

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday March 17th 2022
7:00pm
Held at the Latchford Community Recreation Center.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors, Mike Cole, Pam Newell Jo-Anne Cartner, Sharon Gadoury East, Francine Blowe, Mike Brooks

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: 21/040

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the March 17th 2022. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST (NIL)

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 22/042

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular and in-camera council meeting held February 10th and February 17th 2022. Be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / Fire Chief Mike Beaupre Latchford Volunteer Fire Dept;
Gave Council an over view of the implication of new legislation by the Ontario government to volunteer fire depts across Ontario. (see attached)

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Brooks: Things are running smooth at the water treatment plant.

Low level pump is being repaired. More testing may have to be done due to new regulations.

Councillor Cartner: The medical clinic will be covered after the end of March by various locum physicians. Will schedule a budget meeting after the auditors are done with the audit and have presented Council with the 2021 financial statements

Councillor Gadoury- East. Bylaw Officer Report see attached,

Councillor Blowe: See attached

Councillor Cole: See attached

Councillor Newell: Reported on developing ONR property and potential chip stand rental at the beach area.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. **Accounts Payable and Payroll**

Resolution No.: 22/042

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 \$32,285.51 and accounts payable in the amount of \$51,764.11 For the period February 10th thru March 9th 2022.

CARRIED

8. **Information Items**

Resolution No. 22/043

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By Jo-Anne Cartner

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. Ad for new physician
2. 2022 FONOM Conference
3. DTSSAB 20220 Municipal billings
4. Chamber of Commerce 2022 Board of Directors
5. Canadian Heritage Canada Day funding.
6. FONOM Northern Ont Transportation Task Force
7. Info on Homesteaders Museum
8. Timiskaming Health unit COVID restrictions update.
9. DTSSAB 2022 Budget
10. Ministry of Infrastructure building broadband faster act.
11. Enbridge new Senior Vice President & President Gas distribution
12. Timiskaming Health Unit COVID guidelines

CARRIED

09. **BY-LAWS**

Confirming by-law

Resolution No 22/044

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2022/008 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held March 17th 2022. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford

CARRIED

10. IN-CAMERA

Resolution No. 22/045

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 7:49pm to discuss the following matters as set out t in the Municipal Act, 2002.Section 239 (2).

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 22/046

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that Council now arise from closed meeting at 8:04pm

CARRIED

Bylaw Officer Pay Rate

Resolution No. 22/047

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approve rate increase for bylaw officer Pete Gilboe from \$25.00 an hour to \$40.00 an hour.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 22/048

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

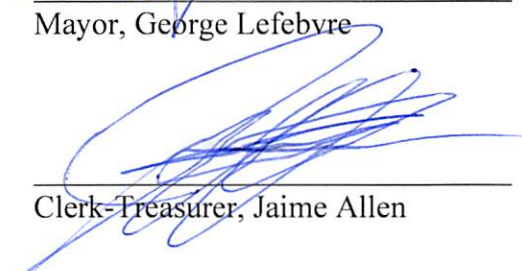
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:05pm pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

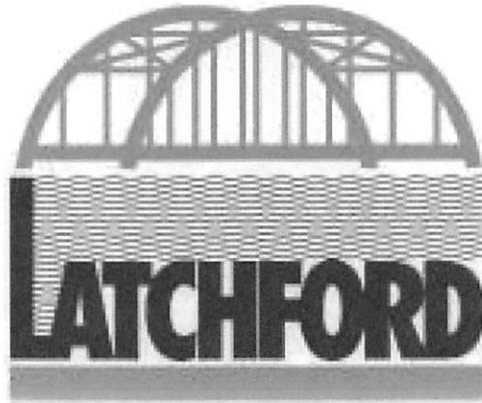
Dated at Latchford this 17th day
Of March 2022.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen



THE BEST LITTLE TOWN
BY A DAM SITE!

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

March 16, 2022

This report covers the period from February 15 to March 16, 2022

1. New Occurrences

One complaint was received during this time period regarding a dog at large on Murphy Mill Road. This matter remains under investigation at this time.

