

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY JANUARY 18TH 2018
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, Scott Green, Jo-Anne Cartner, Sharon Gadoury East, Perry Livingston and Councilor Lepage

Regrets: Lise Remillard, CFO

Staff: Jaime Allen, Clerk.

Public: NIL

Press: NIL

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.:17/104

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the January 18th 2018. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilor Livingston Action item number four. Member of Fire Dept

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 18/002

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting held December 14th 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Lepage: rink is open and well used, some issues with the ice has been corrected

Councillor Green: changes in fire personal new Deputy Chief, new fire truck is up and running.

Councillor Livingston: see attached

Councillor Brooks: Water plant is running well, upgrades to plant on schedule.

Councillor Cartner: see attached

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 18/003

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Sharon-Gadoury East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$24,925.16 and accounts payable in the amount of \$109,359.78 Electronic payments in the amount of \$10,274.33 for the period December 8th 2017 thru January 9th 2018.

CARRIED

2. Fire Agreement renewal

Resolution No.: 18/004

Moved By: Sharon-Gadoury East

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves Fire Agreement renewal with Timmins Police Service as per attached at an annual cost of \$1878.00 plus HST.

CARRIED

3. Fire Dept resignation.

Resolution No.: 18/005

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Trudy Lepage

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves the resignation of William Van Den Hoogen as Deputy Fire Chief of the Latchford Volunteer Fire Dept. Effective January 31st 2018. But will remain a member of the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

4. Fire Dept appointment.

Resolution No.: 18/006

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Trudy Lepage

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves the appointment of Perry Livingston as Deputy Fire Chief of the Latchford Volunteer Fire Dept. Effective January 31st 2018.

CARRIED

5. Offer lot for sale.

Resolution No.: 18/007

Moved By: Trudy Lepage

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves offering lot 65 for sale which has been vested back to the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

6. Support OGRA resolution environmental bill of rights changes.

Resolution No.: 18/008

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Whereas a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the *Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993* (EBR Act);

And whereas impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence;

And whereas the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions;

And whereas analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500;

And whereas the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process;

And whereas in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken;

And whereas local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of build Canada funding;

Therefore be it resolved that Town of Latchford requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs;

And further that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the *Planning Act*;

And further that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

CARRIED

7. Fitness Center Membership.

Resolution No.: 18/009

Moved By: Trudy Lepage

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford approves request from Dr. Roedde.

To offer Fitness Center membership at a 50 percent discount (10.00 dollars a month plus HST) and \$10.00 dollar deposit for fob.

To Latchford residents **only** referred by Dr. Roedde for health reasons.

CARRIED

8. Donation to Golden Age Club.

Resolution No.: 18/010

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford approves donation of Latchford hats and T-shirts to the Golden Age Club to help them celebrate their 45th Anniversary

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 18/011

Moved By: Trudy Lepage

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

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

B. Information Items

1. Ministry Of Infrastructure (Natural Gas Program)
2. Union Gas Update on Natural Gas program.
3. Temagami Chamber of Commerce thank you letter.
4. MNR Forest Tenure Oversight Group project.
5. Ministry of Municipal Affairs (consumer first Act).
6. CCL Minutes and Agenda from December 19th meeting.
7. Timiskaming Health unit minutes from Nov 01-2017 meeting.
8. Timiskaming Health Unit operational surplus.
9. Ernie Hardeman MPP, Pc Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing.
10. Ministry Of Infrastructure (changes to asset management plans)
11. Ministry of Finance (Federal legalization of cannabis)
12. MNR passing of bill 139, Conservation Authorities Act.
13. Stewardship Ontario (industry funding for Municipal blue box recycling)

CARRIED

09. New Business:

10. By-Laws.

Interim Tax Levy

Resolution No 18/012

Moved By: Perry Livingston.

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2018-001** being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and water, sewer connection and frontage charges for 2018. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford

CARRIED

Borrowing bylaw

Resolution No 18/013

Moved By Scott Green

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2018-002** being a by law to authorize the borrowing of funds from time to time from the Bank Of Nova Scotia to meet until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, and current expenditures of the Corporation Of The Town Of Latchford for the year 2018. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of 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

Appoint an Auditor

Resolution No 18/014

Moved By Perry Livingston.

