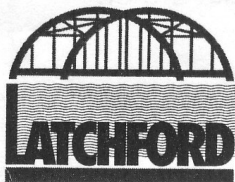


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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



# October 2022



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**COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER TO BE HELD ON THE 27th AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 7:00 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

**LEGION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN LATCHFORD.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

# Just Passin Through Again

I have been monitoring and encouraging the implementation of the Montreal River Water Management Plan (MRWMP) for over a decade now and we still await its implementation. The Montreal River has a total of 9 dams that provide both control and in 4 locations generate hydro electricity. These plans are created to establish operating parameters at these dams outlining water elevations that they are to establish at certain periods of the year and are reflective of the uses that would occur such as recreational like boating and fishing in seasons suited for such. They also outline winter drawdown levels to accommodate spring freshet.

With the implementation of a WMP on a river system a Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) is established which provides for representation from municipalities, businesses, trappers and other interest groups that are impacted by water elevation changes in that river system. The SAC meets about 3 to 4 times a year where dam operators explain any events of non-compliance with the assembled representatives and explain what has caused the non-compliance event and how it will be resolved in future.

Development of the MRWMP and other WMP's began in the very early 2,000's and most of the others have been implemented including the Matabitchuan WMP that was implemented before 2010. Garry Twiner and I have participated on that SAC since 2010. I am unaware of any other river in Ontario that has 9 control points on it and yet we are still waiting to have the WMP implemented on the Montreal River and its tributaries such as Lady Evelyn Lake.

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# From the kitchen of Diana

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## FRENCH APPLE CAKE

Cook Time: 40 Minutes Total Time: 1 Hour

Be sure to select baking apples for this recipe.

Baking apples hold their shape when baked, so the chunks of fruit won't turn into applesauce in the oven. Tart-sweet varieties such as Granny Smith or Fuji.

1 cup all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, at room temperature

2/3 cup granulated sugar, plus more for sprinkling over cake

2 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

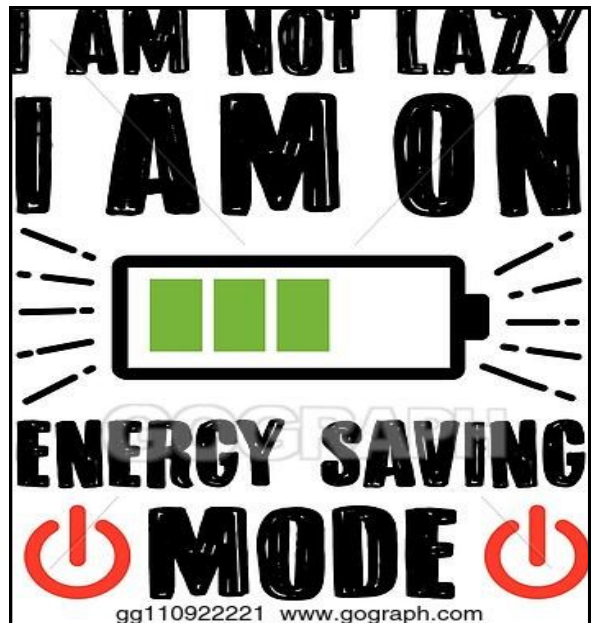
3 tablespoons dark rum

2 baking apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch cubes (Granny Smith or Fuji) (3 1/2 - 4 cups chopped)

