

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
THURSDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> 2016  
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, Jo-Anne Cartner, Scott Green, Perry Livingston Theo Cull & Trudy Lepage

**Regrets:**

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

**Public:** Nil

**Press:** Jim Patrick, CJTT

**1.** Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

**2.** Adoption of the agenda as circulated  
Resolution No.:16/051

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that the April 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. Agenda be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

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

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 16/052**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that the minutes of regular Budget meeting held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016, and Regular Council meeting held March 17<sup>th</sup> 2016. Be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.**

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:**

- 1) EDO Michelle Anderson gave Council an update on Trillium Grants that were approved and work she has been doing on the Town Web site. Also still looking doe funding for Latchford 110 celebration.

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

**Councillor Livingston:** updated Council on Public Works Dept.

**Councillor Cartner:** see attached

**Councillor Brooks:** updated Council on the Water Treatment Plant and Fire Dept.

**Councillor Green:** starting to work on natural gas survey.

**Councillor Cull:** passing 2016 Budget tonight thanked everyone for their hard work.

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

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

### A. Action Items

#### 1. Accounts Payable and Payroll. Resolution No.: 16/053

Moved By: Perry Livingston  
Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves the attached Payroll in the amount of \$34,973.14 and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$81,369.81 for the period March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 thru April 12<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**CARRIED**

#### 2. Anti Human Trafficking Resolution No.: 16/054

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner  
Seconded By: Mike Brooks

WHEREAS human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery; and  
WHEREAS traffickers recruit, transport, harbour and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labor; and

WHEREAS it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims – 90 percent of which are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14; and  
WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario; and  
WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighborhoods and our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Council of Town of Latchford support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*, support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies; and That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities  
THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Council of (name of municipality) support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*, support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Timiskaming Regional Airport. Resolution No.: 16/055

Moved By: Mike Brooks  
Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Whereas the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Steering Committee made a presentation on March 5, 2016 regarding the future of our Regional Airport, and presented an original resolution, which was met with many questions, that had not been answered; and

Whereas the MSB at its meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, requested that councils be notified to defer any further discussion on the original motion, and that a revised resolution, and action plan, be drafted and forwarded to the MSB members and all Regional Municipalities, for discussion: and

Whereas we are requesting that each Council discuss the Draft Plan of Action, and this Draft Motion, and attend the proposed Municipal/MSB/Airport User meeting, tentatively set for April 30, 2016, to discuss their concerns; and

Whereas, subsequent to that meeting, the ETRA Steering Committee would request that each Council pass a motion to indicate if they agree with the creation of an Airport Authority, for the initial one year phase in period, as per the Plan of Action and are willing to participate as a member.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby supports the creation of an Airport Authority for the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport, and agrees to participate as a member of the said Airport Authority, for the initial one year phase in period, and that, after the 5 year business plan has been developed and other concerns addressed, during the phase in period, that a further decision would be made as to the long term future of the airport.

**DEFEATED**

**4. TMBA 2016 Budget.**

**Resolution No.: 16/056**

**Moved By:** Trudy Lepage

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves TMBA budget for 2016 as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**8. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 16/057**

**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. Ontario Trillium Grants Announcements.
2. Trans Canada update on Energy East Pipeline.
3. CCL Minutes and Agenda
4. MNR 2016-2017 Annual Work Schedule
5. THU Mental Health and addiction services divestment.
6. Timiskaming Home Support –Support.
7. Clayton Seymour resignation.
8. Stewardship Ontario 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2015.
9. TMBA Audit (Ross, Pope)
10. Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command

**CARRIED**

**09. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Eco Logix: Council discussed various ways to get more residents to recycle, Council to meet with Belinda Bearisto of Eco-Logix
- 2) Altus Group: Council reviewed correspondence form Altus Group and will not approve tax exemption.