2. Outstanding Clean Yards Issues

- Due to lack of a contractor capable of removing numerous inoperative vehicles prior to the onset of winter, this work was postponed to spring 2022
- We have been assured by the contractor that we will be given priority as soon as conditions permit access to the properties
- It is proposed that as spring advances and our contractor can give us a date to do the work, the property owners should be contacted personally
 - At that time, they will be provided with a copy of the Notices of Remedy issued in fall 2021, advised of the date after which the contractor will arrive, and offered a last opportunity to voluntarily comply with the Notices
- If voluntary compliance is obtained the occurrences will be closed

- If the owners do not comply, the officer will plan with the contractor to remove the items not in compliance
- All items removed may be disposed of immediately per section 10 of the bylaw
- The vast majority of the items involved are inoperative vehicles
 - o It is recommended that any proceeds from the disposition of the vehicles ("scrap fees") be reimbursed to the property owners
 - o This can be coordinated by the officer with the contractor
- Conversely, any costs associated with the removal of the items will be billed to the property owner, again per section 10 of the bylaw

3. Future Activities/Concerns

Once the properties referred to above are dealt with, is hoped that other residents not currently in compliance with the clean yards bylaw will voluntarily clean up their properties in order to comply. Pending direction from Council, it is recommended that increased enforcement (vs education) of this bylaw occur in 2022, with Notices of Remedy being issued and where appropriate charges laid to bring properties into compliance. This can be done either by having Council/staff refer properties to the officer for action, or by the officer conducting inspections of properties that appear from the roadside to be in violation.

If Council chooses to increase enforcement of this bylaw it is recommended that pro-active communications be sent to all residents advising them of the planned increase in enforcement action. This could be done via a mailout with taxes, the use of social and/or mainstream media, and the posting of notices at prominent locations in the town.

MAR 15 2022

Public Works Report March 2022.

Mike ,

As discussed we will sit down in April and go over spring and summer projects.

End of February and start of March has been plowing and moving snow. The roads have become a bit rough in spots from the last warm spell but with the weather this week I believe they will be clean and ice free by Friday. The snow has a very high moisture content already but hopefully the cool nights will prevent a fast melt. There is no frost in the ground so I do not foresee and water issues with the towns drainage ditches or culverts.

Hopefully my Anamanip Nipissing culvert patch holds another spring season. With upcoming funding we will have to discuss repairing the twin culverts at some point in the near future. I have a quote from Pedersen to do the job but the price was in the \$15,000.00 range.

As you know the plow truck Rad has began to leak. This is a new rad and is only a year and a half old. I am definitely not impressed with the rad manufacturer. Pioneer Diesel is looking into warranty but I was told it is usually only for one year.

A new rad has been sourced and is on its way. With the new Covid world a rad was hard to locate and of course the price has gone up. Hopefully a new one will be installed mid next week and this one will last!

Currently I have the rad cap loose and I add coolant as needed. The leak has not become worse and hopefully all will be well until next week. I have rad stop leak ready to use if absolutely necessary to keep the truck going but I rather not use it as it could cause other problems in the future according to the mechanic.

Miller came through with an updated quote for road repair at the bottom of Empire hill and Bradley Ave. Office has a copy of it.

Streetlight info has been sent off to insurance adjuster. Waiting to hear back on how much money we will receive for the repair.

Have also contacted Miller electrical division. They fix our street lights. We have 2 lights out on Main Street and 1 out on the laneway by Proulx street. They will fix them next time they are in the area. I let them work it into their schedule to help keep our costs down.

None of the lights that are out pose a safety hazard. Hopefully they will be here in the next week or so.

That's all for now. Have a great month.

Roger

The Town of Latchford Fire Department

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Latchford, Ontario*

March 17, 2022

I attended a Chief meeting on Friday Feb 25 at the Diamond Hall.

- Concerns regarding Mandatory certification.
- The significant increased costs for our municipality.
- The recruitment and retentions of volunteer firefighters will be most challenging.
- The higher demands placed on volunteers and their families.

I'm all for training and safety standers for firefighters, but not for mandatory certification.

Fire Chief

Michael Beaupre

March Recreation Committee

February Family Day

Sliding at the hill was a huge success. The turnout was amazing. Very nice to see all the new families to town show up and participate. The kids young and old enjoyed Smores. Thank you to Dave Peckover and John McNaughton for manning the fires for the event. Chantal Florence was the winner of the snow sculpture. Andrea Burton and Lynne Cormier won second while Lou Armstrong won third.

