

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> 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:** Councillor: Gadoury-East.

**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: 22/060**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Francine Blowe

**Be it resolved that the May 19<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.: 22/061**

**Moved By:** Francine Blowe

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular a council meeting held April 21<sup>st</sup> 2022.**

**CARRIED**

5. **DELEGATIONS / NIL**

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

**Councillor Brooks:** Things are running smooth at the water treatment, new probe approved for purchase.

**Councillor Cartner:** Locums are scheduled to cover the clinic over the next few months. Town budget to be discussed during this meeting

. See attached bylaw officers report.

**Councillor Blowe:** See attached

**Councillor Cole:** See attached

**Councillor Newell:** Still looking into young entrepreneur to use the beach hut for the summer selling chips and pop, ice-cream etc. See attached bylaw officers report.

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

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**CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Action Items**

**1. Accounts Payable and Payroll**

**Resolution No.: 22/062**

**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 \$32,279.91 and accounts payable in the amount of \$49,884.49 For the period April 14<sup>th</sup> thru May 12<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

**CARRIED**

**Information Items**

**Resolution No. 22/063**

**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**

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

1. Thank you card from George and Sharon Lefebvre
2. Thank you card from Kim And Jaime Allen.
3. Barry Wellar donation for Ruby Wellar flower boxes
4. Solicitor General animal welfare act changes
5. Solicitor general firefighter certification
6. Northern development and Mines changes to aggregate resource act

**CARRIED**

**08. Ongoing.** Council reviewed the Town of Latchford 2022 budget.

**09. BY-LAWS**

**Confirming by-law**

**Resolution No 22/064**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Mike Cole

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2022/010 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held May 19<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**

**10. ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 22/065**

**Moved By:** Pam Newell

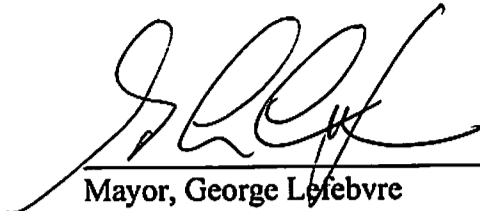
**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:12pm pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.**

**CARRIED**

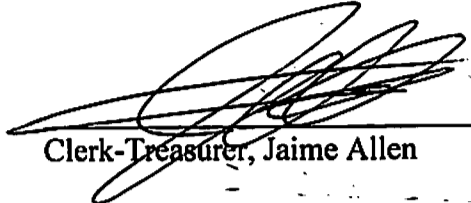
Minutes of Regular Council May 19<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Dated at Latchford this 19<sup>th</sup> day  
Of May 2022.



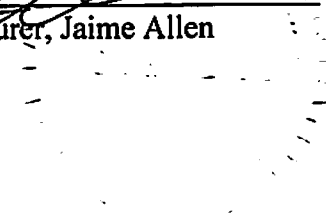
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Mayor, George Lefebvre



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Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen



## Public Works Report May 2022

things are coming along. Danger trees are down and others have been taken down and cleaned up also. There are still more that I will take down and clean up as the summer progresses but nothing urgent just cosmetic.

Pat helped out and Murphy mill and a few other roads are all brushed up for the year.

Our little sweeper broke down with a bad water pump. I am trying to find one now. Looks like about \$200 to get it running again.

The sweeper is in its last leg and I have looked into new sweeper attachments for the backhoe. Unfortunately, they run between \$25,000 for a cheap one to \$35,000 for a unit that angles. Not really in the towns budget. I rented a unit from Brownlee equipment. It worked well except for the lack of rain we were forecasted to receive. This made things a bit dusty! But none the less the sweeping is done except for the Hwy 11 sidewalks that I will do just before Miller comes to clean the Hwy.

My plan is to rent a sweeper unit once a year when we need it. The rental was \$500 plus brush ware. I'm estimating about \$700 all said and done.

Camp ground is ready and beach bathrooms are open for the season.

Will have picnic tables out and everything ready for the long weekend.

Dave Peckover has donated an industrial rototiller to work up the community garden this year. I will be picking up some manure from a farmer in Lorraine valley this week and will fix up the garden on Friday for residents to use.

I will also use the rototiller to work up the ball diamond infield again. Maybe some kids will use the field this season.

Boardwalk was inspected and Pat replaced the danger boards.

Checked over playground equipment and it's in good shape. One swing has a chip out of it and I will order a new one.

Upcoming things will be grass cutting and levelling up king street board walk section.

Planting flowers early June.

Looking into pricing for a new community center sign.

Having Delmora in to grade up gravel laneways and I will calcium them after.

We will meet in June to go over any project's council might want done this summer.

## **Mayor's Report, May 19, 2022**

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**Public Service and Procurement Canada:** On Sunday May 01, I noticed that the anchor holding the north end of the safety buoy to Carter's/Michel's island had broken free and had joined the other half in floating downstream in the direction of the dam. Fortunately, the centre anchor held and prevented it all from jamming into the gates at the dam. Being a Sunday I waited until Monday and emailed Helene Belanger with the news. I haven't let her know that this was one of the gentlest freshets on the lake and river that we have witnessed in years and there were very few chunks of ice that caused the damage to the buoy.

Now, their crew is back in repairing the safety buoy by drilling new anchor holes so that tells me that whatever plants on the island that survived the first visit will probably not survive this visit.

