

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday June 16th 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, Sharon Gadoury-East

Regrets: nil

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

Public: two

Press: nil

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 22/070

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the June 16th 2022. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 22/071

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular and special council meeting held May 12th and May 19th 2022.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Brooks: Things are running smooth at the water treatment, new sprocket was installed for sewage treatment.

Councillor Cartner: Latchford clinic has a new doctor Dr Matt Scott. Locums are scheduled to cover the clinic until he starts August 1st Dr. Roedde was happy with the turnout for her retirement and the quilt that was presented to her. I will be meeting with Dr. Scott and with Laurel to go over his clinic budget in the near future.

Councillor Blowe: There will be various Canada Day events parade BBQ and fireworks

Councillor Cole: See attached

Councillor Newell: see attached

Councillor Gadoury-East: Bylaw Officers report see attached, Fire Dept will be participating in the Canada Day parade in Cobalt.

DTSSAB had a presentation by Keepers of the Circle there is an open house June 20th in New Liskeard and June 21st a Pow Wow at Mill Creek North Cobalt. July 5th at noon EMS will have an off-road launch at the harbour front in Haileybury

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. **Accounts Payable and Payroll**

Resolution No.: 22/072

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 \$24,623.21 and accounts payable in the amount of \$55,782.95 For the period May 13th thru June 9th 2022.

CARRIED

Community Safety And Well Being Plan

Resolution No.: 22/073

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Timiskaming District Safety and Well Being Plan as attached be adopted and The Town of Latchford approve in principle a contribution for a Community Safety and Well Being (CSWB) plan resource based on the current apportionments by the District of Timiskaming social services board (DTSSAB) resulting in district-wide funding approach

CARRIED

Mileage Rates.

Resolution No.: 22/074

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it Resolved that the Town of Latchford approves the following mileage rates due to the ongoing high cost of gasoline based on the price of fuel.

Effective June 16th 2022.

Less than \$1.60	\$0.56	\$2.21 to \$2.30	\$0.70
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\$1.61 to \$1.70	\$0.58	\$2.31 to \$2.41	\$0.72
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\$1.71 to \$1.80	\$0.60	\$2.41 to \$2.50	\$0.74

\$1.81 to \$1.90	\$0.62		

\$1.91 to \$2.00	\$0.64		

\$2.01 to \$2.10	\$0.66		

\$2.11 to \$2.20	\$0.68		

CARRIED

Compliance Audit Committee

Resolution No.: 22/075

Moved By: Mike Cole
Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it Resolved that the Town of Latchford approves terms of reference and the advertisement for the Timiskaming district compliance audit committee for 2022 election

CARRIED

Information Items

Resolution No. 22/076

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner
Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East.

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. DTSSAB paramedic services report
2. MP Shannon Stubbs economic contributions rural communities

CARRIED

08. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Lefebvre brought up the operation of the Latchford Dam, after two Latchford residents drowned. With Public Works Govt Services Canada

09. BY-LAWS

Confirming by-law

Resolution No 22/077

Moved By: Pam Newell
Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2022/016 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held June 16th 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. Closed Session.

Resolution No 22/078

Moved By: Mike Cole
Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 7:32p.m. to discuss the following matters as set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001* Section 239 (2);

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

CARRIED

Resolution No 22/079

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the Council now arise from closed meeting @7:51pm

CARRIED

11. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 22/080

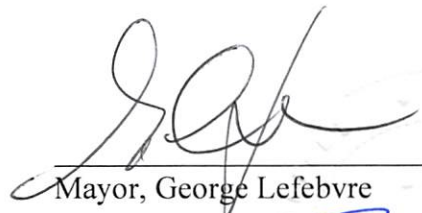
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Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

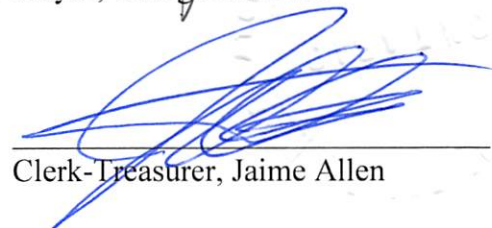
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:58pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 16th day
Of June 2022.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Mayor's Report, June 16, 2022

Public Service and Procurement Canada: The tragic events surrounding the loss of George Brunton and Bob Hachey have brought a whole new slant on my discussions with PSPC which are ongoing. The observations of the day's events at the Latchford Control Dam were included in your package of information for this meeting but I can expand further on that. I attempted to call Helene Belanger this Tuesday and had to leave a message that hasn't been responded to me as of this morning. Her two superiors in the chain of command, Ravi Sundaraj and John Ikonomopoulos, were to have made their scheduled update call with me on that day but have postponed it until the 21st as they emailed and stated they were both travelling and unable to call as scheduled. In all likelihood, Helene will participate in that call.

Further on the PSPC front, I had an interesting conversation with JoAnne Bates of PSPC with regard to acquiring the water front property that has been under discussion with them since forever it seems. Obtaining title to this land would allow the town to transfer, at a nominal fee, strips of land between some water front property owners and Bay Lake so as to allow land ownership to water's edge as exists along most of the waterfront property from Rabillard's Island north. It would also allow the Town to obtain and sell at least two more water front lots south of McLeod Avenue.

