

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 14TH 2021.
Held by Zoom at 6:30pm**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors, Mike Brooks, Sharon Gadoury East, Francine Blowe and Jo-Anne Cartner.

Regrets: nil

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

Public: nil

Press: Darlene Wroe, Temiskaming Speaker

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 21/138

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the December 14th 2021. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST: NIL

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 21/139

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular and in camera council meeting held November 25th 2021. Be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Brooks: Attended year end review of water plant operations resolution on the agenda. Clarifier repaired look at replacement in the future its 50 years old. Annual water report is on the agenda form the MOE. Public Works see attached.

Councillor Gadoury- East. Seniors and kids Christmas bags were given out, thanks to all the volunteers Planning on snow sculpture again this winter

Councillor Blowe: no resumes received yet regarding the intern position.

Councillor Cartner: A locum will be covering for the doctor while she is on vacation, attended a zoom meeting regarding recruiting a doctor Would like all dept heads to review year to date numbers and make recommendations for next years budget. Have first budget meeting middle of February.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. **Accounts Payable and Payroll**

Resolution No.: 21/140

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 \$33,685.05 and accounts payable in the amount of \$121,770.28 For the period November 19th thru December 8th 2021.

CARRIED

2.

Resignation Perry Livingston

Resolution No.: 21/141

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford accepts the resignation of Councillor Perry Livingston effective December 14th 2021.

CARRIED

3. **Resignation Scott Green**

Resolution No.21/142

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford accepts the resignation of Councillor Scott Green effective December 14th 2021.

CARRIED

4. **Declare Council seats vacant**

Resolution No.21/143

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford declares the Council seats held by Councillor Perry Livingston and Councillor Scott Green be declared vacant. And further that Council agrees to fill those two vacant seats by appointment and advertise locally.

5. **Water Plant yearly review**

Resolution No.21/144

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford accepts the yearly management review of the Latchford water treatment plant as per attached.

CARRIED

8. **Information Items**

Resolution No. 21/145

Moved By Francine Blowe

Seconded By Jo-Anne Cartner

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

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Information Items

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

1. Ministry of the environment Latchford Sewage Treatment Plant
2. FONOM ONTC passenger train test run
3. Ministry of environment info on noise levels
4. Ministry Infrastructure building broadband faster act
5. FONOM concerns regarding health care professional's shortages in the north.
6. Latchford drinking water system inspection report.

CARRIED

09. **New Business: nil**

10. **IN-CAMERA.**

Move In camera

Resolution No 21/146

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into closed meeting at 6:51pm 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**

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Arise from closed session

Resolution No 21/147

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford arise from closed session at 7:05 pm.

CARRIED

11. Christmas Bonus.

Resolution No 21/148

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury- East

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the following Christmas bonus cheques be issued to the following employees. Rico Guindon \$150.00, Roger Clark \$150.00, Jaime Allen,\$150.00, Pat Tresidder \$150.00, Laurel Gadoury \$150.00, Tammy Tracey \$50.00.

CARRIED

12. BY-LAWS:

Confirming by-law.

Resolution No 21/149

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Francine Blow

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2021-026** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held November 25 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

13. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 21/150

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon-Gadoury-East


Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:08 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 14th day
Of December 2021.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk, Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Public Works Update

December 2021

Has been business as usual for public works.

Plowing, sanding and regular duties as required.

Doesn't sound like much this month but I have been busy enough that today is the first day I was able to take off.

Nothing has broken, nothing needed major repair.

Roger

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Mayor's Report, December 14, 2021

Museum Roof

We still haven't heard anything back on our application so Jaime followed up to attempt to determine its present status. He advises that they are in the process of finalizing those that were successful and will be announced at the same time.

Public Service and Procurement Canada

Jaime was contacted by Jo' Ann Bates of PSPC with regard to the ground maintenance contract we have with them relative to the area near the dam. The contract has an annual value of \$11,515 and was to expire at the end of March, 2022. It is for work that our public works personnel perform on their property. This is property which is to be transferred, along with a considerable amount of other land, to the ownership of the Town. This contract was negotiated, with the assistance of Jeff Barton, when we were attempting to maximize Latchford's return from the dam construction project. As the transfer will not be completed until the next fiscal year for PSPC they have asked to extend the contract until the transfer is complete. Jaime has provided the agreement requested to extend the contract.

Natural Gas

I received some direction back from Sheila W. as to whom I should reach out to in the Ministry which includes energy. The contact she provided was Dominic Roszak, the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Minister. I called him, left a voice message and followed up with an email as she suggested. Trouble is my email was blocked (?) and now I am attempting to get some direction as to how to get around that.

Doctor Recruitment

As all of you can appreciate, much emphasis has been put on recruiting a replacement for Dr Roedde. To this end, Jo Ann and I participated in a Zoom meeting with members of the Temiskaming Physician Recruitment and Retention Team on December 08. While all the assistance that can be provided in this is more than welcome I am a little uncertain as to how the leadership for this action has moved off shore, so to speak. I will comment to the extent that, and not speaking for Jo Ann, an agenda of what the meeting would be discussing would have been appreciated in advance. As the Latchford Health Clinic is a very important asset to the residents of Latchford and surrounding area we will continue to strive for a replacement physician for Dr Roedde.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to All!

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