

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**At 6:30 p.m.**

**HELD BY Zoom Meeting**

**1. Call to order and mayoral comments.**

**PRESENT:**

**Council:** Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors, Mike Brooks, Scott Green, Perry Livingston, Jo-Anne Cartner, Sharon Gadoury-East, Francine Blowe.

**Regrets** NIL

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

**Public:** NIL

**Press:** NIL

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

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

**Resolution No: 21/037**

**Moved By:** Francine Blowe

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

**Be it resolved that** the April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**COUNCILLOR GREEN NEW BUSINESS (LETTER FROM SPOUSE REGARDING PROPERTY)**

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 21/038**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

**Be it resolved that** the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 18<sup>th</sup> 2021. Be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL**

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

**Councillor P. Livingston:** see attached

**Councillor Green:** Updated Reported on by-law officer activities, fire trucks have been moved into the new fire hall

**Councillor Brooks:** Operation of WTP running smoothly. Inspection from the water plant came back from the Ministry and there are zero compliance issues.

**Councillor Gadoury:** Gave an update on easter parade it was enjoyed by all and good coverage by the Temiskaming Speaker. No Mothers Day brunch this year due to covid restrictions. Gift card donated back from snow sculpture winner Betty Venne

**Councillor Blowe:** Gave an update on economic development. The Town will be applying for an economic development inter to help to develop the ONR property Latchford purchased. Also gave an update on chase the ace. Attended webinar regarding active Canada active Strategy

**Councillor Cartner:** Gave an update on the Medical Center they have a new volunteer for palliative care Leslie Simms. May 1<sup>st</sup> is doctor's day. Next budget meeting will be in person as Covid restrictions are lifted

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

7.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Action Items**

**Accounts Payable and Payroll**

**Resolution No.: 21/039**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Be it resolved that** the Town of Latchford declares approves attached payroll in the amount of 26,255.71 for the period March 11<sup>th</sup> thru April 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 and accounts payable in the amount of \$181,180.33 and online bills in the amount of \$19,967.40

**CARRIED**

**Economic Dev. Intern**

**Resolution No.: 21/040**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that the** Corporation of the Town of Latchford approve the Clerk-Treasurer to apply for an Economic Development Intern from the (EDI) Fednor's economic Development Initiative for a 24-month term at a cost of \$3500.00 a year. If the application is approved.

**CARRIED**

**Approve installation of mobile home.**

**Resolution No.: 21/041**

**Moved By:** Sharon Gadoury

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves installation of a mobile home on lot 27 located on Mitchell St. As per attached and based on it being approved by the immediate neighboring property owners.

**CARRIED**

**Funding for Fire Depts.**

**Resolution No.: 21/042**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

**Be it resolved that** the Corporation of The Town of Latchford support The Township of Hudson resolution request to have provincial and federal and provincial stimulus funds dedicated to fire depts and fire fighter's infrastructure and equipment.

**CARRIED**

**B. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 21/043**

**Moved By:** Francine Blowe

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

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

**B. Information Items:**

- 1) Annual work schedule Sudbury Forest 2021-2022
- 2) Solicitor General Community Safety and Policing Act.
- 3) Vicky Muir letter regarding frivolous lawsuits to Mayor Lefebvre.
- 4) Provincial Offences Reports from The City of Temiskaming Shores.
- 5) Ontario cannabis legalization fund final payment.
- 6) Timiskaming Health unit COVID 19 updates.
- 7) Temiskaming Municipal services Association 2020 Financial statements.
- 8) MPP. John Vanthof budget commentary.
- 9) Ministry of Municipal Affairs amendments to reopening Ontario Act.
- 10) Minister of Infrastructure update on asset management deadline to 2022.
- 11) FONOM Conference update.
- 12) COVID 19 vaccine distribution task force update.

**CARRIED**

**09. New Business:**

Discussed letter from Shelly more information required to bring back to Council.

Discussed letter from Leslie Ann Thomas more information required to bring back to Council

**Resolution No.: 21/044**

**Moved By:** Perry Livingston

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

**Be it resolved that** the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the purchase of Club Cadet lawn mower from Ebert Welding for 12,858.27 with a down payment of \$1930. and a monthly payment of \$303.36 for 36 months.

