

Town of Latchford

Council Decisions & Updates

📌 Latchford Council Meeting Highlights – July 14th, 2026

The Council of the Town of Latchford met on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Below are some of the highlights from the meeting.

💧 Water Treatment Plant Update

Council received an update on the recent Water Treatment Plant shutdown.

The planned maintenance was completed successfully, including the replacement of four gate valves and three check valves. Following the work, a precautionary Boil Water Advisory was issued and lifted after two consecutive days of satisfactory water testing.

Staff also reported that a section of the distribution header pipe has significant mineral buildup and will require replacement in the future as part of long-term infrastructure planning.

💰 Budget Amendment Approved

Council approved a budget amendment to fund:

- One summer student
- One casual part-time Public Works employee

Additional funding will come from the Public Works Reserve budgeted amount, no additional amounts have been added to the budget. The addition of Melissa and Addison allows additional support during the busy summer construction and maintenance season.

📋 Official Plan & Zoning By-law Update

Staff advised Council that there has been strong interest from planning consultants in the Town's upcoming Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review, with at least four firms expressing interest.

Council remains optimistic that several competitive proposals will be received once the Request for Proposals closes.

🌊 Waterfront Strategic Plan

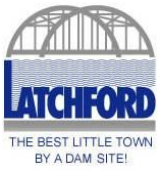
Council approved the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Waterfront Strategic Plan.

The project will guide the future development of the Town's waterfront and provide a long-term vision for recreation, tourism, economic development, and public spaces.

🚧 Highway 11 Noise Concerns

Council directed staff to send a formal letter to the Ministry of Transportation requesting changes to pavement markings along Highway 11 through Latchford.

The goal is to reduce excessive noise created by heavy commercial trucks travelling over manholes located in front of residential properties.



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Noise By-law Exemption

Council approved a Noise By-law Exemption for a private event at 95 Empire Street on August 1, 2026 until 2:00 a.m.

Neighbouring residents will be notified in advance.

Supporting Rural Municipalities

Council passed several resolutions supporting municipal advocacy efforts across Ontario, including:

- Improved funding for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence.
- Support for proposed Planning Act amendments that would strengthen municipal by-law enforcement.
- A review of the Ontario Land Tribunal to provide greater deference to municipal planning decisions.
- Increased investment in Highway 11 and 17 rest stops and traveller services.
- Requesting additional Provincial funding to assist small rural municipalities with Official Plans, Zoning By-laws, and planning studies.

New Municipal Policies & By-Laws Adopted

Council approved several new governance policies, including:

- Delegation of Authority (Lame Duck Council)
- Water & Sewer Rates By-law
- Accountability and Transparency Policy (required under Section 270 of the Municipal Act, 2001)
- Public Notice Policy (required under Section 270 of the Municipal Act, 2001)
- Closed Session Policy

These policies strengthen municipal governance and ensure continued transparency and accountability.

Closed Session

Council met in Closed Session to conduct the annual CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Performance Review, as permitted under the Municipal Act.

Next Council Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on:

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Town of Latchford Council Chambers

Residents are always welcome and encouraged to attend Council meetings.