

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday February 17th 2022
7:00pm
Held at the Latchford Community Recreation Center.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors, Mike Cole, Pam Newell Jo-Anne Cartner, Sharon Gadoury East, Francine Blowe.

Regrets: Councillor Brooks

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

Public: nil

Press:

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 21/031

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that the February 17th 2022. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 21/032

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular and in-camera council meeting held January 13th January 20th And January 27th 2022. Be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Brooks: Was absent form the meeting see attached Water Treatment Plant Report

Councillor Cartner: Budget status was sent to Dr. Roedde for the Medical Clinic,

Councillor Gadoury- East. Bylaw Officer Report see attached, DTSSAB Budget will be passed by Feb 22nd 2022. Fire Dept will be reviewing their equipment inventory at there next training session.

Councillor Blowe: see

Councillor Cole. See attached

Councillor Newell: Met with the Mayor and Councillor Blowe, regarding development potential, hydro power, ONR property and chip stand at the beach area.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 22/033

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$29,221.33 and accounts payable in the amount of \$54,738.92 For the period January 14th thru February 10th 2022.

CARRIED

Mileage Rate.

Resolution No.: 22/034

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves an increase in the mileage rate for personal vehicle use for employees and members of Councilor .45 cents a kilometer to .55 cents a kilometer due to the high increase in the cost of gasoline. Effective February 17th 2022.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 22/035

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By Sharon Gadoury-East

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. TMSA Building summary for 2021.
2. Solicitor general prisoner transportation
3. Ministry Of Finance payment in lieu federal properties
4. Community safety and well being update
5. Chamber of Commerce new board of directors
6. Ministry of Northern Dev and Mines forest management
7. Ministry Of Municipal Affairs public health measures
8. Timiskaming Health update on proof of vaccination requirements
9. Ontario Parks innovative recreation experiences.
10. Ministry Of Municipal Affairs housing affordability feedback

CARRIED

09. New Business:

Mileage Rate.

Resolution No.: 22/034

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Whereas developments known as “Boreal Forest Medieval Villages” are being proposed in unincorporated townships within the District of Timiskaming; and

Whereas the developers of these “villages” are promoting the fact their developments are not subject to zoning by-laws, building permits, planning policies or other municipal/provincial regulations; and

Whereas the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 states “in territories without municipal organization the focus of development activity shall be related to the sustainable management or use of resources and resource-based recreational uses”; and

Whereas the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 further states that the development of new permanent townsites within territories without municipal organization shall not be permitted; and

Whereas matters relating to territories without municipal organization are under the sole jurisdiction of the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas the scale of these developments in the unincorporated townships poses a significant concern for the incorporated municipalities in the District of Timiskaming including;

- Demand for services such as landfill, fire protection, police protection and social services;
- Increase demand on our emergency and medical services such as EMS and local hospitals (who are already dealing with capacity issues);
- Environmental impacts to watersheds and groundwater sources.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Latchford hereby petitions the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to immediately enact a Minister’s Zoning Order under the Planning Act for each of the proposed “Boreal Forest Medieval Village” developments in order to ensure proper planning principles are being adhered to by the developers and that their developments are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forward to the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks; the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development, Mines Natural Resources & Forestry; John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming-Cochrane; the Temiskaming Municipal Association; the Temiskaming Mayors’ Action Group; and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Recreation Committee

Resolution No.: 22/037

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Pam Newell

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford appoints the following to the Latchford Recreation Committee, Kim and John McNaughton, and Mike Cole.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS

Confirming by-law

Resolution No 22/038

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2022/007** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held February 17th 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

11. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 22/039

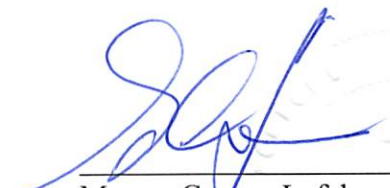
Moved By: Sharon Gadoury -East

Seconded By: Francine Blowe


Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:32pm pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 17th day
Of February / 2022.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Mayor's Report, February 17, 2022

Museum Roof

We were finally officially denied our application for a grant to replace the Museum roof. I was contacted by Donna Maitland whom I know from her role with the Ontario Trillium Fund where she functioned as the primary contact for this area. She has started up a consulting business Peridot Solutions, where she sources grants for clients and I am thinking that we should give consideration to contacting Donna to discuss some of the needs we have for specific grants and determine how she can assist us and what the costs of those services might be.