**10. BY-LAWS**

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW:**

**Resolution No 16/058**

**Moved By:** Trudy Lepage

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2016-12** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held April 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**TAX RATES 2016**

**Resolution No 16/059**

**Moved By:** Trudy Lepage

**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2016-13** being a by-law to establish Tax Rates for Municipal and School Purposes and to further provide for penalty and interest of payment 2016. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**TAX RATIOS 2016.**

**Resolution No 16/060**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2015-14** being a by-law to establish Tax Ratios for 2016. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**WATER AND SEWER RATES 2016**

**Resolution No 16/061**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2016-15** being a by-law with respect to water and sewage rates for 2016. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**2016 BUDGET**

**Resolution No 16/062**

**Moved By:** Trudy Lepage

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2016-16** being a by-law to provide for the 2016 Budget and Capital Budget for the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**11. ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 16/063**

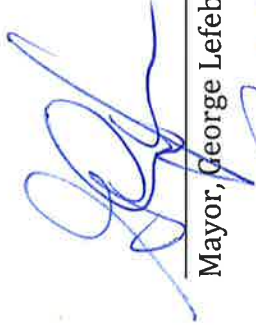
**Moved By:** Perry Livingston

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

**Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.**

**CARRIED**

**Dated at Latchford this 21<sup>st</sup> day  
Of April 2016.**



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Mayor, George Lefebvre



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Clerk, Jaime Allen

April 21, 2016

Report from Councillor Jo-Anne Cartner

- We haven't had a meeting with Dr. Roedde since January because of her busy schedule. I'm hoping she schedules one before next month's council meeting so I have a little more to report about the clinic's progress over the past few months.
- The clinic closed out its year end on March 31st slightly over budget but not by much. As we found out last year, if the full budget isn't spent during the year, the Ministry doesn't allow Dr. Roedde to carry any surplus forward to the next year's budget.
- The Ministry's Contribution for overhead funding for the 2016/2017 budget year remains the same amount as last year.
- Dr. Roedde was again teaching at the clinic and had a medical student working with her during March.
- Two residents informed me that they have now been accepted as patients. I know these two individuals had been on the Health Care Connect list since moving to town over a year ago. Lorene informed me today that all Latchford residents that were on the list have now been accepted by Dr. Roedde. We do have one person who just recently moved to town who will be rostered in shortly.
- Dr. Roedde returned last Monday from a well deserved two week vacation during which time she had two locums covering for her.
- There was an invitation from the Timiskaming Health Unit to attend a focus group related to health and the active aging of older adults in Timiskaming and to review a report on the local cost of eating well in Timiskaming which is being held April 28th at the Health Unit in New Liskeard. I can't attend as I'll be travelling that day however, the Health Unit's website will have copies of these reports if anyone would like any of the information.

## Mayor's Report, April 21, 2016

### **Latchford Control Dam Project**

There again has been a series of conference calls since last meeting. While I get the sense that we are making progress to resolving our many issues with PSPC, they are not above springing surprises as they proved earlier this week.

- In discussing the fair market rent we anticipate receiving for the License of Occupation (LOO) area, we were provided with the basis for their appraisal in an email response. It is apparent that the appraiser did their utmost to minimize the value of the land on which they have the LOO by diluting the value of it by including lots well removed from that area that sold for as little as \$6,000 while the only comparable is the lot at the west end of McLeod which sold for \$55,100. The fair market rent is still being debated.
- In discussing the release of sediments into the river, they defend this activity by explaining that they sample the site at three points three times daily during construction activity. While they acknowledge the photos provided them by us does not support their sampling, we have determined that they always sample from the same locations regardless of the activity at the dam. The downstream sample is taken from the north bank using an approximate 8 foot pole with a container on the end. As this area has minimal impact from sediment release, we encouraged them to gather sample from the deck of the Sgt Cosens Bridge and other sites relevant to the activities of the day to ensure no repeat in 2016.
- During our Monday call, Jeff stressed that a 3 year term for the LOO is required to ensure site restoration and re-vegetation is completed to the Town's satisfaction and further stated that a 5 year term to ensure re-vegetation has succeeded would be more realistic.
- They attempted to nickel and dime our invoice from EXP for impacts evaluation on our infrastructure and we had to point out that trucks dumping at our snow dump area used Sullivan to get back to the highway and that the water trucks used both upper and lower launching ramps to load water. Of course they are reviewing this information.
- After requesting a detailed invoice from Jeff for the services he has provided to Latchford with respect to the LOO area of the project, he was again requested to resubmit another invoice with more detail which Harpreet is supposed to respond to today. Supposedly today!
- PSPC have agreed to obtain and pay for a building permit but are rejecting the penalty portion claiming we should have requested that earlier in the project. The building permit issuance will be resolved between Jaime and the TMBA and then we will recover the legal fees (\$1,915.03) from the TMBA that we incurred pursuing this matter on their behalf.