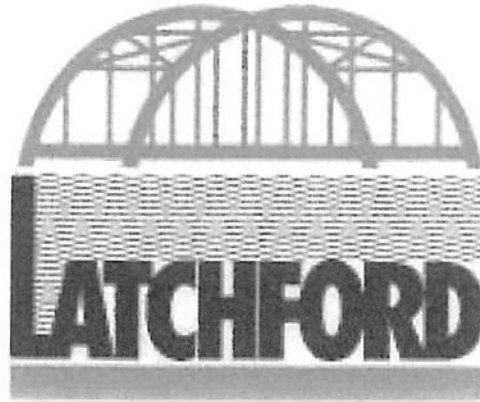
**Natural Gas:** I was fortunate to manage to meet with Wendy Landry of Enbridge Gas at FONOM and she introduced me to her successor, Kristen Oliver, as Wendy has moved up at Enbridge. They both complimented us on the effort we had made in our application, said it was very well done and that we have to continue to push for natural gas. There is another round of funding to be announced and they think it will be this fall as that directive has already come from the Minister of Energy's office to us. I think we know what holes have to be plugged in our next application and that will require an accurate number of buildings that will connect up.

**CMR:** The member communities have been advised by Harri Makivirta, the representative for the Temagami First Nation, that he is still awaiting authorization from the TeFN to represent them in these discussions. He requested a postponement of our May meeting which has been agreed to. I did meet with a representative of the Independent Electrical Supply Operator (IESO) at FONOM and discussed our plans for the Latchford Dam and shared her contact information with Jeff Barton. I think I can safely state that the Latchford Control Dam is on everyone's radar when it comes to the potential for hydro generation at that site.

I was made aware of another individual/firm that was looking to acquire a site for assembly and machining of turbine components and made them aware of our business/industrial park as a potential site for such a venture. He has agreed to discuss this opportunity further.

**Columbarium at Cemetery:** An issue that has been discussed in the past and I was provided with an opportunity to discuss it with Kevin Young, a representative of Nelson Granite at FONOM. He advised that we have to contact the Bereavement Authority of Ontario with regards to how we could go about installing a columbarium at our Pioneer Cemetery.

**Municipal Office/Information Centre Roof:** I was approached by John French Jr. who shared an observation with me regarding the cedar shakes at the ridge peak of the roof offering a solution to correct a problem before it worsens. I have discussed this with Roger and he is going to follow up on it. There are many years of life left in the roof if it is attended to. **GLL**



THE BEST LITTLE TOWN  
BY A DAM SITE!

**BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**May 16, 2022**

This report covers the period from April 16 to May 16, 2022

1. New Occurrences

One complaint was received during this time period regarding a barking dog on Main Street. Since the owner had been warned for this offence in 2021, an offence notice was issued on April 27 and the owner agreed to work to reduce the barking and find new homes for the dogs. Since that date additional complaints have been received. The officer is working with the owner and local animal shelters to attempt to find new homes for the dogs.

2. Outstanding Clean Yards Issues

- The contractor recommended waiting until early June to allow the properties to completely dry prior to entering with heavy equipment to avoid damage to lawns, etc
- The property owners have been provided with a copy of the Notices of Remedy issued in 2021 and advised in writing that if their properties are not in compliance by June 1 the contractor will be removing any items not in compliance
- All items removed may be disposed of immediately per section 10 of the bylaw
- The vast majority of the items involved are inoperative vehicles

- It is recommended that any proceeds from the disposition of the vehicles (“scrap fees”) be reimbursed to the property owners
- This can be coordinated by the officer with the contractor
- Conversely, any costs associated with the removal of the items will be billed to the property owner, again per section 10 of the bylaw

### 3. Future Activities/Concerns

Per the March 16, 2022 report, once the properties referred to above are dealt with, it is hoped that other residents not currently in compliance with the clean yards bylaw will voluntarily clean up their properties in order to comply. 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. This can be done either by having Council/staff refer properties to the officer for action, or by the officer conducting inspections of properties that appear from the roadside to be in violation.

If Council chooses to increase enforcement of this bylaw it is recommended that pro-active communications be sent to all residents advising them of the planned increase in enforcement action. This could be done via a mailout with taxes, the use of social and/or mainstream media, and the posting of notices at prominent locations in the town.

To date no direction has been received regarding future enforcement of the clean yards bylaw.

### Mother`s Day Breakfast

The breakfast was a huge success. We estimated that there were about 80 people in attendance. Firefighters did an amazing job cooking and the food was delicious. Happy to announce that we raised \$655 to donate to the Cobalt, Coleman and Latchford Food Bank.

### Yard Sale

There has been little interest in the Community Yard Sale. To date, 4 people have requested tables for the event. A flyer went in the mail yesterday and the Facebook page has been refreshed to bring the event to the top. The deadline is May 25th for expression of interest. Stand by for news on whether or not the event will take place.

### Catch the Ace for History

The Ace has not been found. We received another cheque for \$2,000 for our proceeds of the fundraiser. We continue to look for the Ace and raise funds for the House of Memories.

### House of Memories

We continue to be in communication with Drew Galley who will, together with George create the content of the virtual museum tour. Looking forward to the first cut in the very near future.