Public Service and Procurement Canada

The "Porta-Potty" issue at the dam seems to have resolved itself as Roger has received no further communication about it and the perpetrator was identified as a lady who squirmed under the fence while a contractor was working on the dam. I am scheduled for my bi-monthly call with Ravi Sundaraj on the 23rd and that will present an opportune time for follow-up on the pooper-trator security requirements.

There is also a "Pre-freshet" Teams meeting for the Montreal River arranged by NDMNRF for March 09.

Natural Gas

The natural gas survey was distributed with the interim tax bills that were sent out in late January. Now it is in our best interest to ensure that those surveys are completed and returned to the office to support the claims that considerably more than what has been indicated to connect to the service by Enbridge will be. I urge all members of Council and staff to encourage residents and property owners to complete these surveys and return them to support the belief that Enbridge's numbers, as submitted to the OEB, understate the true connection rate in Latchford. Please, anything you can do to boost the return of these surveys please, do, and of course encourage the respondent to support connecting up. We have to recognize that if we can't indicate a higher rate of connections than Enbridge did in their submission to the OEB it will be difficult enhancing our chances for natural gas.

Doctor Recruitment

I hope that Jo-Ann had something to report on this matter as, apart from a few informal conversations with members of the local medical community, I have heard nothing formal from the Doctor Recruitment Team or Dr Roedde. I was assured by an area Dr that we are being supported in our efforts and this individual expressed the opinion this will end well for Latchford and our Medical Clinic.

OPG Call

The OPG call turned out to be one of those calls where they want you to assure a consulting firm that OPG is doing a great job, etc., etc. I still feel strongly that a joint effort between municipalities, OPG and NDMNRF is needed to prepare for the impacts of climate change and what could happen in areas such as ours. I continue to believe and I know of other municipal representatives that share that belief that we have to invest the time by all players to develop a plan of response in the event of catastrophic floods or fires. I don't believe the events in BC last year were a one off. I hope to be able to get a discussion going at the next TMA meeting which is scheduled for February 24 in Earlton.

GLL

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT FEBRUARY 2022.

had our drive around town last week but here is the monthly update for council.

This will jinx me but the winter has been an easy one with not a lot of snow to date. The sand supply is still over half! Guess I didn't have to order that expensive extra load of sand after the great icy road disaster of 2021!

Murphy mill is getting rough and wash boarded in spots. I tried to scrape down the bad spots with the loader. It helped in some spots but made it worse in others. Very little build up on the roads this year so calling in Coleman to use their grader on the road might damage the road and cause bigger problems.

The rest of the month will be plowing / moving of snow, changing coolant in Loader. General maintenance as required. Trout opens on the 15th so mix in some fishing and trapping and that will fill in the month.

Friday I have to move some of the shelving units from the old library not sure if anyone has a use for them. Looking for a place to store them. I will take some pictures and office can distribute them. I know they are wood floor units that the books were stacked on and they are solid and heavy!

Received estimate to replace street light pole on the north west side of town from Cote's power line. Just waiting on cost of new LED light and we will submit the claim. Work to be completed in the spring.

Spoke to Miller Paving and asked for an updated quote to fix Empire /Bradley corner this spring. Britt has agreed to send one of his road gurus to go over frost heave problems and bad spots on Murphy mill road this spring.

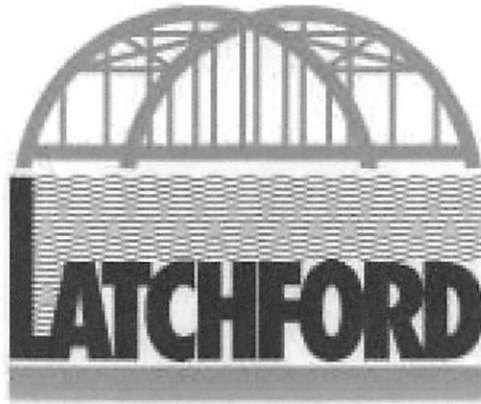
Spoke to Terry about the fence gates we have at the town shop. They look like they might fit on the baseball diamond fence. He thinks Lee got them from someone and not sure they will work but the town historian and the diamond did have gates back in the day. Guess we will know in the spring!

