

Town of Latchford

Council Decisions & Updates

Monthly Update to Residents

The Town of Latchford Council has been hard at work over the past few months, and we want to keep residents informed and up to date on the decisions being made in our community.

January 13, 2026 Meeting

Council passed the 2026 Meeting Schedule and approved several important internal policies, including a Lieu and Overtime Policy, Hiring of Employees Policy, and Donation Policy. Council also passed the annual by-laws required to allow the Interim Tax Bills to be issued. In addition, the Town was fortunate to receive a Fire Protection Grant, which will fund the purchase of a dryer to help remove harmful toxins from firefighters' gear.

February 10, 2026 Meeting

Council approved the establishment of an Administration & Corporate Services Ad Hoc Committee to assist in identifying and prioritizing policies affecting both residents and staff. The Terms of Reference for this committee were brought forward at the March 10 meeting, with Councillors Newell and McDonald expressing interest in serving on the committee.

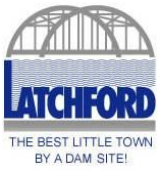
Council also continues to work hard to move forward with the Marcotte Street Lots and remains hopeful that further progress will be made in the coming months.

A Waterfront Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee was also established, with Councillors Olson and Cole expressing interest in participating. The Terms of Reference for that committee were also brought forward at the March 10 meeting.

Other highlights from the February meeting included:

- Approval of the updated building fees and charges by-law following TMSA's increase in fees for 2026
- Approval of a transfer payment agreement to receive \$38,000 in funding for pothole prevention and repair, which will assist the Town in paying for paving work completed last year
- Appointment of Cory Block as Deputy Fire Chief

We are excited to see what Chief Livingston and Deputy Chief Block will accomplish for the department.



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March 17, 2026 Meeting

The March 10th Regular Meeting was rescheduled to March 17th due to unforeseen circumstances.

Council approved the purchase of new playground equipment, which will be installed this summer at the beach playground. Council is excited to continue making improvements at the waterfront.

The Terms of Reference for both the Administration & Corporate Services Ad Hoc Committee and the Waterfront Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee were passed. Stay tuned for an exciting opportunity for residents to get involved with the Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee.

Council also scheduled a Budget Meeting for March 24, 2026 at 5:45 p.m. This will be the first budget meeting where staff present the proposed budget to Council.

In addition, Council passed the Town's Asset Management Plan, which has been in development for several years. This plan will help guide capital projects and support the long-term stability of municipal infrastructure.

Council also adopted a new Council Code of Conduct, a legislated requirement for all municipalities in Ontario. This updated code will help ensure Council and board members continue to conduct themselves in a transparent and respectful manner. Staff are also working on an Employee Code of Conduct.

What's Next

Council and staff are now focused on:

- the 2026 budget process
- exciting opportunities for resident involvement
- preparations for the upcoming Municipal Election

If you have any questions or comments regarding Council decisions, please email mrobinson@latchford.ca.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.