Confectioners' sugar (optional), for decorating cake

Preheat the oven to 350°F and set an oven rack in the middle position. Grease a 9-inch springform or regular cake pan with butter or nonstick cooking spray. If using a regular cake pan, line the bottom of the pan with parchment paper and grease again. In a small bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Using a handheld mixer with beaters or a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, cream the butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well and scraping down the sides of the bowl after each addition. Beat in the vanilla and rum. Don't worry if the batter looks grainy at this point; that's okay. Add the flour mixture and mix on low speed until just combined. Using a rubber spatula, fold in the

chopped apples. Scrape the batter into the prepared pan and even the top. Sprinkle evenly with 1 tablespoon of granulated sugar. Bake for about 40 minutes, or until the cake is golden and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Allow the cake to cool on a rack in the pan. Once cool, run a blunt knife around the edges of the cake. If using a springform pan, remove the sides. If using a regular cake pan, carefully invert the cake onto the rack, remove the parchment paper, then gently flip the cake over and place right-side-up on a platter. Using a fine sieve, dust with confectioners' sugar (if using). Cake can be served warm or room temperature, plain or with lightly sweetened whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. Freezer Friendly Instructions: The cake can be frozen for up to 3 months. After it is completely cooled, wrap it tightly with aluminum foil or freezer wrap. Thaw overnight on the countertop before serving.



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Branch 629 held a meeting on September 14th at 7:00 pm. We discussed all of our general business and the various events that we hosted over the summer and plans we have for the fall months. Overall, it was a very busy and successful summer and we hope that our good fortune of the past few months, will continue into the autumn. Our next major event will be Remembrance Day. With all of the COVID restrictions lifted, we will now be able to plan for and host a traditional November 11th commemorative ceremony.

Ladies Auxiliary meeting was held on September 14th at 6:00 pm. We are very excited to announce that we are hosting a spaghetti supper on October 22nd at the branch from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We encourage all to come out and enjoy a community meal together. Cost is \$12.00

per person, kids 6 and under \$8.00.

On September 19th, the National Day of mourning, we held a commemorative ceremony in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This was the first of its kind in our Legion and the first at any Legion since 1952. The service was well attended and we thank everyone who took the time to come to the Legion and pay their respects.

The next Branch 629 meeting will be held on October 12th at 7:00 pm. The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on October 12th at 6:00 pm.

**Francine Blowe**  
**President Ladies Auxiliary**  
**Perry Livingston**  
**President**  
**Sgt Aubrey Cosens VC Branch 629**  
**Royal Canadian Legion**



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We are looking forward to seeing you.



## Letter to the Moose Call

Dear Sharon, George and Staff,

I'm glad once again to renew my Moose Call. All is well here, I hope you are too. Sharon, I was so sorry to read of your health issues. I do pray that you are well recovered & only bright days ahead. I'm enclosing a cheque to cover one year, the remainder for whatever,

Thank you and best wishes,

**Helen Lee**

## People on the Move!

Visiting Alice Livingston over the past month were Donnie and Tara Larente with daughter Abby from Welland, ON. Then her sisters Marian Pacaud from North Bay and Pat Sancartier from Thunder Bay made a visit to Latchford and following that Rick and Gloria Sullivan from Acton, ON; Bruce and Carolyn Faulkner of Sudbury along with Steve and Connie Faulkner from Halcomb, NB visited with their aunt Alice after which they headed up to Larder Lake to visit **uncle Norman Faulkner!**

## Elect Jo-Anne Cartner for Council

During the past three terms, I have approached my duties as a member of your Council with integrity, accountability, and transparency. My promise to you twelve years ago and again today is to do the best I can to represent and support all residents of Latchford. I have worked to develop a very open, informal relationship with the community, the rest of our Council, and our town staff to do what is right and in the best interests of our town. I am an honest, fair-minded, hardworking individual and I'm always ready to help out in our community. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Latchford during the next four years as the town moves forward by continuing to focus on growth, fiscal responsibility, and prosperity.

**On October 24th, I'd appreciate your vote.**

**Jo-Anne Cartner**



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# Rhonda's Garden Tip

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## Mulching Season

It's that time of year again when we get to take out our lawn tractors and lawn mowers and use them for something else other than cutting grass ..... It's leaf mulching season! It's a great way to get your yard ready for the winter. Instead of racking and gathering up the leaves to dispose of them, try mulching the carbon rich leaf particles so they will compost faster leaving your lawn a healthy green colour. The simple act of pushing your lawn mower over the leaves will cut them into smaller pieces, but if you are serious about mulching large amounts of leaves, then you may need to update your lawn mower with a few newer parts. You might want to start by changing your STANDARD mower blades to MULCHING blades to add more air underneath the cutting deck. The mulched pieces become smaller and smaller with blades that are designed to mulch, and how many times you mow over the leaves will change the size of the leaf particles too.