**CARRIED**

**Open Councillor Discussion**

Mayor Lefebvre brought this to Council attention for discussion

The attached photos represent two specimens of dendrite (forgive me if I have spelled it incorrectly, Perry) known locally as "Temiskaming Rising Stone". These specimens were found within the boundaries of Latchford and the individual who gave them to me (Reiner Mielke) indicated that there are many more where these came from. I would like to discuss, during Council open discussion, about naming these as Latchford's official stone. I find them to be very attractive in appearance and a simple gesture such as proposed creates a positive image of Latchford and Council at absolutely no cost to the ratepayers of Latchford. If I can sell you guys on this, I have another proposal for Latchford's official flower, again at no cost to the ratepayers.

Please look them over but I can tell you the pictures do not do justice to the actual stones in my opinion

**10. BYLAWS:**

**Confirming Bylaw**

**Resolution No: 21/045**

**Moved By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Seconded By:** Francine Blowe

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2021-008 being** a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021. 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. 21/046**

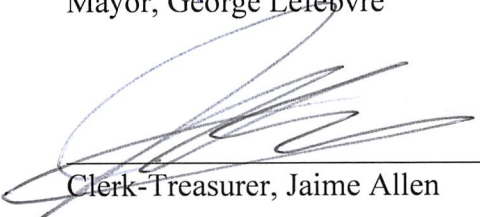
**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

**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 15<sup>th</sup>  
Of April 2021.

  
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Mayor, George Lefebvre  
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Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen





**Mayor's Report, April 15, 2021**

**APR 15 2021**

### **Manhole Issue on Highway 11**

I have communicated to Herb Villneff of the MTO, North Bay, suggesting a realignment of the centre lines to the previous narrow configuration between, basically, Mowat Avenue and McLeod Avenue. I intimated that this would draw the traffic away from the manholes and hopefully correct the problem. I am still awaiting his response.

### **Dam Operation/PSPC Land**

I followed up with Helene Belanger about the map that Jaime had received in March only to find that she did not know anything about it. Further, she stated that none of their contractors should be releasing this kind of information to us and Jaime had to send her the reference information for her to follow up on. She will advise further after she has checked with her team.

As the temperatures, both air and water, are well ahead of normal I reached out to Eric Potvin of PSPC on Wednesday morning who is in charge of all PSPC dam operations. I mentioned that due to the warm water temperature, which dictates much of the spawning activity, it would be wise to get the water levels up to summer levels quickly to avoid drowning out the spawn as has happened in some past years. He assured me that the crew would be here yesterday and they hoped to have the lake at summer level by the end of next week.

### **Natural Gas Expansion to Latchford**

The TVO.org story resurfaced in a very positive way again this month. I was contacted by an individual that Jaime and I know quite well and Perry has met with in the past. This person I met when they were very active as a lobbyist for Trans Canada Pipelines on the Energy East Project. They had read the TVO story and reached out to me and I in turn sent the YouTube video for them to view and they were very impressed with it and complimented our efforts. They offered that they knew an individual that had previously worked for Union Gas and also for them, was now in government and would contact this individual to express support for Latchford's application. This individual, whom Perry and I have previously met with, is restricted from involvement due to their previous role with Union Gas. The individual is pursuing supporting us using a different route and I encouraged this and that is presently ongoing. This type of assistance in lobbying is rare, in my experience, especially when gratis and is certainly welcome.

### **Bell Outreach re High-Speed Internet**

Neal Hougham of Bell responded to my enquiry as to whether there is any way that we can track the application that has been made on our behalf by Bell to the Universal Broadband Fund. He advised that once they submit the applications there is no means for them to follow up on their progress. Current announcements that are being made reflect that from another funding stream but he understands that our application category will be announced later in the year.

**Team 11**

Team 11, comprised of MTO, OPP and Municipal representatives last met in Latchford in November, 2019 and then became yet another victim of the Covid pandemic. We are now scheduled to meet virtually on April 20 so that is a positive step forward.

**Ontario Power Generation, Montreal River Conference Call, March 30.**

I participated in this call and as usual, brought up the subject of the implementation of the Montreal River Water Management Plan and the establishment of its associated Standing Advisory Committee. While I felt I had been provided a reasonable response to my question, one of the hosts called me the following morning to apologize for the brevity of the answer and then went on to request that I participate as an interim head of the effort to get it established and operational. I guess that is one way to silence me but I will keep you apprised as this effort moves forward.

GLL



Jaime Allen <jallen@latchford.ca>

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**RE: Depressed manholes - Latchford**

1 message

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**Villneff, Herb (MTO)** <Herb.Villneff@ontario.ca>

Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 2:22 PM

To: George Lefebvre <shasonje@gmail.com>

Cc: Jaime Allen <jallen@latchford.ca>, "Bethune, Sara (MTO)" <Sara.Bethune@ontario.ca>

Good Afternoon Mayor Lefebvre:

APR 15 2021

Thank you for your email regarding pavement markings and asphalt depressions on Highway 11 through the Town of Latchford. I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the ministry.

