

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY March 12th 2024.
6:30PM
ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA ZOOM**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

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

Regrets: NIL

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

Public: nil

Press: Sue Neilson, Temiskaming Speaker, Bill Buschburger, CJTT

1. Mayor Gadoury-East called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 24/037

Moved By: Trudy MacDonald

Seconded By: Ken Olson

Be it resolved that the March 12th 2024. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: NIL

4. Adoption of the minutes.

Resolution No: 24/038

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 27th 2023 be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.

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5. **CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. Action Items

Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No: 24/039

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Trudy McDonald

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$45,447.95 and accounts payables in the amount of \$23,541.92 for the period February 9th thru March 6th 2024.

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B. Information Item

Resolution No: 24/040

Moved By: Ken Olson

Seconded By: Shelly Church

Be It Resolved that the following information items be noted and filed

- 1) Porcupine Health Unit and Timiskaming Health Unit merger update.
- 2) OPP policing board motion from Town of Cobalt
- 3) Ministry of Environment update on comprehensive environmental assessment projects
- 4) Community Safety and Wellbeing Committee update.
- 5) Temiskaming Detachment-Request for Fourth Board (Devendra Sukhdeo SOLGEN)
- 6) Timiskaming Health Unit Board Minutes and Year End Report for 2023 and Food Insecurity.

CARRIED

7. **BYLAWS:**

Confirming Bylaw:

Resolution No: 24/041

Moved By: Shelly Church

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that Bylaw number **2024-007** being a bylaw to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of The Town of Latchford for Committee of the whole meeting held March 12th 2024.

Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

8. **ADJOURN**

Resolution No. 24/042


Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

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

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 12th day
Of March 2024.



Mayor, Sharon-Gadoury-East.



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

MAR 07 2024

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT MARCH 2024

The winter has been mild but I have gone through a lot of sand. Looks like the shed will be empty by seasons end !

Looking into some options to remove the sand from the streets this spring. Not sure the little sweeper will be able to handle the amount on sand on the roads. To put it into perspective I usually have 1/2 a sand shed left on a typical winter. So that's double the sand to clean up.

The pick up and dump trailer are finally safetied and in good condition. The emergency brakes on the pickup needed repair and that was quite costly but now it's good to go!
I expect a few more good years out of that equipment.

Fire trucks have also been safetied and repaired. I'm happy to report they are in good shape also.

The roads have taken a beating this year with the up and down temperatures. Hopefully they settle back to their original spots once the frost is complete out of the ground. I will be out this week filling potholes .

Had a bit of excess water in the ditches with the last melt. I was able to get it moving after a few soakers ! I will monitor water flows around town and deal with as required.

Starting to think about spring / summer projects.

I have my list of regular maintenance and upgrades to boardwalk and town infrastructure brushing etc. I am looking at fixing up parking area at veteran's park. The ants are into the 8x8 posts and there isn't much wood left in some of them. Also planning on washing / treating the boardwalk there. It's slippery when wet under the trees.

I have pricing coming to fab up some metal framed picnic tables. This will replace some of the rotting wooden ones. Harley township has used this metal design and it's working well for them.

If anyone has some suggestions or sees something around town that needs some attention, please let office know I can look into it and see if it's something that we can do.
Except the museum!! I draw the line at the museum!

Oh and if anyone knows where I can find some metal drums for garbage containers let me know. Some of our current drums have seen better days.

Thanks

Roger

MAR 06 2024

Mayor's Report

Received an email about Team Highway 11 North and going to change the meetings to an annual meeting. With suggestions of the members the ministry will be pursuing annual meetings with Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM). That will be a good thing going forward.

It has now been released to the press about the Northern Ontario Women's Caucus. This group was formed about a year ago and it was formed to have the power of one voice in politics. I had joined when they first formed, and it is the female mayors of Northern Ontario. It is a diverse of professional backgrounds. Looking forward to seeing where this goes.

Our town clerk attended the Montreal River Water Management Plan Standing Advisory Committee. It was to start to get a chairperson. This has been one of the things that our past Mayor George has been working towards for a long time. Nice to see it coming together.

I did attend a meeting a zoom meeting with Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO). It was attended by the Mayor of Kirkland Lake and Deputy Mayor of Temiskaming Shores. It was a discussion about exotic animals.

Sharon Gadoury-East

Monthly report

1 message

Mike Cole <mcole@latchford.ca>

Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 8:13 AM

To: Jaime Allen <jallen@latchford.ca>

Jamie please ignore previous one as I made a change. Use this one please.

I attended the Building Code/Planning and information session in Earlington. Very informative and Latchford should benefit from the new hiring of the Planner should we proceed with any development or land use issues. I have asked for a copy of the slide deck presentation material so it can be distributed to all for review.

I will be discussing with the Fire Chief and council the need for year round fire permits rather than our existing April -October. With climate change occurring the burning periods are being extended and we should be proactive. This fall/spring is a perfect example and we are likely to see more of this.

I would also like to suggest we get our By-Law Officer to coordinate with our spring clean-up week (dump amnesty days) and do some blitzes in advance to give notice to those problem areas in our community so there are no excuses when he has to return to be more aggressive with clean up.

Would also like to see new signage on the gate going into the dump as well as the road itself. The stop sign on the gate is practically unreadable and other info is absent or unreadable. There should be a sign 100m ahead of the gate (dump side) noting the speed and GATE AHEAD so snowmobilers and ATV drivers are prepared to stop IF GATE IS CLOSED. If you're not familiar with the road when coming towards town you would not know of the trail off to the one side. Additionally we should have a sign on the road that this road is used by ATV/snowmobile's/cars/trucks. Slow down! Use caution! Or something to that effect.

Mike Cole