If all goes well it might be an opportunity for an off-leash dog park / ball field.

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Water Treatment Plant.

In the past month Rico and Pat have installed the new blower where the old generator used to sit. As well, the low-level lift pump has been taken off-line and disassembled in order to give it a much needed thorough cleaning. It should be reassembled and back on line later this week. Also, the chemical metering pump and monitor require replacement. Along with the pump and monitor a spare parts kit, two diaphragms, one air filter element and a liquid pro-liquid end RPM kit collectively costing @ \$4,500.00. Our original supplier had quoted us @ \$5,700.00 however, after an on-line search Rico was able to find us the more competitive price. To his credit, he rarely settles for initial quotes.



THE BEST LITTLE TOWN
BY A DAM SITE!

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

February 15, 2022

This report covers the period from January 18 to February 15, 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 during this time period

Two complaints received in late December were resolved.

The first complaint concerned a dog left unattended overnight on a property on Sullivan Avenue, resulting in the dog barking incessantly all night. A charge was laid under section 3.6 of the Noise Bylaw. A Provincial Offence Notice (ticket) was issued. The dog associated with this complaint was successfully “re-homed” to a rural location and is loving life!

The second complaint was regarding a noisy party that occurred on December 17 on Chaput Drive. The property owner was spoken to and a warning was issued.

3. Future Activities/Concerns

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.

Recreation Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Welcomed new members of the Recreation Committee.

Kim McNaughton
John McNaughton
Mike Cole

Shared contact numbers for the committee

Francine Blowe (Chair)	647-927-9757
Sharon Gadoury (Co-Chair)	705-676-1115
Christine Benn	705-679-3348
Mike Cole	705-648-3219
Dominick Larabie	705-650-2242
John McNaughton	905-933-0422
Kim McNaughton	905-931-8391

Upcoming Snow Sculpture Contest.

We have 4 entries to date.

Sam Green
Brittany Labreche
Andrea Burton 50 Empire St
Lou Armstrong 48 Empire St

Prizes will be given to 1st (\$50 Walmart gift card), 2nd and 3rd (\$25 Dam Depot gift card). Dan Cleroux be judging the event on Sunday, February 20th
Sliding hill will be open. Fire pits to be provided by Sharon and Kim for the sliding hill on Monday, February 21st, 2-4 - for warm up and smores. Sharon will ask Dave Peckover for donation of wood, Francine to get supplies for smores (marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate and sticks). Francine to contact the town office to update the website and encourage participation.

Waiting on final number for special events budget. We have asked for \$2,500 for the year (this excludes Canada Day Grant which has yet to be determined).

Committee discussed year at a glance

February	Family Day snow sculpture smores on Family day from 2 to 4 at the hill
March	March Break sledding
April	Easter Egg hunt, outside around the rec centre, beginning at 11am
May	Mother`s Day pancake breakfast (timing not discussed - next meeting) Sharon to approach fire department about hosting the event discussed a \$5.00 donation with profits divided 50 percent to the local food bank and 50 percent to the Latchford improvement committee
June	Father`s Day lunch in the park 12-2 hot dogs, ice cream and music in the park Sharon will reach out to locals who play instruments and encourage participation
July	Canada Day Parade starting at 1:00 pm Fireworks at darkness BBQ and games at the beach on July 2nd

August Civic Holiday
games day at the beach

September Labour Day

October Halloween
Halloween parade seems to be a big hit
Sunday before Halloween 1pm
Loot bags (bags already donated by Pauline)

November perhaps a fun day for kids at the rec centre

December Tree lighting, senior gift, kids

Francine to reach out to Patricia Foreman inviting her to the next rec committee meeting to collaborate on committee association and rec committee.

Meeting adjourned.