Seconded By: Trudy Lepage

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2018-003** being a by law to appoint the accounting firm of Kemp, Elliott and Blair as auditors for The Corporation of The Town of Latchford for the year 2018. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Confirming by-law

Resolution No 18/015

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2018-004** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held January 18th 2018. 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. **NEW BUSINESS: NIL**

11. **ADJOURN**

Resolution No. 18/016

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:25 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 18TH day
Of January 2018.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk, Jaime Allen

Mayor's Report, January 18, 2018

Natural Gas application

You are all well aware that Union Gas was unsuccessful in their application to get funding assistance for the extension of natural gas into Latchford. They are confident that subsequent rounds of this funding will be made available and encourage us to continue our efforts. It has been reported that East Ferris were also unsuccessful but no indication of who was. I completed a questionnaire to the NGGP/Infrastructure Ontario requesting the names of the successful communities and they responded by advising that I contact Union Gas directly which I have and am awaiting their response.

Latchford Control Dam

The fun never ends with the dam! Roger advised Perry and I on Tuesday that PSPC had awarded a contract for snow removal at the dam to Lathem Excavating of Haileybury and that we had not been advised of the opportunity to be paid for a service we had provided free to PWGSC for more than 25 years. I have emailed an expression of displeasure today to Eric Potvin, copied it to Judith Bennett and also Anthony Rota, requesting an opportunity to bid on any service work that we could perform at the dam and await a response.

"Good Morning Eric;

It was brought to my attention on Tuesday that tenders for snow removal at the LCD were called and awarded to a non-local company, James Lathem Excavating. The Town of Latchford was not notified of this or given opportunity to bid.

For the past 25 plus years, since PWGSC re-assumed operating responsibility for the LCD, the Town has been providing this service at no charge to PWGSC/PSPC only to find that when it was decided to remunerate for this service that we were not considered. The reason provided by one of the operators to Roger Clark, our municipal supervisor, was that as the property was no longer Latchford's, it was decided to get someone else to remove the snow as required.

Would you please advise whomever this individual might be that the property this service was conducted on was never the Town's and that the service we performed at no cost was done as a courtesy, the same type of courtesy that we would have expected would be extended to us when PSPC opted to pay for a previously free service. I would at this time wish to express an interest in ensuring that the Town of Latchford is given consideration and opportunity to bid on any future service contracts for the dam and its adjacent property be it snow removal, property maintenance such as grass and clean up or any other needs that can be met by our well equipped and competent staff and employees.

Respectfully and appreciatively,

George Lefebvre

Mayor"

Internet Service

The signal from the Ontera tower at the Fred Keenan Centre failed last Thursday leaving all who derive service from that tower without. I was made aware of this by Ami Cheema and Sharon

Gadoury and my call to Ontera was met with language difficulties. I then called Paul Ouimet at NeoNet to express the displeasure and frustration of the customers dependent on that service. His response is as follows.

"Good morning George,

Thank you for your call this morning. I have been in contact with Ontera Technical Support (support is through the Bell Alliant partner Telebec out of Quebec). I was transferred to the Ontera Business Services Representative (Chantal) which will be relaying our mutual concerns to her supervisor Dan. I have conveyed the urgency of this matter and indicated how the Gas Station (McEwan/Dam Depot) has been impacted since yesterday as well as other constituents of Latchford.

Ontera has taken my cell phone number (705-266-5589) and has promised to call me once they understand and have details regarding the situation.

As to Xplornet, I believe that our last update from them (November 2017) was targeting February 2018 for bringing their network on-line for several of the northern Communities – at that time, I understood there was little opportunity to fast track the timeline; NEOnet will reach out for project status update later this month to have a refresh of the timeline and their commercial plans (originally estimated as March 2018) for signing up interested subscribers. Sincerest Regards, Paul"

ONTC Land Acquisition

Jaime is monitoring the provincial website for indication that the land is being made available but, based on our last conversation, all he was able to note was that 144 acres or thereabouts of the Agricultural College land is available?