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CMR: We have still not been able to hold our second meeting due to delays in getting all members to the table. Temagami FN had requested a postponement to June 20 and has since, requested another postponement. Jeff Barton is recommending that they participate by conference call so as to allow this project to move forward. I pointed out to Harri Makivirta, their representative, that this being a municipal election year, we can potentially be put into a "lame duck Council" situation which restricts our ability to function.

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Public Works Report June 2022.

we have been busy with grass cutting so far this month.

Hauled some gravel and pit run to customers.

Cleaned up the rock fill at Nathan's place the other night and he will be invoiced.

Washing and cleaning buildings as time permits.

Miller will be in next week to sweep the hiway so I will be sweeping sand off the sidewalks onto the hiway for them to pick up.

Looks like no summer students want to work with me this year !!

Not sure if we can lower the age to 13 or even if we should. I was approached by someone from the chip stand. Who is no longer with the chip stand and is moving to Latchford? She is looking for summer employment. She has a full-time job lined up for the fall. She doesn't fit the funding criteria but she is a hard worker and might be a good fit. We could use the dam revenue to cover her wages for the summer. This is just a thought but it would be nice to have a little help even a part time person. **THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO WORK HARD !!**

Jobs I would like to get done this summer are:

The lights fixed at veteran's park if possible. The interlocking brick fixed on the walkway

Interlocking brick fixed at the office, boardwalk levelled out in spots.

Figure out some sort of ditching on Mowat hill to channel water into the catch basins.

Need to paint up the covered bridge walkway. Some boards need replacing on the railing at the front of the office.

Looking to fix up the ridge cap on the town office roof. The feds pay is good money to maintain the dam property so I want to transplant some of the rose bushes and try and fix up the gardens. I must say whoever thought ornamental grass was a good idea in a flower bed needs to be shot !!

Looking at replacing culverts on Anamanipissing road at the creek. They are in very poor shape and road has collapsed twice now. Money has been set aside and I will look for better pricing for fall completion of the work.

Brushing roads is on the list also. Dave has hinted he might have a sickle mower coming in the near future.

Next good rain I will have Demora grade the gravel laneways and I will apply calcium for dust control.

Miller was in looking at our roads. We have identified a spot that needs base repair by the neighbourwood trails. We will also get pricing to grind, reshape and surface treat Murphy mill road from the landing to the Coleman border. Brit said our roads are in very good shape and we can probably monitor and wait another year or two before applying a surface treat to Murphy mill road.

They will be in at some point this summer to fix the Bradley / Empire corner.

If there are any other projects council would like done, please let me know As soon as possible.

Roger

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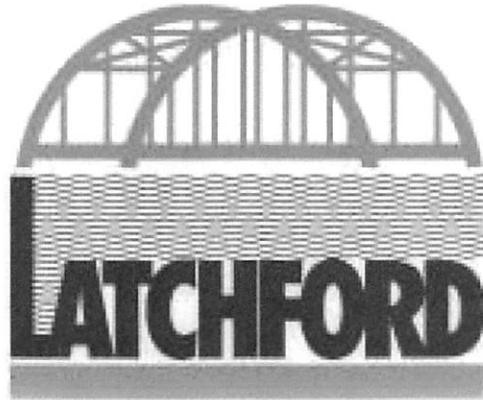
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THE BEST LITTLE TOWN
BY A DAM SITE!

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

June 13, 2022

This report covers the period from May 16 to June 13, 2022

1. New Occurrences

There were no complaints receive during this time period.

One complaint regarding barking dogs on Main Street was resolved. By working with the owner and local animal shelters both dogs are now in new homes.

2. Outstanding Clean Yards Issues

The contractor recommended waiting until early June to allow the properties to completely dry prior to entering with heavy equipment to avoid damage to lawns, etc.

Based on this timing, all property owners were served with a copy of the Notices of Remedy issued in 2021 and advised verbally and in writing that if their properties were not in compliance by June 1 (and one owner June 15 due to a delay in serving the letter) that the contractor would be removing any items not in compliance.

An inspection of the properties on June 8, 2022, showed that some progress has been made on the properties but there are still several items on all properties that will need to be removed by he contractor.

Discussions are ongoing with one property owner in hopes of negotiating further cleanup prior to the use of the contractor.

Currently waiting on the contractor to provide a firm date for cleanup of the properties. We have been assured that this will happen before June 30, 2022.

Per the May 16, 2022 report, the following action is recommended as part of the cleanups:

- 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

Per the May 16, 2022 report, once the properties referred to above are dealt with, it 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.

To date no direction has been received regarding future enforcement of the clean yards bylaw.

Economic Development and Tourism

Report June 16, 2022

The Committee met on June 7, 2022

Francine, George and Pam were present

Issues Discussed:

- Expanding the trailer park to the ballfield – It was agreed that, before a decision can be made, some investigation needs to happen. Jaime has been asked to investigate possible sources of funding, and Roger has been asked to provide a preliminary quote. There could be some significant hurdles – the cost of the expansion, the availability of contractors, and the ability of the current infrastructure to handle increased usage.
- There has been a suggestion add town information/historical facts and pictures to the side of the bear proof garbage cans in town. Other towns have done this, and it has been well received. Quotes will be obtained in order to determine if this is feasible.
- Industrial Park – There is the possibility of a manufacturing facility willing to commit to securing space in the park. George will reach out to Fednor to determine what the next steps are in order to access the funding that was previously made available.