Nations within a detachment work together to determine the composition of their board(s) as well as the manner in which they will submit their proposal to the Ministry; and

Whereas representatives of each municipality and the Temagami First Nation met on May 20, 2021 to discuss a proposal for the establishment of three Police Services Boards for the Temiskaming Detachment; and

Whereas, in order to finalize the composition of the three Police Services Boards, it is imperative to have formal indication from each municipality and First Nation regarding their willingness to participate; and

Whereas a municipality or First Nation that chooses not to participate on a detachment board, and forfeits their seat, must provide formal notification so it can be included as part of the proposal to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Now therefore be it resolved that the ___Town of Latchford hereby agrees to participate in the establishment of three Police Services Boards for the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police; and

Further that the Town of Latchford of hereby agrees that the City of Temiskaming Shores shall be responsible for the coordination and submission of a joint proposal on behalf of all 19 municipalities and the Temagami First Nation to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

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CARRIED

Approve Sale of Municipal Property.

Resolution No.: 21/070

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the sale of lots 433/434 Kasra Dinavari and Sepidah Aryanfar in the amount of \$11,200.00plus hst as per attached.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 21/071

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By Perry Livingston

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

B. Information Items

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

- 1) Ministry Of Energy natural gas expansion
- 2) Timiskaming Health Unit roadmap to reopen
- 3) Fed-nor Internship announcement
- 4) Minister of Infrastructure upgrades to water plant funding
- 5) Timiskaming foundation (grant for Fire Dept, from Silver Lodge Masonic Fund.)
- 6) Armstrong Township support POA motion from Temiskaming Shores
- 7) John Vanthof letter of support natural gas expansion
- 8) Timiskaming Health Unit 2020 Financial statements
- 9) Court Security Prisoner Transport Grant update
- 10) Township of Hudson support POA motion from Temiskaming Shores
- 11) Township of Kerns support POA motion from Temiskaming Shores
- 12) Ministry of Municipal Affairs roadmap to reopen.
- 13) Annual report from E4M IC Services.
- 14) Town O Kirkland Lake support of Opioid Task Force
- 15) Town of Matachewan support of Opioid Task Force
- 16) THU drug and alcohol steering committee.

CARRIED

09. New Business:

Council addressed some residents have concerning speeding in Town
And have decided to erect a stop sign on the corner of Murphy Mill Road
and Sullivan also children at play slow down signs where Public Works
Supt feels there most needed.

10. BY-LAWS:

Bylaw No:2021-12 Noise bylaw tabled

Confirming by-law

Resolution No 21/072

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2021-013** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held June 17th 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. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 21/073

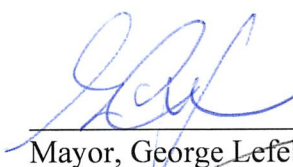
Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

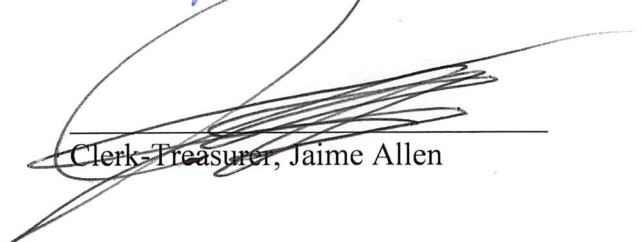
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:30 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 17th day
Of June 2021.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

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Mayor's Report, June 17, 2021

Dam Operation/PSPC Land

I reached out to Helene Belanger about the pier Roger wanted lowered to eliminate a navigation hazard near the safety boom which is being replaced. We had thought they could incorporate that in the contract but was advised that the contract had already been finalized and could not be revisited. She further advised that as the pier was not theirs she couldn't do anything about it. I encouraged her to check back in her records and she would find that it was indeed PSPC property installed when logs were driven through the dam. Roger, who was copied on the email exchange, thinks PSPC will be happy when I leave office. I commented to her that the old log lifter was starting to look pretty ratty and a contract to refurbish it would be a great little project for the Town. She responded by stating that she was putting together a contract for that very thing but it was not something the Town could handle due to the presence of lead in the paint that has to be removed. Nonetheless, improvements to the appearance will occur.

