



Corporation of the Town of Latchford
Regular Meeting of Council
Town of Latchford Municipal Office – Council Chambers
Tuesday January 13th, 2026
6:00 pm

Present: Mayor Gadoury-East, Councillors Newell, Olson, Church, Cartner (Zoom)

Regrets: Councillor Cole, Councillor McDonald

Staff: Malorie Robinson, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Roger Clark, Public Works Foreman

1. Call to Order and Mayoral Comments

Mayor Gadoury-East called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution No.: 26/001

Moved by: Councillor Church

Seconded by: Councillor Cartner

Be it resolved that the January 13th, 2026 agenda be amended to include a Resolution regarding Nuclear Waste being transported on Highway 11 under New Business.

"CARRIED"

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

None Noted

4. Adoption of the Minutes

4.1. Regular Council Meeting December 16th, 2025

Resolution No.: 26/002

Moved by: Councillor Olson

Seconded by: Councillor Church

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 16th, 2025 as circulated and presented.

"CARRIED"

5. Delegations

6. Staff Reports

6.1. Public Works Report No. PW-2026-01

Resolution No.: 26/003

Moved by: Councillor Cartner

Seconded by: Councillor Church

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report No. PW-2026-01 entitled "Winter Maintenance and Facilities Update"

"CARRIED"

7. Correspondence

7.1. Action Items

7.1.1. Accounts Payable & Payroll Listing for December 5th, 2025 – January 6th, 2026

Resolution No.: 26/004

Moved by: Councillor Newel

Seconded by: Councillor Olson

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approve the attached accounts payable in the amount of \$139,725.30 and payroll expenses in the amount of \$36,091.22.

"CARRIED"

7.1.2. Motion for Support – Town of Smiths Falls

Resolution No.: 26/005

Moved by: Councillor Church

Seconded by: Councillor Olson

Be it resolved that, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby supports the attached Resolution from the Town of Smiths Falls urging the Province to re-instate the eligibility for curbside blue box collection for nonprofit organizations; And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to the local MP and MPP, AMO and the Town of Smiths Falls.

"CARRIED"

7.1.3. Motion for Support – Town of Smiths Falls

Resolution No.: 26/006

Moved by: Councillor Cartner

Seconded by: Councillor Church

Be it resolved that, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby supports the attached Resolution from the Town of Smiths Falls calling upon the Province to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for small and rural municipalities; And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Infrastructure, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, AMO and the Town of Smiths Falls.

"CARRIED"

7.1.4. Legislative Changes to the OMERS Act

Resolution No.: 26/007

Moved by: Councillor Newell

Seconded by: Councillor Cartner

Whereas the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

Whereas the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

Whereas these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

Whereas the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

Whereas municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Latchford does not support the legislative changes to the OMERS Act contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

Further be it resolved that the Town of Latchford Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

Be it resolved that, this resolution be circulated to:

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- John Vanthof and
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

"CARRIED"

7.2. Information Items

Resolution No.: 26/009

Moved by: Councillor Church

Seconded by: Councillor Cartner

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

"CARRIED"

7.2.1. OPP Annual Billing Statement

8. Business Arising

8.1. Marcotte Street Lots Update

Malorie met with TMSA Planner to review the email sent by the ONR in September confirming that they did not use the property. Malorie is preparing a report for the February Council Meeting to make a recommendation to Council to move forward on this property.

8.2. Playground Update

Update will be provided at the meeting in February. Councillor Cole to present options for the new playground equipment to be purchased. Councillor will be making a decision within the next 2 months.

9. New Business

9.1. Regular Meeting Schedule 2026

Resolution No.: 26/010

Moved by: Councillor Newell

Seconded by: Councillor Church

Be it resolved that the attached 2026 Meeting Schedule be adopted.

"CARRIED"

9.2. Vacation Policy

Resolution No.: 26/011

Moved by: Councillor Cartner

Seconded by: Councillor Newell

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Latchford adopt Policy No. CORP-002 titled Vacation Policy.

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9.3. Lieu & Overtime Policy

Resolution No.: 26/012

Moved by: Councillor Church

Seconded by: Councillor Olson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Latchford adopt Policy No. CORP-003 titled Lieu & Overtime Policy.

"CARRIED"

9.4. Hiring of Employees Policy

Resolution No.: 26/013

Moved by: Councillor Newell

Seconded by: Councillor Olson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Latchford adopt Policy No. CORP-004 titled Hiring of Employees Policy.

