

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY January 23rd 2024.
HELD AT LATCHFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Sharon Gadoury-East, Councilors, Pam Newell, Jo-Anne Cartner, Ken Olson, Mike Cole, Shelly Church.

Regrets: Councillor McDonald

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

Public: nil

Press: nil.

1. Mayor Gadoury-East called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 24/012

Moved By: Ken Olson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the January 23rd 2024. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 24/013

Moved By: Shelly Church

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular and in-camera Council meeting held January 9 2023. be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5.

DELEGATION: NIL

6.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Intimate Partner Violence

Resolution No 24/014
Moved By: Shelly Church
Seconded By: Ken Olson

Whereas the jury in the Renfrew County Inquest into the deaths of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; **and Whereas** recommendation #1 of the inquest is that the Province of Ontario formally declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic;

and Whereas every 6 days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner;

and Whereas this past year, in Ontario, 62 women were victims of femicide;

and Whereas Indigenous individuals as well as gender- and sexually-diverse individuals are particularly at risk to experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime;

and Whereas in 2022, in the District of Timiskaming, there were a total of 785 calls to the Ontario Provincial Police associated with intimate partner violence, with 27% resulting in criminal charges with the most common charge being assault.

and Whereas, according to Statistics Canada, 80% of intimate partner violence goes unreported;

and Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year;

and Whereas over 60 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic;

and Whereas on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic;

and Whereas The Town of Latchford recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance with far reaching implications on public health, EMS, and community services;

and Whereas The Town of Latchford is another Northern community deeply impacted by Intimate Partner Violence.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: That Council of the Town of Latchford declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;

1. That intimate partner violence be integrated into the District of Timiskaming's community safety and well-being plan in accordance with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest;

2. That **Mayor Gadoury-East** be requested to write a letter to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario requesting that the Province of Ontario re-consider their previous decision and declare intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as an epidemic and act on all of 86 recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest by setting up a provincial implementation committee to oversee comprehensive consideration of all of the recommendations;

3. That a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; Timmins James-Bay MP Charlie Angus; Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota; MPP John Vanthof; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Police Services Board – Temiskaming Shores

CARRIED

2. Hiring of rink attendant and concession stand employee

Resolution No 24/015

Moved By: Ken Olson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves hiring of Don Heavens and Suzi Garvin Roy to run the Latchford rink and concession stand.

CARRIED

Information Items

Resolution No. 24/016

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Pam Newell

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

B. Information Item

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

1. Latchford annual sewage treatment report.
2. Timiskaming Health Unit (physical literacy)

CARRIED

08. BY-LAW

Confirming By-law

Resolution No 24/017

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2023-004** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held January 23rd 2024. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

09.

ADJOURN

Resolution No. 24/018

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Pam Newell

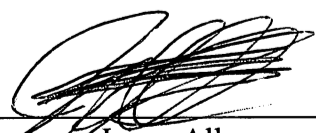
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 6:48 pm Until the next regular meeting or call from the mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 23rd day
Of January 2024.



Mayor, Sharon-Gadoury-East.



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

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Public Works Report January 2024.

The cold and snow are finally here!

Rink is ready to go and opens on the 19th .

Truck body work has been completed. Just waiting to book it in to Wyatt for annual safety.

Trailer is also ready for its annual safety.

All equipment is in good condition and working properly.

I have adjusted sander setting and frequency of sanding after learning some key information at the course Pat and I took .

I am also keeping a more detailed daily log of road conditions and maintenance.

This season has been hard on the sand stock. I can purchase more sand if required but will not until I'm sure we will need it. The cost is much greater buying the sand already mixed with salt. I have enough salt for another year of mixing. I will try and purchase damaged salt bags from Peavey mart this spring again. If not our cost to make winter sand will increase drastically ! Just preparing you all now.

Aqua flows were turned on this week. I have some parts in stock and one spare working unit on the shelf. As everything the units are getting older and parts costs have gone through the roof !

I haven't done anything about a sliding hill this year. I only know of one child that used it a few times. Not sure the effort is worth the usage.

Most of the buildings have the new LED lights installed. It has definitely brightened up things. Hopefully I get the doors painted in the post office area finally done in the next few weeks.

Also, I would like to spruce up the walls in the gym. The new lighting really shows the poor paint condition.

The gym is also going to require a new workout bench. I am looking at one with the option of adding a leg curl to it. This has been a popular request. Memberships are up and holding .

Other than that it's moving and plowing snow.

Roger

Parks, Recreation and Seniors

January 17, 2024

December was a very busy month for the committee and volunteers.

60 food hampers were delivered by the volunteers. Special thanks to Yves Prime Cut meats, who gave us an extraordinary discount on the ham that we purchased. And a special thank you to Ken Olson and those that donated the certificates for the pie. It was a very much appreciated addition to the hampers.

Skates, which are available to borrow at the arena, have been sharpened. The committee has also purchased 5 new helmets, as well as 2 guides to assist new skaters. The new ones are metal, which will hopefully hold up better than the one purchased last year.

I am currently working on getting a Safe Food Handling course set up for the volunteers. I will be reaching out to the Fire Department to see if any of their members need the course. If I have 10 people for the course, it can be done in Latchford. There is no cost for the course.

The next meeting for the Recreation Committee is tentatively the 31st of January, depending on the availability of the volunteers.