

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Monday April 29th, 2025

At 6:00 p.m.

**Held at Town Of Latchford Municipal Office
Council Chambers**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council:	Deputy Mayor Jo-Anne Cartner, Councilors Mike Cole, Pam Newell, Trudy McDonald, Shelly Church
Regrets:	Mayor Sharon Gadoury-East & Councilor Ken Olson
Staff:	Laurel Gadoury Dep Treasurer, Deputy Clerk Suzi Garvin-Roy – Administrative Assistant
Public:	nil
Press:	nil

1. Deputy Mayor Jo-Anne Cartner called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated
Resolution No: 25/072

Moved By: Shelly Church

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the April 29th, 2025. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Action Items

- 1) Resolution No 25/073

Moved By: Trudy McDonald

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves terminating the Lease with Trisha Anderson for the old library space in the Fred Keenan Centre as per Clause 6 of the lease agreement.

CARRIED

- 2) Resolution No 25/074

Moved By: Shelly Church

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves the use of Gas Tax Funds to replace the floors and geothermal furnace in the Latchford Community Centre.

CARRIED

- 3) Resolution No 25/075

Moved By: Trudy McDonald

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves the use of OCIF Funds for PSD Citywide to coordinate and complete the Levels of Service requirement of the Asset Management Plan.

CARRIED

4) Resolution No 25/076

Moved By: Shelly Church

Seconded By: Trudy McDonald

Be it resolved that the Council Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves the integration Of the Quickbooks and TMM tax program by The Managed Municipality in the amount of \$4250.00.

CARRIED

5) Resolution No 25/077

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Trudy McDonald

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves The purchase of a new town truck in June 2025 at the rate of \$550.00 bi-weekly.

CARRIED

6) Resolution No 25/078

Moved By: Shelly Church

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves Transferring \$34,347.27 from the Covid Reserve account to the Building Reserve.

CARRIED

7) Resolution No 25/079

Moved By: Shelly Church

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford

Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the “strong mayor” Powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation, which would Grant mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the Control of municipal budgets and planning decisions;

AND WHEREAS this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the Centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, And the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the proposed expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the Collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminishes the role of elected Municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public Trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors Are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or Oversight;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford opposes the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers;

AND THAT the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government’s Proposal to expand Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, And accountability;

AND THAT the Council encourages advocacy for the democratic principles and for Municipal governance systems that prioritize collaboration, inclusivity, and Democratic engagement;

FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario Municipalities, as Well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to The Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (Michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (Graydon.smith@ontario.ca), and MPP John Vanthof (ivanthof-co@ndp.on.ca), AMO (amo@amo.on.ca), AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com), and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca).

CARRIED

5. **Review and finalize 2025 budget** – Council agreed on final budget to be passed at the Next regular council meeting on May 13, 2025.

Resolution No. 25/080

Moved By: Trudy McDonald

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2025-009 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for the Budget Meeting held on April 29th, 2025. 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

Resolution No. 25/081

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Shelly Church

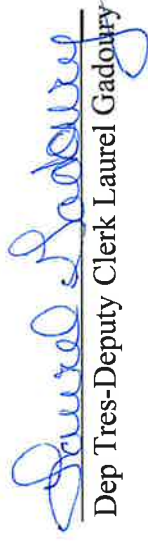
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 6:43 pm Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 13th day
Of May 2025.



Mayor, Sharon Gadoury-East.



Dep Tres-Deputy Clerk Laurel Gadoury