

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday July 15th 2021
At 6:30**

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. Blake Mc Christie CJTT

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 21/074

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the July 15th 2021. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:
COUNCILLOR GREEN ON RESOLUTION 21/079 HE IS THE BUYER**

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 21/075

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the minutes of regular and budget Council Meetings held June 15th and June 17th 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 fixed the water plant is converting all its lighting to LED to save on hydro.

Councillor Cartner: Will be meeting with Dr Roedde in the near future to get an update on the clinic

Councillor Gadoury- East Canda Day Parade and fireworks were held. Will be organizing BBQ for kids on Labor Day weekend also Halloween activities when the Recreation Committee can meet. Bay Lake Campground revenue are up \$2116.00 from last year.

Councillor Blowe: Met with potential investors to develop Town property, looking at having crafts market at the arena. Chase the ace pot is at \$13,207.50 and the museum just received another \$1500.00 dollars from raffle proceeds. Getting quotes for the museum roof and have

two volunteers to clean the museum. Intern position is now closed and have received two resumes.

Councillor Green: Bylaw officer continues to follow up on property standards issues. Fire Hall now has automated doors Duck race is being held third week of August. An auto extractor has been donated to the Fire Dept. Innerkip Fire Dept. Looking forward to training on new equipment. Renovations are on hold due to the cost of building materials.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. **Accounts Payable and Payroll**

Resolution No.: 21/076

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$27,393.12 and accounts payable in the amount of \$156,642.54 For the period June 10th thru July 10th 2021.

CARRIED

Donation to Hylands Art Tour Project

Resolution No.: 21/077

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves donation to the Vivian Hylands Art Tour Project in the amount of \$200.00.

CARRIED

Approve Sale of Municipal Property.

Resolution No.: 21/078

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the sale of lots 394/395 to Mohammad Tariq and Imitiaz in the amount of \$11,000.00 plus hst as per attached.

CARRIED

Approve Sale of Municipal Property.

Resolution No.: 21/079

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the sale of lot 89 to Scott Green in the amount of \$5000.00 plus hst as per attached.

* **Councillor Green declared a conflict and was not involved in the discussion**

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 21/080

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By Perry Livingston

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

- 1) Ontario Northland response to Mayor Lefebvre
- 2) Stewardship Ontario Quarterly remittance.
- 3) Ministry Of Municipal Affairs roadmap to reopen.
- 4) Letter to Luke Skaarup (Enbridge Gas) regarding natural gas.

CARRIED

09. New Business: nil

10. BY-LAWS:

Bylaw No:2021-12 Noise bylaw tabled

Erect a stop sign

Resolution No 21/081

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury East

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2021-014** being a by-law to erect a stop sign on the corner of Murphy Mill Road and Sullivan Ave, 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 by-law

Resolution No 21/082

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2021-015** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held July 15th 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. Closed Session.

Resolution No. 21/083

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into Closed Meeting at 7:04 p.m. to discuss the following as matters set out in the Municipal Act,2001 Section 239(2)

***Personal matters about an identifiable individual municipal or board employee**

CARRIED

Resolution No. 21/084

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that Council now arise from closed meeting @ 7:14pm

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 21/085

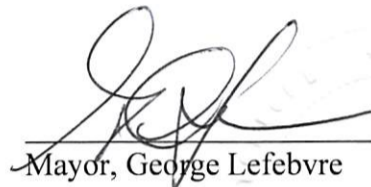
Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury East

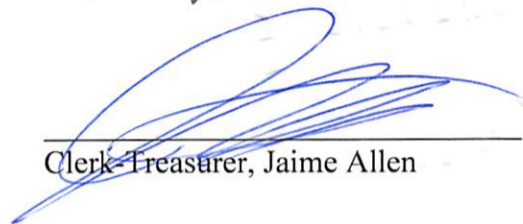
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:15 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 15th day
Of July 2021.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Public Works Report July 2021.

Devin this year's student has started. He doesn't have a lot of experience but is eager to learn. Pat will be cutting grass with the new mower this summer. This works fine with Rico and will free Devin and I up to work on some painting projects this summer.

Things are plugging along as usual and nothing out of the ordinary to report this month.

I would like council's thoughts on the interlocking walkway at the veteran's park.

I spoke to Rico about troubleshooting the street lamp short with me and we will try and fix in the next few weeks. I have spoken to Miller electrician and he is able to fix if we cannot. Having said that the walkway is very uneven and is in need of repair. Definitely a trip hazard if someone isn't paying attention!

If the bricks are in the same condition as the main entrance to the office this would not go well. The office bricks are crumbling in the ground and when they are taken up, they are no longer useable. The entire walkway needs to be taken up and the base redone. Can't say I have done this before and not sure that I want to but there is always YouTube. !

If the walkway bricks are going bad the most economical solution would be to try and reuse the sides of existing walkway and fill the inside with a weed barrier then gravel then compact it. This will contain the walkway and make it safe. It would also look nice and be easy to maintain. Obviously, I would save any good bricks and use to replace the ones around the office when required. Regardless of which option (gravel walkway or reuse bricks if they are good) you would like me to go with the cost will be minimal just time consuming.

Rico also suggested switching the lamp guts and put in LED lights. Not sure what that cost would be but it would save in the long run.

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Mayor's Report, July 15, 2021

Natural Gas Expansion to Latchford

While we were denied in our last application for natural gas, I had indicated last month that I was following up with a letter to Minister Walker and Luke Skaarup. The letter to the latter was included in this meeting's package, and as minister Walker was replaced in the last cabinet shuffle and the new Minister Todd Smith's staff has not been revealed at this point, I was advised to wait until they are to forward that Minister his letter. Following is the email I received from Luke S. in response to my letter.

"Good afternoon Mayor Lefebvre,

I have reached out and left messages to you on your cell a couple times this week in response to your letter dated July 6th. Unfortunately, the Town of Latchford was not selected by the Ontario Government for funding under phase II of the natural gas expansion program. As you know, this program was oversubscribed and the majority of the projects submitted across Ontario could not be funded at this time.

In your letter, you had a question about customer connection rates over the initial 10-year period, the rates used by Enbridge were developed based on market research and are consistent with what we have been experiencing with customer attachments over the first 10 years of expansion projects. The approach used was consistent in our assessment of all expansion projects. Enbridge Gas remains committed to delivering reliable and affordable energy to more communities, businesses and First Nations. To that end, we are hopeful that the government will recognize the need for continued support of the expansion of natural gas to more communities so that we may have the opportunity to provide natural gas service to the Town of Latchford and others in the future.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions.

Luke Skaarup (he/him), P.Eng
Director, Northern Region Operations"

I responded by calling him and reiterated my skepticism with the connection projections for a ten-year period but was assured it was correct based on their experience. I did reference the fact that Latchford had a disproportionate number of homes using wood and an above average numbers still using electrical heat that would not be typical in homes and businesses in the south. I assured him we would be staying in touch as he had requested in earlier communication. When I mentioned the FedNor program to assist with the acquisition of natural gas he was uncertain as to whether it was still available.

Museum Roof

I have been attempting to get a quote on replacing the Museum roof which suffered considerable wind damage last winter. The quote is required before July 22 because the following day is the last day for applying for a grant that will cover approximately 90% of the cost. Hopefully we can get a quote, locally, in ample time.

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