

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH 2017**

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 Perry Livingston, Jo-Anne Cartner, Scott Green, Mike Brooks.

Regrets: Councilor Lepage

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

Public: one

Press: Darlene Wroe, Temiskaming Speaker

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.:17/025

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the February 16th 2017. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL:

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 17/026

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular Council Meeting HELD JANUARY 19TH, Budget meeting held January 24th And Special Meeting held February 9th 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Cartner: see attached

Councillor Brooks: reported on Water Treatment operation is running smoothly.

Councillor Livingston: Public works is working on mostly snow removal, new backhoe in six weeks, garage doors being adjusted.

Councillor Green: Some minor damage to Fire Hall due to a water pipe bursting.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 17/027

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$14,196.13 and accounts payable in the amount of \$82,624.44. Electronic payments in the amount of \$14,463.43 for the period January 13th thru February 8th 2017.

CARRIED

2 Food Bank.

Resolution No.: 17/028

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves donation to the Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford Area Food Bank in the amount of \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars)

CARRIED

3. Spread the Word To End The Word

Resolution No.: 17/029

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford declares Wednesday March 1st 2017 as spread the word to end the word day.

CARRIED

4. Road Work Miller Paving

Resolution No.: 17/030

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves road work program to be done over the next three years by Miller Paving in the amount of \$75,000.00 a year beginning in 2017. As per attached proposal by Miller Paving.

CARRIED

5. Spring Bear Hunt.

Resolution No.: 17/031

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Scott Green

WHEREAS The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) extended the spring bear hunt pilot for 2017

AND WHEREAS there is inequity in the allocation of non-resident bear license validation forms;

AND WHEREAS the science used in the calculation of black bear population density is inaccurate and outdated;

AND WHEREAS the Northeastern Ontario Bear Management Association has asked to assist the MNRF with gathering

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) requests the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to recognize and begin discussion with the Northeastern Ontario Bear Management Association for the fair and equitable distribution of non-resident bear license validation forms for 2017 and beyond;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honorable Kathleen Wynne Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Kathryn McGarry Ministry of Natural Resources and all (TMA) member municipalities as well as the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

CARRIED

6. John Deere Backhoe lease

Resolution No.: 17/032

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Jo-Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves lease to own John Deere 310sl back hoe loader at a cost of \$1786.45+taxes \$232.24 @\$2018.69 for 60 months As per attached.

CARRIED

7. Repair garage doors

Resolution No.: 17/033

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves quote from Hearn Construction to service six overhead doors on, Public Works Building, Fire Hall and Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$1650.00 plus HST as per attached quote.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 17/034

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

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

B. Information Items

1. MOE 2016-17 inspection report Latchford Drinking Water System Inspection Report
2. Town of Englehart support for Latchford resolution regarding exempt municipal hydro
3. Town of Englehart support for Latchford resolution regarding hydro rates
4. Town of Englehart support for Latchford resolution regarding rail service
5. TMA minutes January 26th 2017 meeting
6. THU minutes and health report December 7th 2016
7. Town of Iroquois Falls support for Latchford resolution regarding hydro costs
8. Town of Iroquois Falls support for Latchford resolution regarding rail service
9. Town of Iroquois Falls support for Latchford resolution regarding hydro costs
10. Town of Cobalt support for Latchford resolution regarding rail service
11. Town of Cobalt support for Latchford resolution regarding hydro costs
12. Town of Cobalt support for Latchford resolution regarding hydro costs
13. Township of Black River Matheson support for Latchford resolution regarding rail service.
14. Township of Black River Matheson support for Latchford resolution regarding hydro rates
15. CPPAA information on postal services
16. OCWA letter regarding ORO change to Rico Guindon.
17. Ministry of Infrastructure natural gas expansion announcement.
18. St Patrick's Parish letter regarding Community Center
19. MNR Temagami Management unit 2019-2029
20. Letter from Cobalt, Coleman, Catholic Cemetery Board

CARRIED

09. By-Laws

Resolution No 17/035

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2017-006** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held Feb 16th ,Budget Meeting January 24th and Special Meeting Feb 9th 2017. 2017. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

10. In Camera

Closed Session.

Resolution No.: 17/036

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 7:36pm to discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act,2001 Section 239

- **Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees**

CARRIED

Closed Session.

