

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022  
At 6:30pm**

**HELD BY ZOOM MEETING**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**Regrets:** nil

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

**Public:** nil

**Press:** Darlene Wroe, Temiskaming Speaker. Blake McChristie.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

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

**Resolution No: 21/009**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Be it resolved that** the January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 21/010**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Francine Blowe

**Be it resolved that** the minutes of the council meeting held December 14<sup>th</sup> 2022. Be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS / NIL**

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

**Councillor Brooks:** All good at the water plant. It was a busy year all repairs were done And compliance reports submitted for the year. **Public Works Report (see attached)**

**Councillor Cartner:** Scheduled budget meeting for February 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 @6:30pm

**Councillor Gadoury- East** Flyer went out for snow sculpture contest on Family Day weekend. Four campsites are fully booked for the season and one site will be a floater DTSSAB budget will be done in early February. **(Bylaw Officer Report see attached)**

**Councillor Blowe:** Chase the Ace will be selling tickets again no later than Feb 10<sup>th</sup> No applications for intern position job reposted. Working on the Latchford phone book. Going to contact Chartrand's to see if hey will send their seniors bus to Latchford

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

7.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Action Items**

1. **Accounts Payable and Payroll**

**Resolution No.: 22/011**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$50,060.72 and accounts payable in the amount of \$168,214.69 For the period December 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 thru January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

**CARRIED**

8. **Information Items**

**Resolution No. 21/054**

**Moved By:** Francine Blowe

**Seconded By** Jo-Anne Cartner

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

**B. Information Items**

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

1. Annual Sewage Report
2. Annual Water Treatment Report
3. Proposed insect pest management program
4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Omicron variant of COVID-19
5. DTSSAB 2022 board meeting schedule
6. DTSSAB end of year communication
7. Minister Of The Environment annual report on drinking water.
8. Ministry of Infrastructure OCIF allocation for 2022.
9. City Of Temiskaming Shores POA quarterly distribution.
10. Ministry Of Energy natural gas expansion program.
11. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Ontario housing.
12. Ministry Of Northern Dev. Mines proposed changes to aggregate resources act.

**CARRIED**

09. **New Business:**

Councillor Blowe suggested to Council that Mayor Lefebvre do a video virtual tour of the Museum. Council agreed and Councillor Blowe will look into it.

**10. BY-LAWS:**

**Interim Tax Levy**

**Resolution No 22/013**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Be it resolved that** By-law No. **2022-001** being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and water and sewage connection and frontage charges for 2022. Be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**Borrowing Bylaw**

**Resolution No 22/014**

**Moved By:** Francine Blowe

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** By-law No. **2022-002** being a by-law to authorize borrowing funds from time to time from the Bank of Nova Scotia. Be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**Appoint Auditor for Town of Latchford.**

**Resolution No 22/015**

**Moved By:** Sharon-Gadoury-East

**Seconded By:** Francine Blowe

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2022-003** being a by-law to appoint Kemp, Elliott and Blair as auditors for the Town of Latchford for 2022 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 22/016**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2022/004** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022. 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 a Councilor**

**Resolution No 22/017**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Francine Blowe

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2022-005** being a by-law to appoint Pamela Newell to fill vacant office of Council 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 a Councillor**

**Resolution No 22/018**

**Moved By:** Francine Blowe

**Seconded By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2022-006** being a by-law to appoint Michael Cole to fill vacant office of Council. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford

**CARRIED**

**11. ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 22/019**


**Moved By:** Sharon Gadoury -East

**Seconded By:** Francine Blowe

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 6:56 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Dated at Latchford this 20<sup>th</sup> day  
Of January 2022.



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Mayor, George Lefebvre



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Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

**Museum Roof**

Jaime has yet to get any response from FedNor who are administering the grant for this program.

**Public Service and Procurement Canada**

Jaime received a request from Helene Belanger to enquire as to whether the Town would consider installing a "Porta-Potty" in the area of the dam as theirs, which are inside the fenced area, are being accessed and messed up by the public who crawl over or under the fence to access them. This is being reviewed with Roger but I don't think the outcome looks favourable for PSPC. The design engineers on this \$34M project appear to have overlooked a critical requirement of the building.

**Natural Gas**

You have all received a copy of the letter which I finally got back from the Minister on January 04. I shared this response with Sheila W. and she in turn provided me with two suggested draft letters as a response. One is to the Minister emphasising our desire to continue our pursuit of natural gas and one is to Luke Skaarup of Enbridge trying to resolve the difference in the projected 10 year forecasted connections. Sheila further recommends that we insert a draft letter of support/interest for natural gas in our interim tax bills which residents/businesses could complete and return to the Town as a means of showing there is a higher level of commitment to connecting to natural gas than what Enbridge indicates. She has kindly shared a draft of such a questionnaire. I think that we have to consider ourselves very fortunate to have someone such as her in our corner and providing the direction she does and pro bono at that.