Natural Gas Expansion to Latchford

You are all aware of the results of our efforts to obtain natural gas and that didn't end well for Latchford despite the efforts that were put in. Of the 43 projects awarded, only one was in the northeast and two in the northwest. I am preparing a response to both Minister Walker and Luke Skarup of Enbridge but I am waiting until I cool down a bit as it can't be negative and I will have it vetted by our "Toronto Team". I was deeply disappointed by the fact that the report outlining connection rates to natural gas showing only 122 connections after 10 years. The survey that Francine and I conducted indicated 187 connectable residences, businesses and institutions based on their mapped area. This was a factor in reaching their decision and a 65% connection rate after that 10 year time period is highly inaccurate in my opinion. I have many other thoughts as to how the successful communities but prefer not to share them in a public forum.

Latchford Land Line Phone service

Jaime has shared our resolution passed last month regarding the deficiencies in our land line service with the offices of both Anthony Rota and John Vanthof but is still awaiting a response.

Code of Conduct Conference

While I was unable to participate in the conference call as originally scheduled, as fate would have it was rescheduled to this morning and, as I am preparing my report prior to the call and presuming to participate, I will share these comments that I forwarded on June 09 and hope to address today.

Good Afternoon;

Due to a family member being recently granted a medical appointment in Sudbury, that conflicts with the time of the session, it is entirely possible that I will not be able to participate. I do not want to deny myself the opportunity to share some thoughts I have on your present emphasis of punishment for elected officials that tends to be such a "broad based" approach.

I was first elected to the office of Councillor in the Town of Latchford in 1965 and since that date have served my community as both Mayor and Councillor, including 3 years as Clerk-Treasurer, for a total of almost 50 years. I am presently working with my fourth generation of elected officials. Included in those years I also headed the Temiskaming Municipal Association for more than a decade, and participated in many more Ad Hoc groups. I must be among the fortunate, or totally naive, because I rarely experienced working with some of the individuals that have now drawn the focus away from the decent, honest, hardworking and dedicated to their municipality, elected officials that I have had the privilege of leading and working alongside these many years.

The focus of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs seems to put much more emphasis on punishing those that are in conflict with the Code of Conduct to the extent that the others of us who hold elected office are tarnished by the image that is being projected about municipal elected officials. I really feel that you should direct a little positive attention to the many of us who hold our office in high standard and esteem as a means of attracting more to seek office rather than the image that is now being created which makes it difficult to encourage participation at the municipal level by those who can really contribute. While perhaps not intentional, you are now "tarring all of us with the same brush".

Respectfully,
George L. Lefebvre
Mayor
Town of Latchford

Intersection of Sullivan and King

I was contacted by Jacob Rideout who had their cat killed by a vehicle on Sullivan Avenue in front of their house. He advised that he had contacted the office last year about speeding past his home and asked about having children at play signs installed as we did on King Street. I told him to ensure that it was discussed by Council to email the Town Office and copy me which he failed to do. He has requested that we install a 3 way stop at the junction of King and Sullivan as well as children at play signage in order to slow traffic. I assured him we would discuss it after he followed up with another message on Tuesday.

GLL

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Public Works Report June 17th 2021.

Have cleaned up loose ends from last month. Rented man lift and finished up problem trees in the town.

Managed to paint the top of town garage while I had the lift. Planning on finishing the lower parts this summer.

It was starting to look run down and wood was not protected.

Roads were graded and calcium was laid down as planned.

Pat has been a great help on the new lawnmower! He has really found his inner Forest and is doing a great job. Anamanip road was graded.

I have been helping out at water plant with special projects at Rico's request. Community Garden is planted.

Angie Borford and Pam Peckover each took a small bit of the garden I planted the rest in corn and watermelon. Hopefully it's a good crop. When it's ready I will spread the word and people can help themselves.

Finally got the rose bushes at the dam under control. That's about it to report.