

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday April 22nd 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, Mike Brooks

Regrets: nil

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: 22/049

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the April 21st 2022. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 22/050

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular and in-camera council meeting held March 17th 2022.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / Fire Chief Mike Beaupre Latchford Volunteer Fire Dept;
Gave Council an over view of the implication of new legislation by the Ontario government to volunteer fire depts across Ontario. (see attached)

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Brooks: Things are running smooth at the water treatment, getting ready for spring waterflow adjusting plant as required.

Councillor Cartner: Budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 26th. The Towns auditors will be presenting financial statements for 2021. The clinic will have a locum covering the clinic until there is a replacement.

Councillor Gadoury- East. Fire Depts rubber duck race will be August 13th 2022.

Bylaw Officer will have Northern Recycling to remove vehicles etc. from residents' property asap.

Councillor Blowe: See attached

Councillor Cole: See attached

Councillor Newell: attended a zoom meeting regarding installing high speed internet in underserviced communities, between now 2025. Discussed beach shack rental what should the Town charge and informed council about young entrepreneur grants that are available that could be an option.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. **Accounts Payable and Payroll**

Resolution No.: 22/051

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$58,008.66 and accounts payable in the amount of \$172,419.07 For the period March 10th thru April 14th 2022.

CARRIED

Boreal Forest Medieval Villages.

Resolution No.: 22/052

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

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

911 Service Agreement

Resolution No.: 22/053

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves next generation 911 authority service agreement.

CARRIED

Longest Day Of Smiles.

Resolution No.: 22/054

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford proclaims June 19th 2022 as the longest day of smiles in Latchford in support of children born with a cleft condition.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 22/055

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By Sharon Gadoury-East.

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

B. Information Items

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1. Ministry of Municipal Affairs annual repayment limit.
2. DTTSSAB appointment of new CAO.
3. N. Ontario School of Medicine expansion of Northern School of Medicine.
4. Ministry of Northern Dev. Mines Natural Resources Temagami annual work schedule.
5. Ministry Of Transportation. Electronic logging devices. Ont based carriers.
6. Ministry Of Energy. New electricity resources.
7. Township Of Armstrong. Boreal Medieval Villages.
8. DTSSAB. Municipal reimbursement for Northern fires services.
9. Carla Nell. Municipal involvement in procuring new electricity supply facilities.
10. Ministry of Canadian Heritage. Doing business with Russia or Belarusian state partners.
11. Minister Steve Clark. National housing strategy.
12. Ministry of Municipal Affairs. More homes for everyone plan.
13. TMSA. Financial statement and membership dues.
14. District School Board N. East. Trustee determination.
15. Minister Steve Clark. Changes in COVID-19 measures.
16. Ontario Power Generation. Spring freshet.
17. Passenger train service to Northeastern Ontario.
18. Township of Coleman Boreal Medieval Villages.

CARRIED

09. BY-LAWS

Confirming by-law

Resolution No 22/056

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2022/009 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held April 21st 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

10. **ADJOURN**

Resolution No. 22/057


Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:45 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 21st day
Of April 2022.



Mayor, George Lefebvre

Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

April Recreation Committee

Egg hunt took place on April 17th at the rec centre, 11am. Only one child participated in the hunt. Eggs were packed up and distributed to Senior residents of Latchford.

May Mother`s Day pancake breakfast
Fire Department has agreed to partially fund the event as well as host the event as in past years. Profits from the event will be donated to the food bank. They will be serving pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice boxes, coffee and tea. The event will take place May 8th, 10:00 - 12:00. The charge will be \$5.00 per person. Should the rec centre not be available on May 8th, we will try for May 7th.

Catch the Ace for History is now over \$13,000. The Ace is still elusive.

Attended the Communities of the Montreal River meeting on April 08. This is a very exciting opportunity for Latchford and all parties attending. Looking forward to moving this forward in the near future.

Spoke with Drew Galley about moving forward with the virtual Museum tour. He admitted that he has been very busy as of late and was unable to touch base with him. He has reached out to George and will be setting up an initial ``look-see`` meeting in the next few weeks.

I have been approached by a resident of Latchford inquiring about a community garage sale. I would like to take this opportunity to open a discussion at council

Mayor's Report, April 21, 2022

Public Service and Procurement Canada: I received an email from Helene Belanger on April 19 advising that a shore anchor on their new safety barrier at the dam had come loose and was allowing the one end to float down towards the dam. She further advised that it was in no danger of entering the dam and that they advised the supplier/installer as it was still under warranty and it would be repaired. I didn't mention that there has been no ice floating downriver to test the overall integrity of this new fail safe installation which hasn't been tested during a freshet ice break-up.

Natural Gas: I checked with Laurel and the return of our surveys is not even a third of those that received them. The whole point of the survey was to show that Enbridge indicating that only 65% of Latchford would be connected after 10 years was incorrect. I cannot stress enough that we need to encourage people to complete and return their surveys to the office to prove this as otherwise it is a wasted effort.

Pre-Freshet Communication: As all can note, freshet is late this year and all communication from NDMNRF and OPG indicates above normal snow with above normal moisture content still remains in the Montreal River watershed. There are no real solid predictions as to what can be expected in terms of volumes of water or when we can expect to deal with it but the situation certainly warrants monitoring and communication. Bay Lake opened up this week so that gives hope for spring!

CMR: The Communities of the Montreal River met on April 08 and Jeff Barton was also in attendance. Jeff worked as a consultant on the initial effort of the CMR and retrieved the information that you received from Jaime today. Harri Makivirta represented the Temagami First Nation at the meeting, Chief Arden McBride the Timiskaming First Nation, Dan Cleroux for Coleman with Francine Blowe and I for Latchford. We plan to meet again in early May once Harri, who is the community energy consultant for the Temagami FN, drafts an application for support for this initiative.

Team Highway 11: Team Highway 11 met on April 12 in Temagami. I commented on the depressed manholes between Bradley and Mortson as well as the snow plows turning at our office. I commended the OPP for the effort they have extended with regards to slowing traffic through Latchford. Of note was the fact that MTO have those portable flashing speed indicator signs which I think we could probably borrow for a short period of time and I believe with what the OPP are witnessing and responding to in Latchford we could probably justify having one here.

GLL

Public Works Report April 2022.

Winter does not seem ready to retire for the season this year. This will make for a busy spring! I managed to measure the gates I have at the town shop. Looks like they will do the trick to close up the ball field fence. Once the frost is out of the ground, I will straighten up the old gate posts and everything should come together.

I will leave the off-leash dog park idea up to council. If nothing else the gates will stop people from driving into the ball diamond and rutting up the grass.

I ordered new sweeping disks for the sweeper back in March. They were on back order but hopefully they will be in soon so I can sweep the streets in early May as usual.

I have managed to start cleaning the town up as the snow is melting. Pat and I have done our first spring walk up and down town streets picking up garbage.

The new cutting edge on the wing and lack of frost last fall did a number on some of the road edges. I will be out repairing the damaged grass as the weather permits. On the bright side the wing levelled out a lot of shoulder high spots and will improve water drainage off the roads. If anyone asks, I meant to do that! Lol

Between the spruce bud worm and whatever bug is boring into the poplar trees I will be very busy this spring taking down danger trees at the campground, veterans park and along the roads and road allowances. There are a few sketchy trees that I might rent the man lift for and I might bring in Connie to give me a hand on a few others. Nothing against Pat or myself but sometimes it's better to call in the pro's vs costly repairs to someone's property!

We are making good progress on the asset management plan I hope to have my part completed by the end of the month.

That's all for now.