Ontario Historical Society affiliation for House of Memories

I have received the necessary direction from Rob Leverty at the OHS to proceed with this and what is required is an affiliation fee of \$460 and we have to have a board of directors (5 people) to oversee this. I am looking for volunteers so if you or anyone you know of would be interested in participating, please advise me. Establishment of this allows for the Museum to fundraise (i.e. Nevada tickets) and become self sufficient, among other benefits.

GLL

Public Works report January 2018

Cleaned up and made ice at the rec centre.

Ongoing plowing and sanding of town roads and parking lots.

Turned on all the aqua flows just before Christmas.

In the process of ordering one new unit and some replacement parts for other aqua flows.

Turned water services off at 54 main st. (Lou and Wally's place) and Mr. Demeasters house on Mowat ave and the mad lady's house beside Diggers on the hiway due to pipes bursting in their homes. All 3 places were vacant at the time of pipes bursting.

A few other residents have had water troubles but it was their responsibility to thaw and repair.
Performing basic routine maintenance on plows and sander.

Town pick up is acting up. Will not start at times. It has been to Chrysler and they didn't find problem. Wyatt changed some relays and has ordered a cam shaft sensor. Hopefully this will solve the problem. If not it is the fuel pump starting to go.

No longer plowing the Dam access road. The government put the work out to tender and Latham excavation got the job.

The operators are not happy about this but it is government policy to tender out property maintenance. They have sent me the website link to become a supplier and then we can bid on the grass cutting and snow plowing next year. It could be a good opportunity to help offset winter fuel bill and the grass cutting would cover cost of my summer student.

I have sent Jamie the info to get things rolling.

January 18th, 2018
Report from Councilor Cartner

MEDICAL CLINIC

Dr. Roedde held a meeting December 18th with representatives from all three communities in attendance. She brought us up to date on what's been happening at the clinic during the last few months.

The number of patients from outside the catchment area continues to decrease as new doctors take them up.

Lab work continues to be done every Tuesday, workers from CMHA and the Pavilion come in on a weekly basis for patients dealing with mental health issues and diabetes clinics are being held on a quarterly basis.

The clinic has invested in a rapid strep test so patients with strep throat can be treated immediately.

A second-year student was at the clinic for a month and 4 third-year students will be working with Dr. Roedde at the clinic for 3 weeks each over the coming months.

Dr. Fricker continues to come in 3 days a month and does a lot of procedures, biopsies etc. Dr. Mitchell continues to be the main locum which is working out well.

The power outages are really affecting the clinic. During the last outage, there was some vaccine wastage when the fridge had no electricity. The doctors were working by candlelight and the computers went down. They have computer backups but that only lasts a short while. Their phone system goes down as well so they are looking to purchase a landline phone. Dr. Roedde is considering a generator which could be used to supply the priority areas of the clinic such as the refrigerator and the computer system. She may ask Roger and Pat for their advice on what exactly the clinic would require as well as the cost of such a generator.

She has patients of limited means with certain health issues that would benefit from using the gym. Dr. Roedde would like council to approve allowing these patients to purchase a gym membership at half the price. She would supply them with a prescription or letter to present when purchasing their membership.

A budget meeting will be scheduled for late January or early February to see where the budget stands. Any money left must be spent before March 31st which is the clinic's yearend.

CCL

The committee met on December 19th and again this past Monday. Denise Deschamps, Initiatives Office FedNor attended Monday's meeting.

Phase 2 of the funding process is ready to be submitted once Denise has reviewed it. Michelle gave us a synopsis of the Mining Conference that will be submitted along with the application.

George and Tina will attend PDAC to promote our Green Mining event once approval is received. Michelle will prepare a postcard/handout that could be distributed at PDAC giving the conference information on the front and mining history of the area on the other side, so it would be ready for print if we receive approval to go ahead.

Michelle has a Facebook page and website ready to go live if we get the go ahead.

Next meeting will be February 6th.