- Then at the conclusion of Monday's call, they advised that PSPC now wishes to acquire all the land that they are presently occupying under the LOO. I am not sure how to describe the reaction of Jaime, Jeff and I that were participants in the call to this late game announcement. Of course, they are going to have a survey, appraisal, etc., completed to proceed with this acquisition and our agreement which is essential. I would recommend that we agree to negotiate, establish a timeframe for completion of purchase as well as a very fair price for the land for all the bullshit they have put us through. We also have to give them a short deadline for this to happen as lose our leverage to negotiate as the project nears completion
- I received a call from Heather Flynn of Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) advising me that she will be visiting the site and meeting with us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. Knowing she is in Winnipeg, I asked whether someone from the Parry Sound or Thunder Bay Offices could not more easily serve the site. She had never heard of a Parry Sound Office and advised the Thunder Bay one was closed!
- I conducted interviews about the project and our issues in regards to it with Northern Ontario Business and the Temiskaming Speaker.
- I have visited with MP Anthony Rota and briefed him on our issues with the dam.
- I am scheduled to receive a phone call from the Assistant Deputy Minister tomorrow afternoon and hope to get an indication from him as to why this property acquisition request should come up so late in the project.

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Compiled a few suggestions for the town to better suit the data call and best practices and all that jazz.

1. There are a few "courses" and webinars that count for points each year. I did the webinars this year but I will try to do more of these next year for extra points.

2. A bi-law requiring clear bags for garbage would be a big deal.

- a) Best practice
- b) Garbage collectors can leave bags that have visible recycling behind.
- c) Maximize recycling
- d) Safer for garbage collectors
- e) Better diversion means better funding

As a side note for residents who would not be happy about privacy issues with clear bags, they could certainly use their grocery bags to pack private material in within the clear bags (which a lot of people do anyway) and those bags would be exempt from the rule)

3. Bi-Law banning recyclable material from garbage stream, including at the landfill site for those that drop their garbage off.

4. Tighter bag limits. enforced

5. A recycling depot at the landfill site. We would collect this material at no additional charge on regular collection days. It would be the responsibility of the site operator to instruct users on depot use have ensure they remove all recyclable material from their garbage.

6. I will continue to weight the garbage for the town every year for garbage tonnage, as I did this year, to ensure best funding possible at no cost to the town.

7. I will happily co-host a public town meeting to discuss any of the changes to town decides to institute to advise and answer questions.

8. Record keeping at landfill site. I can forward you a spreadsheet as an example of good record keeping at the landfill site. This will not only assist with the data call but also with other municipal landfill reporting requirements (if this is not already in place)

9. A switch in collection priorities. Two ways to go on this suggestion. One is to increase recycling collection to weekly and the other is to increase recycling collection to weekly and downgrade garbage collection to bi-weekly. (I will explain how we can do this without increasing costs below). This fit with best practices for the data call.

10. Decrease cost per house hold for recycling (i will explain how we can achieve this below)

How do we (Litchford) get recycling collection weekly without having to pay extra for the service?