March March Break

Hosted our first movie day on Saturday. While the turnout was not great we would like to try it again this Sunday. Kids enjoyed popcorn, homemade treats and juice boxes.

April Egg hunt, outside around the rec centre, beginning at
11am

Eggs have been purchased and we look forward to a good hunt.

May Mother`s Day pancake breakfast

Fire Department has agreed to partially fund the event as well as host the event as in past years. Profits from the event will be donated to the food bank.

Happy to announce that the Canada Day grant has been received. This year`s grant is in the amount of \$2,520

Catch the Ace for History is now over \$9000. The Ace is still elusive.

Mayor's Report, March 17, 2022

Public Service and Procurement Canada

My phone call with Ravi Sundaraj on the 23rd didn't happen because his father passed away in Alberta and it was rescheduled to April 20th then changed to today? It will provide me with the opportunity to discuss the renewed, hopefully, efforts of the Communities of the Montreal River with him after the CMR has met. While the plans for power generation at the dam were openly discussed with PSPC and received their approval, Ravi was not part of the contact group from that body at the time so has to be kept apprised as we attempt to resurrect the project. I hope to update all further tonight.

Natural Gas

Luke Skaarup from Enbridge called me on March 01 to further discuss the latter that I had sent him re the number of customers that would connect to natural gas in the first 10 years of u=it being a available. I pointed out what I felt where discrepancies in how that calculated their number such as ease of present customers using propane converting and the disproportionate number of buildings still on electric heat as a result of Latchford having its own HEPC. Further, the significant number of homes that are using wood and want/need to convert adds to the customer base.

This underlines the need to get the maximum number of positive responses to our survey as it is critical for us to disprove the estimates provided by Enbridge to the Ontario Energy Board and our only means of accomplishing that is through the survey. I encourage all of you to get the word out to residents and property owners to get their surveys completed and returned to the municipal office.

Pre-Freshet Communication

I participated in the Upper Ottawa River Committee Zoom meeting on March 01. I took the opportunity to call into question the host NDMNRF assertion that there were only 4 dams on the Montreal River when there are 9 in total. They didn't have any problem identifying the 3 that are on the Matabitchuan system but screwed up big time on the Montreal.

On the 9th, I participated in the Montreal River pre-freshet meeting jointly hosted by OPG and NDMNRF with all municipalities and dam operators along the watershed participating. This meeting is one of substance and relevance to our areas it reveals snow depths and moisture content of said snow. I can share with you that it was indicated that our snow is not only above normal but the moisture content in some areas along the Montreal is as high as 136% of normal.

I am tiring of hearing myself pushing for the establishment of a committee comprised of municipal and other level representatives along the Montreal River to work towards establishing a response system in the event of major flooding or forest fires occurring due to the impacts of Climate Change. I will give it a rest but will return to the subject after the spring

freshet has subsided. One issue that has been responded to is that the long awaited implementation of the Montreal River Water Management Plan is imminent according to the message from the MNR and OPG representatives made at two consecutive meetings.

TMA

I attended the TMA meeting in Earlton on February 24 and understandable, the Boreal Medieval Villages were a topic of discussion. They have managed to attract a lot of media attention, even from CTV, but the issue has been brought to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and is getting some response.

Additionally, Brethour Township residents are experiencing the same difficulties with their land line phone services as are experienced here in Latchford. Old, outdated equipment is the cause there as it is here and the TMA has joined in the effort to get it the required attention.

CMR

The Communities of the Montreal River CMR will be meeting here in Latchford on April 01 to discuss the opportunity to resurrect the Hydrosys study that would lead to the development of a hydro generating facility at the south end of the new Latchford Dam. The other three partners; Temagami and Timiskaming First Nations and the Township of Coleman, will be participating and as representatives from all four of us has changed to some degree since 2015, I envision this as being a learning and discussion session primarily.

Jeff Barton has agreed to attend as he, along with Bill Touzel, were primary consultants during the initial efforts.

Team Highway 11

Team Highway 11 will be meeting on April 12 in Temagami. This will be our first in-person meeting since 2020 so if anyone has any issues related to the highway they would like mentioned, feel free to share with me. I am confident that the frequency of accidents and the state of winter maintenance will be receiving a lot of attention and discussion. I will be, once more, asking that the two manholes between Bradley and Mortson on Main Street be repaired as they are getting very depressed and noisy.

GLL