

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2019.**

**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, Perry Livingston, Sharon Gadoury East and Jo-Anne Cartner.

**Regrets** nil

**Staff:** Jaime Allen, Clerk-Treasurer. Laurel Gadoury, Deputy Tres.-Deputy Clerk.

**Public:** One

**Press:** Jim Patrick, CJTT.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

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

**Resolution No: 19/146**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** the December 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

4. **Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 19/147**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Sharon Gadoury-East.

**Be it resolved that** the minutes of the Regular and in-camera Council meeting held November 21<sup>st</sup> 2019. Be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

5. **DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: Kyle Audette (Cobalt Recreation Committee)**

Briefed Council on Jump Start Grant he was approved for, and is looking to partner with Latchford. Will meet with Latchford Recreation Committee in the New Year.

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

**Councillor P. Livingston:** Reported on Public Works Operation. Aqua flows have all been turned on Murphy Mill road need to be graded and the bathroom at Fred Keenan requires some repairs.

**Councillor Brooks:** Operation of WTP running smoothly just completed Manage Review over all the operation of the plant has improved and so have the operators, mainly due to new maintenance program.

**Councillor Gadoury:** Attended the fire meeting and discussed changing first response agreement to a new tiered response agreement. (see attached)

**Councillor Green:** Tree lighting was well attended, seniors bags were given out some residents were missed and that will be rectified.

**Councillor Cartner:** see attached

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

7.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Action Items**

**Accounts Payable and Payroll**

**Resolution No.: 19/148**

**Moved By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$22,973.51 for the period November 15<sup>th</sup> thru December 10<sup>th</sup> and accounts payable in the amount of \$164,659.14 including online bills in the amount of \$10,426.89

**CARRIED**

**Building Code Regulations**

**Resolution No.: 19/149**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

AND WHEREAS, the Province has asked local governments to find efficient and cost-effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking these same municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new Delegated Administrative Authority to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government,

**AND WHEREAS, Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Ontario Municipalities 2019 Conference that “we can’t continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, big government schemes. That is neither compassionate nor sustainable”,**

AND WHEREAS, alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not associated liability,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Of Latchford requests that, the Province of Ontario research their own efficient and cost effective means to deliver their services, or work with other building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been filling the voids as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has severely reduced its service delivery role, or provide evidence based justification to municipalities that the creation of a new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the *Building Code Act*, with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration

**CARRIED**

**Rink Attendant**

**Resolution No.: 19/150**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the hiring of Marilyn Heavens as rink attendant for the 2019-2020 season.**

**CARRIED**

**Building Code Regulations**

**Resolution No.: 19/151**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves insurance renewal with Trench Mac Diarmid Insurance Brokers for 2020 in the amount of \$70,747.36**

**CARRIED**

**8. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 19/152**

**Moved By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

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

**B. Information Items**

1. Tribunals Ontario ( Changes to Assessment Review)
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs( 2018 annual repayment limit)
3. Proposed home energy retrofit program.
4. TMSA summary of services
5. City of Temiskaming Shores (Community Safety)
6. New Board Formation proposal
7. Ministry Of Environment (Latchford drinking water system inspection report)
8. OPP News bulletin
9. TMA Agenda and minutes meeting held November 28<sup>th</sup> 2019.
10. Ministry Of Municipal Affairs and housing (Building Code Services)
11. Ministry Of Energy and Natural Gas Expansion Support Program
12. Timiskaming Health Unit rebates to Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**09. New Business:**

**Main Street Revitalization Fund:**

**Council to come up with ideas on where to spend the remaining funds before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.**

**10. BYLAWS:**

**By-Law 2019-30**

**Confirming By-Law**

**Resolution No 19/153**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2019-030 being** a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held December 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

**12. ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 19/154**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 8:06 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Dated at Latchford this 19<sup>th</sup>  
Of December 2019

  
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Mayor, George Lefebvre

  
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Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

## **Mayor's Report, December 19, 2019**

### **Natural Gas**

Jaime put together a package of the information including the presentation that Union Gas had made to Council on June 05, 2017 as well as the letters of support from the community at large. I emailed this to Wendy Landry on December 09. I have yet to hear back from her but on December 17 we received, as did other communities, a letter from Ministers Rickford and Walker about promoting the first phase of natural gas expansion under Bill 32. My thinking is that we have to be very proactive with regards to natural gas acquisition so I propose arranging a meeting with Vic Fedeli in his constituency office in North Bay while the Legislature is on their Christmas break. I am slated to attend a Forest Strategy Engagement Session in North Bay on January 21 and it would be nice to combine the both. Regardless, a meeting with Fedeli would prove very beneficial to moving forward on our ability to get into the queue for natural gas this go around.

### **ONTC Commission Representation**

An individual has stepped forward and offered to allow for his nomination to the ONTC Board and I have discussed this with John Vanthof who is following up with Minister Rickford. This individual is a retired businessman and would be well suited to the role as a Commissioner, in my humble opinion.

### **Other Items**

I had my scheduled call with Ravi Sundararaj and John Ikonomopoulos of PSPC on Nov 27 and I am happy to report that the non-payment to an area fabrication shop has been settled.

I spent two hours on the phone on Dec 17 relative to the Forest Tenure Modernization effort that has been ongoing for almost 6 years. Inching ever so closer to resolution, I think.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

GLL

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

### **TMA Meeting**

George and I attended the TMA meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>. You have a copy of the minutes from that meeting in your council package.

As I mentioned in October Theo Cull would like to see a fairer process when electing representation for the Health Unit and DTSSAB when a new council takes office. He has put together a few options and has requested we bring his ideas on a New Board Formation (Information Item 6 in our package) to our respective councils for their thoughts on the different options he's put forward.

He suggested having information about each board: their mission/purpose, the duties that the position entails as a municipal representative for our perspective councils, as well as any other information that a member of these boards might find useful. He suggested this information could be part of the Candidate package that is given once a person puts their name forward to run so they are aware of these positions before they are elected. Both these Boards request a candidate from each area to represent their prospective municipalities as soon as new councils begin their term. This would provide new councilors with what these positions entail and if interested, they can put their name forward immediately.

He would like feedback on council's preference or ideas for the next TMA meeting which is to be held January 28<sup>th</sup>. I was hoping you could each give me your ideas at our next council meeting in January so I can let him know which option you think is best or if you have some other idea for a fair process.

Carmen Kidd informed us that there will be a 10% increase in payments made to the Health Board in 2020 and by 2021 there will be a 30% increase. We've received a cheque from their excess reserve and I agree with the suggestion that it would be a good idea to set the amount aside in a reserve account until we see what our true cost will be once the upcoming changes are made to the Health Units.

### **Meeting with Dr. Roedde**

As I mentioned last month, Dr. Roedde plans to take time off in January, February and March. She's lined up coverage for the last two weeks of February and a portion of March and is still working on getting coverage for as much time as possible while she is gone. We've scheduled a tentative meeting for January 16<sup>th</sup> to go over her budget since she'll be off during the clinic's year-end and she will update us on the clinic.

### **Finance**

We won't have our final actuals until mid-January, but each committee should have a good idea of how their budget stands and what their budget needs will be for the coming year. I would like to set the dates for our 2020 budget meetings this evening. Public Works, Water and Sewer and the Fire Department will all be asked to attend a few of these Finance meetings to speak on their budget requests and needs. It would be nice if we could have our budget finalized by the end of April or early May.