Resolution No.: 17/037

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that Council now arise from closed meeting with no report @ 7:53 pm

CARRIED

11. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 17/038


Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:54pm until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 16th day
Of February 2017**



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk, Jaime Allen

Mayor's Report, February 16th 2017

Latchford Control Dam Project

The \$184,830 transfer from PSPC to the Town is set to occur tomorrow through our solicitor's office. It is about two months overdue but the amount hasn't changed and that is the critical thing.

ONTC Land Acquisition

I contacted Rebecca McGlynn of the ONTC to attempt to make an appointment to meet with Corina Moore, ONTC President. After exchanging emails and receiving one from Corina, we are tentatively scheduled for a call between 4 and 5 today.

Natural Gas Services

The province must have heard us talking about it at our last meeting because on January 31 they announced a new program to assist with the expansion in un-served communities. We followed up on this with Perry, Jaime and I having a conference call with Chris Minor and Glen Huard of Union Gas in North Bay on February 07. I have attached a summary of that call to my report but am waiting some further clarity on the surcharge that will be imposed on new customers. I apologize for the lack of certainty in some areas of the summary.

Improved Internet Service

The proposal from Parolink has been indicated to cost the Town either \$62,500 or \$125,000, depending on the length of time for completion and this is on top of the "connect to innovate" grant. Coleman has requested that the proposal be tabled for their services and Michelle has to know whether we wish to proceed. If not she wants to notify Quantum Express so they do not expend a lot of time and effort on this.

Going a different route, Dan Cleroux shared a contact with a "Cyrus Ghassabeh" of Forbes Brothers that does the tower installations for Xplornet and I spoke to him about the concerns we have about installing at the S Corners, 9 km south of Town. While assuring me that he only does what the customer wants he did confirm that the intent was to install the transmitter on the Roger Tower at that location but he provided me with contact information for Xplornet.

Jaime and I spoke with a Jennifer McWilliams of that firm on January 27 at which time we expressed our concerns about the lack of a proper signal even for local cell phone users and did not expect anything better from broadband internet service from that location. She listened and responded with the following email.

“Hello George and Jamie, Thank you so much for your time this morning and the insight you provided on the area. Our conversation was timely; our network team was working on the design. I have taken your feedback to our RF Design team; they are re-looking at the overall design now. I will keep you both posted on the progress and we may need your assistance with helping find a tower or a location for tower.

Have a great weekend.

Jen

Jennifer McWilliams

Manager - Public Sector Outreach - Xplornet Communications Inc.”

I have not heard anything more from Xplornet but I think that at some point soon, we should be approaching Anthony Rota with our concerns about signal strength from that location using federal government support to provide it. Discussions with NeoNet seem pointless.

GLL

February 16th, 2017

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

- Medical Clinic - Dr. Roedde has now returned from vacation and appears to be tanned and well rested. During her absence, Dr. Ted Mitchell and Dr. Frickers covered the patient load at the clinic. We will probably have a meeting in March before the clinic's year end.
- Fred Keenan Centre - Delores has had the merchandise in the hallway and washrooms removed. She's contacted the owner of the bins that are in the vestibule and is still waiting for her to come pick them up.
- I have had a few telephone conversations with Betty Stone, Chair of Timiskaming Home Support, about Stand Up which is a free exercise and information program for older adults. Educational information sessions on how to create a safe living environment and ways to adapt your home to prevent falls as well as information about medication, proper footwear and proper nutrition are just part of the program geared to help increase seniors' independence. This program is part of the Provincial Patients First Initiative which integrates all levels of health care delivery to the patient. Betty will be providing me with more detailed information about this initiative and how areas of the program may be of benefit to the older adults here in Latchford in the future.
- George, Jaime and I attended the CCL meeting in Cobalt on Tuesday morning. Michelle updated us on the following:
 - Regional Mapping Project – The RFP is going out now for qualified applicants to develop a double-sided 24 by 24-inch map outlining ATV and snowmobile routes in Cobalt, Coleman, and Latchford on one side and maps of the individual municipalities with points of interest, services etc. on the other side. The committee hopes to have the maps developed and printed for June.
 - The Frog's Breath funding application for the Museum washrooms is ready to go once Michelle receives some specifics needed for the grant. She is also going to submit an application for the Access 4 All – Barrier Busting Grant which could be used to make the Museum more accessible.
 - Connect to Innovate Grant – for improved internet service is ongoing and the grant now has an April deadline instead of March 13th. Michelle is still waiting for information from Parolink and Anne-Marie Leroy.
- Michelle met with Mike Beaupre last week and will be submitting two grant applications to help with the Fire Department expansion, the Agri Spirit Grant and TransCanada Pipeline Community Grant once Mike sends her the link.