**Doctor Recruitment**

With Dr Roedde being away, not much has happened in this regard other than she did advise me that she will not be providing locum coverage post March 31 as she had previously committed to. I have been assured by another medical practitioner from the area that we can expect assistance from that community in a timely manner, so to speak.

**Boreal Forest Medieval Villages Issue**

With three of these villages now in existence in Temiskaming, one in Robillard Township on Long Lake, one on Swan Lake north of Kenogami and another on Keith Lake north of Larder Lake with plans to create a fourth on Lake Kenogami, the issue is gaining a lot of attention. This Saturday morning TeMAG (Temiskaming Mayor's Action Group) will be holding a Zoom meeting with all Mayors and Reeves in the District invited to participate. Lois Perry, Chair of the Temiskaming Municipal Association has been working diligently with Merrill Bond, Reeve of Charlton/Dack to express the concerns to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the District's organized municipalities have with these entities.

### **OPG Call**

I am scheduled for a call with a firm OPG has doing research for them relative to OPG's relationship with, and impacts on, municipalities. I am hoping that the format will be such that I can express the wishes that OPG join with the municipalities along the Montreal River to work towards discussions relative to the impacts of climate change on the flows and elevations of the river. I feel that it is they, along with the MNRF that have to prepare a response plan along with us, in the event we should be inundated with weather such as has caused extreme flooding in other parts of Canada as well as wild fires. Planning is a good investment of all our times that hopefully will never have to be used.

### **My Future**

I think it is appropriate to advise all of you that I will not be running for re-election for any office at the end of this term. By November I will have spent very close to 50 years in service to the residents and ratepayers of Latchford and I find that my energy and drive, not to mention my patience, are starting to show their age.

**GLL**

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT JANUARY 2022**

This month has consisted of snow plowing and sanding as required.

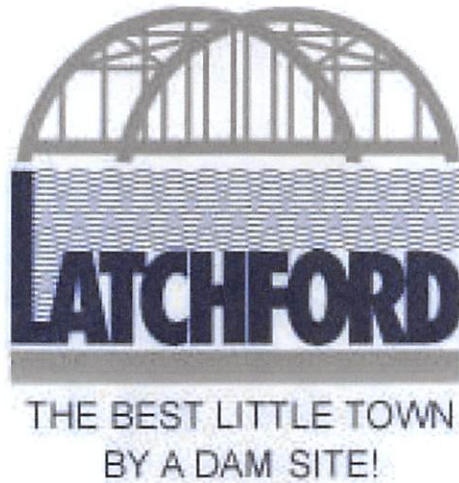
I have repaired a few aqua flows and ordered aqua flow parts for the following year.

I have updated the SDS binders for shop and water plant.

Everything is working well and public works has no issues.

Roger

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**BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**January 18, 2022**

This report covers the period from October 15, 2021 to January 18, 2022

1. Outstanding Clean Yards Issues

- Due to lack of a contractor capable of removing numerous inoperative vehicles prior to the onset of winter, this work has been postponed to spring 2022
- We have been assured by the contractor that we will be given priority as soon as conditions permit access to the properties

2. New Occurrences

No complaints were received in the month of November

Two complaints were received in December, both over the Christmas break while the officer was out of the area. Both of these remain under investigation with resolution anticipated by January 21.



The first complaint concerned a dog left unattended overnight on a property, resulting in the dog barking incessantly all night. This was addressed at the time by phone calls and emails with the complainants and dog owner, and with the assistance of town staff and a neighbour, the dog was secured in its doghouse for the second night. Witnesses have come forward and it is anticipated that a charge will be laid in this matter under section 3.6 of the Noise Bylaw. The situation was also reported to the Provincial Animal Welfare Service, but it is unknown whether they followed up.

The second complaint was regarding a noisy party that occurred on December 17. The complaint was not filed until December 23. It is anticipated that this will be resolved through education regarding the noise bylaw and a documented warning against the property owners.

### 3. Future Activities/Concerns

Per item 1, several longstanding clean yards issues will be resolved in the spring when conditions permit by enforcing Notices of Remedy that have been issued but not complied with. It is hoped that by addressing these properties, other residents will voluntarily comply with the clean yards bylaw. Pending direction from Council, it is recommended that increased enforcement (vs education) of this bylaw occur in 2022, with Notices of Remedy being issued and where appropriate charges laid to bring properties into compliance.