

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY March 21st 2019
At 7:00 PM.**

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 Emma Livingston

Regrets: nil

Staff: Jaime Allen, Clerk. Lise Remillard, CFO

Public: NIL

Press: Jim Patrick, CJTT. Darlene Wroe, Temiskaming Speaker.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 19/022

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury East.

Be it resolved that March 21st 2019. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 19/023

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury East

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular in camera and budget meetings held February 21st and March 12th 2019. Be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Emma Livingston: see attached

Councillor Perry Livingston: snow removal is ongoing. One of the outside walls of the Museum needs to be repaired; Public Works is recommending no parking on entrances to Hwy 11

Councillor Brooks: Water plant is running well Plant Rico Guindon new ORO is getting all files and data updated.

Councillor Gadoury East: see attached

Councillor Cartner: Meeting with Dr. Roedde in April.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 19/024

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury - East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$33,981.28 and accounts payable in the amount of \$46,835.39 online bills payments in the amount of \$11,962.02 for the period February 13th thru March 12, 2019.

CARRIED

2. Power Dam Compensation

Resolution No.: 19/ 025

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Whereas power generating facilities owned and operated by Ontario Power Generation and Trans Alta within the Corporation of the Town of Latchford are subjected to an annual "Payment in Lieu" of taxation which is directed to the municipality by the Ontario Ministry of Finance,

And Whereas those payments have remained at the same level for the last 7 years despite the fact that accumulated annual Cost of Living increases during that period have risen by 16%,

And Whereas the cost of operating a municipality in which these hydro generating stations are located has been increasing , at minimum, an annual amount equal to the Cost of Living there is no recognition of these increases being awarded to the Town of Latchford in their Payment in Lieu.

Therefore be it Resolved that the Ministry of Finance be respectfully requested to retroactively increase our Payment in Lieu for the period of 7 years to the Town of Latchford so as to better reflect the true value of the increased revenue realized by these plant owners and operators.

And Further that annual Cost of Living increases be applied to the adjusted amount of the PiL and provided as payment in all future years.

And Further that this resolution be circulated to similarly impacted municipalities for their support.

CARRIED

3. Municipal Gran Community Living.

Resolution No.: 19/026

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves payment to Community Living Temiskaming South a .30 cent per capita Municipal Grant in the amount of \$120.00 (One hundred twenty dollars)

CARRIED

4. Signature Stamp

Resolution No.: 19/027

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the use of a signature stamp top sign cheques only in the absence of one of the approved signing officers or if a conflict of interest with a signer

CARRIED

5. Teeny Tiny Economic Summit Matheson

Resolution No.: 19/028

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves attendance of Mayor Lefebvre, and Councillors Emma Livingston and Councillor Gadoury- East to the Teeny Tiny Summit to be held in Matheson on April 8th 2019.

CARRIED

6. 2018 Annual Sewage and Water Treatment Report.

Resolution No.: 19/029

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford accepts 2018 Annual Sewage and Water Treatment report as per attached

CARRIED

7. DWQMS Training.

Resolution No.: 19/030

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the attendance of ORO Rico Guindon to DWQMS training in Bracebridge on April 11th and 12th 2019.

CARRIED

8. Code of Conduct.

Resolution No.: 19/031

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves code of conduct for Council as per attached.

CARRIED

9. Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol.

Resolution No.: 19/032

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol as per attached.

CARRIED

10. Council-Staff relations policy.

Resolution No.: 19/033

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Emma Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves Council-Staff relations policy as per attached.

CARRIED

11. Telephone Service.

Resolution No.: 19/033

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Emma Livingston

Whereas land line phone service is provided to the Town of Latchford exclusively by Northern/Bell Telephone,

And Whereas this basic service is considered to be essential for the safety and well being of the residents and businesses of this municipality,

And Whereas the service has deteriorated to the level where numerous customers are having difficulty using their phones on a regular basis and there are reports of some local numbers being unable to call other local numbers on a consistent basis,

And Whereas calls to the service provider have been responded to by statements to the effect that "the phone lines are worn out and there is nothing that can be done" and other less than desirable responses.

Therefore be it Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby requests that Northern/Bell Telephone extend the necessary effort to restore this essential service to the level that will ensure that it is accessible for the residents and businesses of this Town on an as needed basis.

And further, it is recommended that the phone lines be replaced with fibre optics so that the additional services of such infrastructure would be available here in Latchford.

And further, that his resolution be forwarded to the attention of MP Anthony Rota and MPP John Vanthof, for their assistance in resolving this critical situation.

