

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday November 25th 2021.
Held by Zoom at 6:30pm**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

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

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: 21/128

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the November 25th 2021. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 21/129

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular and in camera council meeting held October 21st 2021. Be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Livingston: see attached

Councillor Brooks: The plant the operators were busy doing repairs on the sewage tank hope to be back online shortly.

Councillor Gadoury- East. No tree lighting due to Covid concerns. Seniors' bags and Christmas goodies for kids will be delivered on December 11th .

Councillor Blowe: see attached

Councillor Green: gave update on property standards Northern recycling will be here when they can schedule a visit

Councillor Cartner: A locum will be covering for the doctor while she is on vacation A medical student will be starting in the clinic until the end of November. Finance numbers are good. Would like all dept heads to review year to date numbers and make recommendations for next years budget.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. **Accounts Payable and Payroll**

Resolution No.: 21/130

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 \$46299.32 and accounts payable in the amount of \$70,744.91 For the period October 14th thru November 19th 2021.

CARRIED

2.

Christmas Hours for Municipal employees.

Resolution No.: 21/131

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-east

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves Christmas hours for employees are as follows closed December 23rd @4:00pm and reopen January 4th 2022. Regular hours of operation.

CARRIED

3.

Support for Senior Housing

Resolution No.: 21/132

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Whereas council for the Town of Latchford have reviewed the information provided by the Town of Cobalt relative to there request for a senior only designation for one of their senior complexes

And whereas their council supports the request of the Town of Cobalt

Therefore, be t resolved that Council states that support to Council for the Town of Cobalt

And further, that this this support be forwarded to DTSSAB encouraging reconsideration of their denial of Cobalt's request.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 21/133

Moved By Scott Green

Seconded By Mike Brooks

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. Solicitor general community safety plans
2. Ministry of Finance OMPF allocation
3. MPAC Budget for 2022
4. Municipal advisor Bryan Searle, municipal election reminder
5. Ministry Of Municipal Affairs enhanced vaccine certificates
6. DTSSAB 3rd quarter report
7. TMA Annual meeting held October 28th 2021.
8. 2022 OMPF release documents
9. Town of Cobalt regarding senior housing
10. Ministry of environment Latchford sewage treatment plant

CARRIED

09. New Business: nil

10. BY-LAWS:

Confirming by-law.

Resolution No 21/134

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2021-026** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held November 25 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 21/135

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into closed meeting at 6:52pm 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**

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Arise from closed session

Resolution No 21/136

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford arise from closed session at 7:08 pm.

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12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 21/137

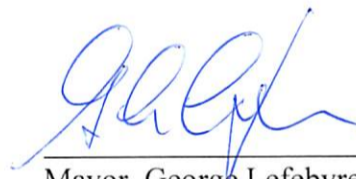
Moved By: Sharon-Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

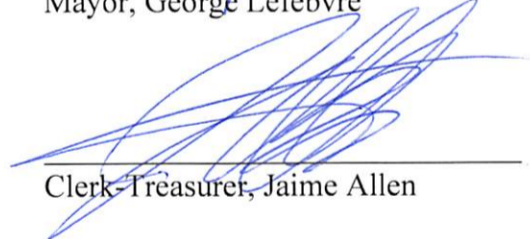
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:10 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 25th day
Of November 2021.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Public Works Report November 2021

As ready as I'm going to be for winter.

Two Liskeard water works guys came down and gave us a lesson on hydrant repairs. Number 12 is now repaired and working properly.

Started some brushing on Murphy Mill Road and hopefully weather holds and I can clear up a few more spots around town.

Plow, sander and loader are ready to go when the snow finally comes.

I have almost 2 weeks of holidays I would like to use up before the new year so I plan on taking a few days once I have everything wrapped up around town.

The pickup has some superficial rust. I still have a can of matched paint so I will grind down and patch it up in the next week or so.
That could depend on what type of deal I get on sanding disks and materials from Bensons!!

Storage at the beach is full. Just waiting on one more car and that will be it for the season.

Did the official plow drive by in front of Pauline's house. I think she learned a few new swear words this summer!

That's all for November.

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Mayor's Report, November 25, 2021

Museum Roof

Our application for funding on the Museum roof replacement is still on hold. Jaime attempted to get an update but was advised that due to a new cabinet being created after the election nothing will happen until a new Minister has been selected and his office staffed.

Public Service and Procurement Canada

During my bi-monthly phone call with PSPC on November 05, I enquired as to the need for the 16 foot high signs upstream and downstream of the dam. The answer isn't worth repeating but the one offered when I condemned the damage done to Michel's/Carter's Point installing the signs is I was reminded that it was their land. I countered with a reminder that the land belongs to Canada therefore all of us. I attempted to send before and after pictures but wasn't successful as the file was too large. I will continue to make the effort to convey that message.

I discussed that, based on the evidence of climate change on our weather that there is a real need to develop communications protocol between all dam operators on the Montreal River and the municipalities that are impacted by rapidly changing water levels due to intense rainfalls that have been experienced recently. Ravi assured me that John Ikonopopoulos would work with us on that going forward.

Natural Gas

I have yet to receive any response to my letter that I referenced in last month's report so I have emailed Sheila W. in Toronto requesting her advice as to how best to pursue getting a response. I just emailed her yesterday and await her response.

Temiskaming Municipal Association

The TMA was able to hold its regular meeting on October 28 in Earlton. The minutes of which are included in your package for tonight's meeting. An item of consequence and concern for all is in regards to the so named, "Boreal Medieval Villages" that are beginning to "pop-up" in various parts of the District of Temiskaming, and probably elsewhere. They promote themselves as being in unincorporated areas and not requiring building permits and featuring very low property taxes.

There are four known such locations in the District and the one near Charlton in Robillard Township features something in the area of 300 lots with absolutely no control over what gets erected on them. Anyone who pays property tax in this District has to be concerned about this very questionable activity knowing that we are the ones who will have to pay for a lot of the services these residents receive. Recent word is that there is two more starting up!

Team Highway 11

The team held a virtual meeting on November 02 but unfortunately I wasn't advised in time and failed to participate. I did reach out to Kristin Franks of the MTO after the meeting and she assured me that IMOS will be installing a bear proof garbage container at the parking area between Cosens and Marcotte on Highway11 in the spring. Further she assured me that they will grade the parking area in future and stated that if we didn't witness that occurring, we are to reach out tom her.

GLL

Hello all.

Here is my report for tonight.

As I announced today, our government, through the new NORDS Fund, is investing \$15 million annually over the next five years in municipalities across Northern Ontario to help offset some of the impacts that resource development can have on local municipal and community infrastructure. All 144 municipalities in Northern Ontario are eligible to receive funding under the new NORDS Fund to support investments in municipal and community infrastructure projects. Based on community size, an annual allocation has been identified for each municipality in Northern Ontario. This new funding will complement existing funding streams available to municipalities for infrastructure projects. To help address and respond to municipal priorities, the NORDS Fund is flexible and will allow municipalities to stack with other programs, carry-over unused allocations year over year, and pursue partnerships with other northern municipalities to support regional projects. I am pleased to confirm that Town of Latchford's annual allocation is \$58,800.16. This annual allocation can fund projects that began on or after April 1, 2021.

Economic Development Intern posting. Jaime has the ad ready to go in the newspaper next week. Submission deadline for applications is December 20th at 3pm.

Thank you Roger for yet again giving the town of Latchford a beautiful Christmas tree.

Francine