One viable option to get extra service (weekly) to increase recycling would be to pay for the value of the regular service (bi-weekly) for one year.

So the town would pay \$24,538.08 ( the yearly cost for bi-weekly collection) all at once and get the additional 26 weeks of collection for free. The town would get 26 extra collections and a better diversion rate (which goes hand in hand with better funding).

With the extra recycling collection, garbage would go down even more. So more cost savings could be had by changing the garbage collection to bi-weekly. Gas/vehicle wear and tear, etc. The town man hours could go to more important tasks . Even if the bi-weekly garbage were only for the winter months (when its quieter in town) it would make a difference in cost and recycling participation.

If Latchford doesn't want to switch to weekly recycling collection, we can still reduce the over all costs per year by paying yearly for the service. If Latchford pays for one year of bi-weekly recycling collection at once the the rate would be reduced to \$21,470.82 ( a reduction of \$3,067.26 per year, which is equivalent to 10.5 months of collection \$104 dollars per year per household as opposed to \$119.70 per year per year household).

Paying for the year either way would benefit the town for the data calls every year and overall costs. It benefits Eco-Logix as well even though there would be less profit on the contract every year because it would help pay down the expansion debt faster, save money on interest etc.

We would have to add it to the contract if we made the change and obviously if Latchford ever cancelled the contract, etc the remaining portion of the paid term would be paid out within 30 days.

Just an option to think about to reduce costs.

Thanks,

Let me know if any of these suggestions works for the town

Belinda Bearisto

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## FAX

To:	Town of Latchford	From:	Daniel Jones, Altus Group
Fax:	705-676-2121	Pages:	2 (including cover)
Phone:	705-676-2416	Date:	February 19, 2016
Re:	Municipal Application 357 (1)	cc:	

To Whom It May Concern,

Please find attached the municipal application 357 (1) related to the 2015 taxation year.  
Please contact me with any questions or concerns.  
Thank you,

Daniel Jones, B.A.  
Consultant, Altus Group Tax Consulting Paralegal Professional Corporation, Altus Group  
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February 19, 2016

Town of Latchford  
Attention: Property Tax Department  
10 Main St., Hwy 11, P.O. Box 10  
Latchford, ON P0J 1N0

Re: APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 357 (1) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001

Roll Number: 54 06 000 002 084 00 0000

Address: Pt Biks 67,68,76 Twsp Gillies

Taxation Year: 2015

Altus Group Tax Consulting Paralegal Professional Corporation hereby makes application on behalf of Bell Mobility Inc., for the cancellation, reduction, refund of property taxes pursuant to the provisions of Section 357. (1) or any other Sections that we may advise of in the *Municipal Act, 2001* for the 2015 taxation year.

The relief is being requested for the following reason:

- An overcharge caused by a gross or manifest error in the preparation of the assessment roll that is clerical or factual in nature, including the transposition of figures, a typographical error or similar errors, but not an error in judgment in assessing the property.
- An error was made while returning the assessment value for the subject property for the 2015 assessment roll. A portion of the subject property was assessed and taxed in the Commercial "CT" tax class and should be reclassified to E "Exempt" tax class.
- As per Section 3. 21. of the *Assessment Act*, "Certain property of telephone and telegraph companies - All the machinery, plant and appliances, wherever situate, and all structures placed on, over, under or affixed to any highway, lane or other public communication, public place or water so long as the machinery, plant, appliances or structures are used by any telephone or telegraph company in connection with and as part of the operations of its telephone or telegraph business, and in this paragraph "telegraph company" includes a person or association of persons owning, controlling or operating a telegraph system or line, but does not include a municipality owning, controlling or operating a telegraph system or line.
- Therefore, an overcharge has occurred by this gross or manifest error.

We request that the appropriate steps be taken in accordance with the provision of Section 357. (1) to have the taxes refunded, cancelled or reduced. Please forward all acknowledgements, notices of hearing and any additional correspondence regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Jones'.

Daniel Jones, B.A.

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