CARRIED

12. New User Fees.

Resolution No.: 19/035

Moved By: Emma Livingston

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford approves the following user fee increases.

Ice rental \$50.00 an hour for residents \$75.00 an hour non-residents

Back- hoe rental with operator \$97.00 an hour 1 hour minimum charge

Dump Truck Rental with operator \$75.00 an hour 1 hour minimum charge.

Effective March 21st 2019.

CARRIED

13. One time funding from Province of Ontario.

Resolution No.: 19/036

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Emma Livingston

Whereas Mayor and Council for the Town of Latchford are most appreciative of the unexpected grant of \$198,600 the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs has advised us that we will be receiving.

Therefore be it resolved that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Honourable Minister expressing our sincere appreciation on behalf of Mayor and Council, Staff and Latchford ratepayers for this most welcome gesture by the Government of Ontario.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 19/038

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Emma Livingston

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

Information Items

1. IESO congrats on election request to meet with Council
2. Species at risk Act
3. Chamber of Commerce annual Business awards
4. THU emergency contact numbers
5. Weaver Simmons seminar
6. OCWA Council training March 27th 2019.
7. Connex Ontario information on addiction
8. TMSA (resignation and job ad)
9. Ministry Of Infrastructure announcement

CARRIED

09. New Business:

Council discussed letter from residents regarding snow removal procedures. Clerk to respond.

10. By-Laws.

Confirming by-law

Resolution No 19/038

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Emma Livingston

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2019-008 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held March 21st 2019. 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. 19/039

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

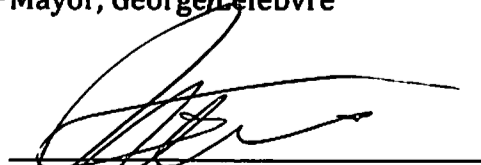
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:33 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 21st day
Of March 2019.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk, Jaime Allen

Fire Meeting

- They had received 3 sets of gear.
- Pancake Breakfast \$ 518.75
- Training Mar. 31st.

They did state the warmers don't seem to be working.

DSSAB Budget is finalized
and Hatchford will see a decrease.

Jack Hunt

Have received a few items already
and have more coming

Will be working on get the trophy repaired
and add to it

Parks, Recreation and Culture

MARCH 21ST 2019

- Our Frosty Frolic was held on the weekend of Mar 2-3, 2019. On the Saturday we held carnival games for the children and served chili for lunch. It was a decent turnout and the profit for the day was \$152 which has been given to the town. On Sunday we held a pancake breakfast and sliding which was provided by the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department. It was a great turnout and we even have local MP John Vanthof and his wife stop in for breakfast. The profit for that day was over \$500.
- During the March Break (11-15) we held free public skating and I was told that we had a good crowd. We had to close on one day because of the milder weather but other than that it was perfect.
- Now that the Spring weather is upon us we have decided to shut down the rink for the season. I thanked Don and Marilyn for their help and everyone else who helped keep the rink functioning.
- On Mar 4, we had a Rec meeting and our next meeting will be held on April 1. During that time the new rates for the Rec Centre will be discussed.
- Our next event planned is an Easter egg scavenger hunt on Apr 21.

Mayor's Report, March 21, 2019

PSPC

My next scheduled call with Judith Bennett is on March 28th. At that time she proposes firming up a date for the unveiling of the historical plaques at the Latchford Control Dam which they hope to conduct in May. I will continue to express the need for rapid response to the operation of the dam especially when it looks as if we could a high and potentially sudden freshet.

Union Gas

While Glen Huard did eventually get back to me, he didn't provide the contact information for Mark Lawson's replacement but fortunately the individual, Luke Skaarup, participated in an announcement in North Bay and was pictured in the North Bay Nugget article and so my question was answered.

Since then, the Ministry of Infrastructure have announced an "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program" (ICIP) in Ontario. I followed up with a request to Glen for a call or meeting to discuss acquiring information from Union Gas which could contribute to filing an application for ICIP funding for natural gas for Latchford. He copied two individuals, one of which is Chris Minor that participated in meetings Perry and I had with Union Gas on his answer so hopefully we can make some progress on that route.

Voyageur Tour Visit

A group of Voyageur canoes are on a trip from Matachewan to Temagami in July with a side trip down to Latchford for the night on July 16. They are hoping to camp here over night then leave the next morning from Mowat Landing to head down through Lady Evelyn and Diamond Lake to Temagami. I am a little skeptical as to there being able to maintain the schedule they have established for themselves but hope to see them get to Latchford.

Timiskaming First Nation

I have been invited by the Timiskaming First Nation to a Mining Open House there on March 28 in the afternoon. I will be attending but as that should also be the date of our next TMA meeting, I may have to decline an invitation to speak briefly at the event.

