

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
THURSDAY February 19<sup>th</sup> 2015  
At 7:00 p.m.**

**HELD AT THE LATCHFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE**

**1. Call to order and mayoral comments.**

**PRESENT:**

**Council:** Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors Mike Brooks, Theo Cull, Jo-Anne Cartner, Scott Green Perry Livingston & Trudy Lepage

**Regrets:** NIL

**Staff:** Jaime Allen, Clerk and Lise Remillard, CFO.

**Public:** 10

**Press:** NIL

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

**2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated**

**Resolution No.:15/021**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that the February 19<sup>th</sup> 2015. Agenda be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Delegation from Spread the Word to End the Word made a presentation to Council to end the use of the R word and, presented a T shirt to Mayor Lefebvre:**

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 15022**

**Moved By:** Perry Livingston

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

**Be it resolved that the minutes of Special meeting of January 13<sup>th</sup> Regular and In camera meeting Held January 15<sup>th</sup> and Budget Meeting held January 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 Be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:** Presentation given by Community Living to end the use of the R word (see Council resolution)

**6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:**

**Councillor Cull:** Next Budget Meeting March 30<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Councillor Livingston:** see attached

**Councillor Cartner:** see attached

**Councillor Brooks:** Met with Fire Dept and attended EMO Table top exercise.

**Councillor Lepage:** Organizing Winter Carnival and attended EMO table top exercise.

**Councillor Cartner:** Community Assoc. To donate to the area food bank, seniors voted to disband, and hygienist to start on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the clinic.

**Mayor Lefebvre:** Mayors monthly report (see attached)

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Action Items**

**1. Spread the Word**

**Resolution No.: 15/023**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Trudy Lepage

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford declares March 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 as spread the word to end the word day.

**CARRIED**

**2. Community Living**

**Resolution No.: 15/024**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves payment of Municipal Grant to Community Living South Temiskaming South in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Six Dollars..

**TABLED**

**1. Support Canada Posy**

**Resolution No.: 15/025**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Trudy Lepage

**WHEREAS** Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services – killing good jobs, eliminating door-to-door delivery, drastically increasing postage rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices:

**WHEREAS** Canada Post did not properly consult on these changes, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected; and

**WHEREAS** closing and downsizing post offices, reducing post office hours, and eliminating door-to-door delivery will reduce service and eliminate thousands of jobs in communities throughout our country.

**WHEREAS** Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Latchford write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Latchford ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government consult with the public about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal service.

**CARRIED**

**2. Earlton Airport**

**Resolution No.: 15/026**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

*Whereas the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Joint Municipal Services Board (MSB) made a presentation on January 24, 2015 regarding the future of our Regional Airport; and*

Whereas the following two options have been presented for consideration by the member municipalities of the MSB:

- a) Incorporate the Municipal Services Board as a Non-Profit Corporation and transfer the assets of the airport from the Township of Armstrong to the Non-Profit Corporation.
- b) Maintain the current operations and create a more formal agreement between the supporting municipalities for the MSB with ownership of the assets remaining with the Township of Armstrong; and

Whereas the MSB has requested that each Council pass a motion indicating its preferred option for further investigation.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford hereby endorses Option A / Option B for further investigation by the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Joint Municipal Services Board and that a copy of their findings be presented back to the member municipalities of the MSB at the conclusion of their investigation.

**TABLED**

**3. Royal Canadian Legion Service Book**

**Resolution No.: 15/027**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves sponsoring an ad in the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command, Military Service recognition book in the amount of**

**TABLED**

**1. Hydro One Debt retirement charge**

**Resolution No.: 15/028**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

Whereas the Corporation of the Town of Latchford sold the Latchford Hydro Electric Corporation (LHEC) to Hydro One in October, 2000,

And whereas the LHEC was without debt at the time of sale to Hydro One,

And whereas the former customers of the LHEC are compelled to pay a debt retirement charge on their hydro bills to pay off an alleged debt that was incurred by the former Ontario Hydro prior to the year 2000 when they were not customers of that utility,

And whereas the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford consider that to bill all users in Latchford for a debt that was not incurred by them, or for them, is improper and tantamount to fraud,

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford do hereby request the Ombudsman for Ontario to examine the legitimacy of billing the debt retirement charge for the former Ontario Hydro to our residences that were served by the LHEC at the time these debts were incurred and advise as to how they can recover the amount they have already paid to Hydro One.

And further, that this resolution be forwarded to the Councils of Virginia town and Larder Lake whose residents are equally impacted by the incorrect billing of a debt retirement charge by Hydro One as both those municipalities owned their own hydro electric corporations prior to 2000.

**CARRIED**

**8. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 15/029**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Trudy Lepage

**Be it resolved that** the following Information Items be noted and filed:

**B. Information Items**

1. Temiskaming Municipal Association.
2. Ministry Of Northern Development and Mines letter to Mayor Lefebvre.
3. OPP Prisoner Transportation grant.
4. Temiskaming Health Unit cost of eating well in Timiskaming.
5. Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford Food Bank, Municipal portion.
6. OPP PSB reporting tools
7. Township of Evanturel policing costs
8. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Annual repayment limit.
9. Incident report public works.
10. Cat scan fundraising.
11. TransCanada hydro static testing.

**CARRIED**

**09. ONGOING BUSINESS: NIL**

**10. NEW BUSINESS: nil**

**11. BY-LAWS**

**Resolution No 15/030**

**Moved By:** Trudy Lepage

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. 2015-006 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held February 19<sup>th</sup> 2015. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**13. ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 15/031**


**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

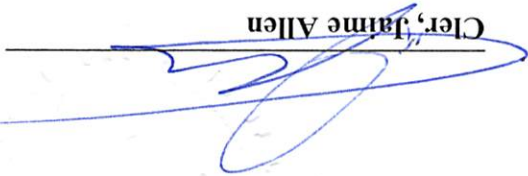
**Seconded By:** Trudy Lepage

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 8:15 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Dated at Latchford this 19<sup>th</sup> day  
Of February 2015.

  
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Mayor, George Lefebvre

  
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Clerk, Jaime Allen