"CARRIED"

9.5. Donation Policy

Resolution No.: 26/014

Moved by: Councillor Church

Seconded by: Councillor Cartner

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Latchford adopt Policy No. CORP-005 titled Donation Policy.

"CARRIED"

9.6. Nuclear Waste Transportation

Resolution No.: 26/019

Moved by: Councillor Church

Seconded by: Councillor Olson

WHEREAS the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is a consortium of nuclear power companies whose mission is to site and develop a deep geological

repository for high-level nuclear waste from all of Canada's nuclear power reactors; and
WHEREAS the NWMO project involves transportation, processing, burial and abandonment of an estimated 100,000 tonnes of highly radioactive nuclear fuel waste; and

WHEREAS there are scientific and public concerns about the risks of radioactive exposures along the transportation route and in the region of and downstream from a nuclear waste burial repository site under both normal operating and accident conditions; and

WHEREAS there is no deep geological repository for high-level radioactive waste operating anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS there are many scientific and technical uncertainties related to deep geological repositories and the NWMO's project remains in a conceptual stage of development; and

WHEREAS the NWMO emphasized for over a decade that it would not proceed without an "informed and willing host", but has excluded those living downstream and along the transportation route from its definition of "host" and from its determination of willingness; and

WHEREAS Grand Council Treaty #3, Nishnawbi Aski Nation, Anishnabek Nation and many individual First Nations and municipalities and public interest groups along the transportation route and downstream from the site have expressed their opposition to the NWMO's project, making it clear that they are informed and unwilling; and

WHEREAS the NWMO announced in November 2024 that it had selected the Revell site between Ignace and Dryden in northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS this announcement was made despite Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation's having expressed "willingness" only for site characterization, and having specified that this does not signify approval of the project; and

WHEREAS a federal impact assessment of the NWMO's project commenced on January 5th, 2026;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Latchford urges the federal government to direct the owners of high-level nuclear waste (Ontario Power Generation, Hydro Quebec and New Brunswick Power) to establish secure storage solutions for the nuclear waste in the vicinity of their reactor stations where the waste has been generated and is currently stored, as an alternative to the NWMO project; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federal government ensure that the impact assessment and regulatory and licensing processes for the NWMO project are comprehensive and include the impacts and risks of nuclear waste transportation and processing, and the long-term safety of the project, including alternative means of carrying out the project activities including nuclear waste transfers, transportation and processing.

AND FINALLY that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mark Carney, Prime Minister, Doug Ford, Premier, Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines, Association of Municipalities, FONOM, Pauline Rochefort, MP Nipissing-Timiskaming.

"CARRIED"

10. By-Laws

10.1. By-Law 2026-001 Interim Tax Levy, Water and Sewer Charges 2026

Resolution No.: 26/015

Moved by: Councillor Cartner

Seconded by: Councillor Church

Be it resolved that the By-law No. 2026-001 being a by-law to authorize the interim tax levy, water and sewer charges for 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

"CARRIED"

10.2. By-Law 2026-002 Borrowing By-law

Resolution No.: 26/016

Moved by: Councillor Olson

Seconded by: Councillor Cartner

Be it resolved that the By-law No. 2026-002 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the current expenses of the municipality for the year ending December 31st, 2026, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

"CARRIED"

10.3. By-Law 2026-003 Transfer Payment Agreement – Fire Protection Grant

Resolution No.: 26/017

Moved by: Councillor Newell

Seconded by: Councillor Church

Be it resolved that the By-law No. 2026-003 being a by-law to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement for a Fire Protection Grant with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

"CARRIED"

11. In-Camera

No In-Camera

12. Adjournment

12.1. By-Law 2026-004 Confirming By-Law

Resolution No.: 26/018

Moved by: Councillor Cartner

Seconded by: Councillor Newell

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2026-004 being a by-law to confirm the certain proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its Council Meeting held on January 13th, 2026 be read a first, second, third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

"CARRIED"

12.2. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution No.: 26/019

Moved by: Councillor Cartner

Seconded by: Councillor Church

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Latchford hereby adjourns its meeting at 6:32 p.m. and to meet again at the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for February 10th, 2026.

"CARRIED"

Sharon Gadoury-East, Mayor

Malorie Robinson, Clerk