GLL



True North Voyageur Brigade 2019



General Plan

For the second leg of our journey we will be continuing to follow the fur trade routes and exploring the history of the Native Tribes of each stop. Our starting point this year is in Matachewan, which started as a Hudson Bay trading post; Fort Matachewan B.311, est. 1867, then continued on with mining when gold was discovered in 1916. Early bird's have been invited to journey to the rail portage and trading post site, hosted by Mayor Ann Commando-Dube, the Legion and Curling Club are sponsoring us for our Sunday's events.

We then travel on to Elk Lake, to meet up with Mayor Terry Fiset who is a trapper. Elk Lake has a rich history with some well known people and surprising connections to other regions and incidences. It was already an established rest and trading spot for the Native Americans in the area well before the fur trade routes were set up later on. In 1909 they elected their 1st mayor, Jack Monroe, born in Cape Breton, NS. and has continued to grow through silver mining and forestry.

For our next day we are going into a small town of Latchford joining Mayor George Lefebvre who is highly involved with this region's history and a trapper. The community was named after Hon. Francis R. Latchford, minister of works, who turned the first sod for the railway in North Bay in 1902 and drove the last spike at Moosonee 30 years later. Latchford started as a railway stop in 1902, known for having the world's shortest covered bridge, smallest town by population among other interesting historical significance with the town's slogan being "The Best Little Town by a Dam Site!" Hudson Bay post est. 1888

Wednesday, starting at Mowat Landing on Lady Evelyn River we continue to Lady Evelyn Lake where we will be camping for the night on the south end. Then on to Diamond Lake to continue through to Lake Temagami for another night camping. For Friday at 10am we go on to Bear Island, N'Dakimenan Birch Bark Build - Canoe House, courtesy of Temagami First Nations we will be learning some history of this Island. Then on to our designated site for the weekend to participate and take in Temagami Canoe Festival meeting Mayor Dan O'Mara. Hudson Bay post B488 est. 1834

This is a tentative schedule subject to change

All departure times are set for 9am unless otherwise posted

Distances and times are estimated, like any outdoor activity weather conditions will play a roll in our daily schedule, water conditions in these areas vary and aneed for short portages are required. There are places with various rapids and large lake wind and current considerations.

Friday, July 12th

Early arrival to Matachewan and site preparations

Saturday, July 13th

Paddling to rail portage and trading post, 20km round trip, Mayor's Welcome 5pm

Sunday, July 14th

Canoe and Water Safety Training, public rides available from 1-3 All participants must be registered by 4pm, catered supper and presentations 5pm, crew leaders meeting, bed.

Monday, July 15th

Paddle down the Montreal River to Indian Chutes and on to Elk Lake 45km, catered supper and presentations 5pm, crew leader meeting, bed

Tuesday, July 16th

Early start continuing to paddle the Montreal River, on through Mountain Chutes and to Indian Lake then onward to Mowat Landing; 50km. Catered supper and presentations 6pm in Latchford, crew leader meeting, bed

Wednesday, July 17th

Starting at Mowat Landing, to Lady Evelyn River, onto Lady Evelyn Lake 40km, crew leader meeting, bed

Thursday, July 18th

Lady Evelyn Lake, Diamond Lake to Lake Temagami 35km, crew leader meeting, bed

Friday, July 19th

Lake Temagami - All canoes to be gathered 10 am Bear Island, at 12:30 paddle to festival 25km, Temagami arrival 5 pm, crew leader meeting, bed

Saturday, July 20th

Camping on Island, take in festival or journey with Tim to Rabbit Lake, crew leader meeting, bed

Sunday, July 21st

Early closing ceremonies

All entries must be approved by Tim McDonagh and become members of the Voyageur Brigade Society before any final applicants can continue, once approved further directions will be given.

Crew Responsibilities are food which includes any snacks, drinks and meals not catered, gas, car to be transported or parked, spare paddle, bucket and safety line and all these arrangements fall on each crew chief.

This being the Temagami run the second year of five, the Temeskiming run will be the only time left open for entry to be able to participate in either of the final French River run and Severn Trenton Waterway run. By the 4th and 5th legs of this brigade, it will be closed to new entries. It will only be open to participants that have paddled with us for one of the first three legs during this specific brigade and with all final decisions by Tim McDonagh.

Kirk Wipper Voyageur Centre

<http://www.kirkwippervoyageurcentre.com>

Temagami Canoe Festival

<https://www.temagamicanoefestival.com>

Canadian Voyageur Brigade Society

<http://voyageurbrigade.org>

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