

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY AUGUST 29TH 2013
At 7:00 p.m.
HELD AT THE LATCHFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION
CENTRE**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors Scott Green, and Dave Willcock. Maxine Cannon Larry Anderson and Theo Cull Jo-Anne Cartner.

Regrets: Jaime Allen, Clerk

Staff: Lise Remillard ,Chief Financial Officer

Public: 41

Press: Jim Patrick CJTT, Darlene Wroe Temiskaming Speaker, Marina Moore MCTV

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order and welcomed everyone, and explained the late passing of the budget, increase is due to assessment everyone's assessment.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 13/1227

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the August 29th 2013. Agenda is adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

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

4. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL

5. REPORTS:

Councillor Green: see attached

06. BY-LAWS

Resolution No 13/1228

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1345 being a by-law to provide for the 2013 Budget and Capital Budget for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Resolution No 13/1229

Moved By: Dave Willcock

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1346 being a bylaw with respect to water and sewage rates for 2013. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Resolution No 13/1230

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Dave Willcock

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1347 being a by-law to establish tax ratios for 2013. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Resolution No 13/1231

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1348 being a by-law to establish tax rates for Municipal and School purposes and further provide for penalty and interest in default payment. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Resolution No 13/1232

Moved By: Scott green

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1349 being a by-law to authorize from time to time for the Bank of Nova Scotia to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, current and prior expenditures of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for the year 2013. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Resolution No 13/1233

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1350 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held August 29th 2013. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Resolution No 13/1234

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1351 being a bylaw to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes for the year 2013. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

07. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 13/1235

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:44pm until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 29th day
Of August 2013.**



Mayor, George Lefebvre



CFO, Lise Remillard

Latchford 2013 Budget

It should be of no surprise to any rate payer of the town Latchford that we have been under financial distress in recent years with regards to paying off some big loans and unpaid school taxes.

However this council has and will continue to insure that our tax dollars are spent appropriately, we continue to pay off our outstanding school board taxes and our outstanding debt every year, in 2013 we are paying ~~\$150,00~~ ^{150,000} to just that.

What you should know; this year in 2013 there will be a 5.7% increase to residential taxes, 3% increase to pipeline, a 15% increase in water and sewage and a -4.0% decrease in commercial.

Last year in 2012 residential increased 7.2%, water and sewage increased 15% , pipeline increased 3% and commercial increased 3.6%

Water and sewage have seen the highest increase over this term, an annual 15% per year. When this council took over we recovering only 47% of the actual cost, we are now recovering around 80% of our actual cost.

We have also gone after our unpaid taxes and water bills which had added up to over \$80,000 owed to the town. We have also been liquidating property that could be sold to generate revenue to pay off our long term debt and school board taxes, this year alone we have raised over \$130,000 in property sales.

The council of the town of Latchford has been working hard to secure our towns financial state. It is not fun or rewarding to be the council that has to cut back like we have this term, but this is a job that must be done in, and we the elected to do so.

Scott Green