The pavement markings that were implemented in 2011 corrected a long-standing regulatory issue and operational concern for both the ministry and the current Town of Latchford Council. The northbound lanes were painted with a single through lane with the curb lane dedicated for parking. The southbound direction of travel did not have the same platform width, which varies to the north and south of the intersection at Mowatt Street. Prior to 2011, the southbound lane had been painted with a through lane leaving a wide adjacent area that became an unintended parking lane. The revised southbound lane markings completed in 2011 resulted in a 1.0 metre width double solid centreline, which allowed for the shifting of the edge line closer to the curb so that it wouldn't be misconstrued as a parking lane or bike/pedestrian lane.

Our review indicates that revising the pavement markings may not address the issue of depressed maintenance holes, as they would still be within the southbound driving lane.

While the current pavement marking scheme provides improved positive guidance, safety and operational benefits, we do appreciate the concerns you have raised and would be happy to meet with you to discuss these issues further and determine the best course of action for all road users moving forward.

Please feel free to reach out to my administrative assistant, Sara Bethune, at sara.bethune@ontario.ca to set up a meeting.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Herb Villneff

Director, Northeast Operations

Ministry of Transportation

705-497-5500

herb.villneff@ontario.ca





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**From:** George Lefebvre <shasonje@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2021 11:02 AM  
**To:** Villneff, Herb (MTO) <Herb.Villneff@ontario.ca>; Jaime Allen <jallen@latchford.ca>  
**Subject:** Depressed manholes - Latchford

**CAUTION -- EXTERNAL E-MAIL - Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender.**

Good Morning Herb;

In respect to your response indicating that a realignment of the travel portion of the highway to the west was made at the request of the Town of Latchford we are unable to locate any directive from Council indicating that request. What it does illustrate to us is that a realignment (narrowing) of the widened centre marker between Mowat and McLeod should draw the traffic east on the surface of highway 11 and away from passage over said manholes.

In that the MTO renews the highway markings on an annual basis, we respectfully request that the markings be returned to their previous alignment between the indicated Avenues in an effort to reduce the impact on said manholes.

We would appreciate your thoughts on this>

Respectfully,

George Lefebvre

Mayor

Town of Latchford



Jaime Allen <jallen@latchford.ca>

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## April council update.

1 message

**Roger Clark** <rogclark313@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 6:01 PM

To: Perry Livingston <pliv676@gmail.com>, Jaime Allen <jallen@latchford.ca>

Perry ,

The flowers are up at Alice's so I'm calling it.

Spring is here!!!!

I have walked the town and picked up all the garbage I could find along the streets and ditches. The same people cause most of the garbage problems. I have spoken to a few of them and assisted in cleaning things up with them. Down to only a handful of danger trees around town that need to be cut. Just waiting for the ground to dry up to finish the last ones. Next step is to finish brushing Murphy mill road.

Have the sweeper ready to go. Did a test run the other day and all went as planned. Looks like rain on Thursday so I want to sweep town then.

Went around town and fixed up the winter damage from plowing.

Going to wait to grind stumps in park and place picnic tables at the beach until things dry up but I imagine it will be late April.

Will probably add some sand to beach again this year.

The town needs a half load season bylaw.

A lot of fully loaded dump trucks have been working around town and the roads won't hold up to that kind of traffic when the frost is coming out ! Most municipalities have such bylaws in place to protect their roads in the spring and I think we need to do the same.

I will be shutting the aqua flows off in the next week or two. I will check the frost depth in the manholes but I'm sure it's safe to do so. Plus people are already asking when will I turn them off.

Now most importantly..... I need a decision made on purchasing a new lawnmower. I believe the quote for a Cub Cadet proZ 160s

Is in your council package. It has a steering g wheel and should do the trick!

They have a 0% for 36 month and a 2 year commercial warranty.

Have to put \$1930.00 down then \$303.56 a month.

I spoke to the sales rep and it has to be ordered . He said with Covid things are getting pushed back so best to order soon.

I will have to service and use our current mower for the spring. Now it does have some life left in it so I'm sure we can make a few bucks on it. Or we keep running it and repairing it until she blows.

House of memories has lost some shingles in that last big wind storm. Something will need to be done. I would like to get some quotes to fix the damage and assess the condition of the remaining shingles. Can council discuss what they want to do.

The rest of April will be spring maintenance and business as usual.

Roger

Sent from my iPhone