Another thing you can do to enhance your mulching experience is to close your side mower shoot. If the discharge shoot is left closed, the mulching process will result into even smaller pieces. If the discharge shoot is left open, you can mow in stripes going inward so you can re-cut the same leaf pieces. Either way, mulching leaves is the best way to recycle nature's debris and add nutrients back into your lawn. I call that double duty effective. Remember to set your mower cutting deck height higher than normal, especially if the leaves are thicker. On my lawn tractor, I set my cutting deck on a number 3 for height. This seems to work well for areas that are slightly thicker. It is also better to have a strong enough machine to keep traction on the ground to pull over the leaves, if not, the machine will bog down. You will be able to tell right away, if the power isn't there. The self-propelling mowers might be an area to check out, if you are comparing machines.

When you have a larger area to mulch, simply mow the smaller pieces to edge of your property, always facing the cutting shoot in the same direction. I mulch the leaves into the lawn, where the small particles disappear very quickly. If you want to bag your clippings then it's better to mulch on a day when it's dry. Collect the dry mulched pieces and add them to your garden beds for insulation around the tender plants to protect them during the winter months. This would also add lots of fall earth tone colours to the garden beds, full of texture and interest. Add mulched leaves to vegetable garden beds, around trees, shrubs, and composts to create a nutrient richness. You can gather up piles of leaves to line and cover a few path ways to make the walkway a little brighter and more colourful. Finally, once you are done mulching all the leaves and taking the tractor or lawn mower out for one more spin around the yard to enjoy that fresh, crisp, earthy spruce smell of fall, which makes the work all worth it, the time has come to clean off the machines and prep them for winter storage. For the ones who add winter-blend fertilizer to the lawn, the 3 numbers in fertilizer are the nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium in that order. The potassium is what gives the lawn its strength against the cold. So, look for a higher end number to help the lawn store food, that way it will come back full force in the spring. Enjoy!



rhonda's Cards



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Bye for now Rhonda

## Subscribers News

Fingers crossed but as of this writing we have still not had a “killer” frost hit Latchford! Gardeners appear to have had a great year if the amount of their bounty that they are sharing with neighbours is any indication. A trip in the Anima Nipissing or Roosevelt Roads in the next week or two should provide a very colourful ride for those who opt to make it.

We had a good month for renewals and we even managed to score one new subscriber which was one for 3 years for Tom and Juanita Menard of Norwich, ON who were gifted with it by Larry and Vicky Wilkes who also renewed for 3 more years of the ‘Call for Wayne Nix of Woodstock, ON and Mr & Mrs Urie Miller of Summerville, PEI!

Next in long time resident Otti Endres, now of Orangeville renewed for 2 more years and then the circulation manager renewed another year for our daughter Jen Miller down in Plymouth, Ill and grand-daughter Hannah Gravelle of Jacksonville, Ill. Following that was Richard Swiston of Hamilton, ON, who stays for another 2 years. Then we had a renewal for another year from long time subscriber, Helen Lee of Don Mills, ON and the month wrapped up with renewals for another year from Yolande Tressider of Cobalt and Norma Knight of New Liskeard. Thanks to all for your continued support and interest as well as the extra that so many include with their renewal. Much appreciated.

On the health and fitness front, I failed to mention last month, and apologize for not doing so, as Evelyn Burns, our oldest resident at 99 years of age, is a patient in hospital in New Liskeard. Our very best wishes for a recovery that will allow you to return to your home as soon as possible! Frances Lefebvre continues to heal ever so slowly at home from her triple bypass surgery but is making progress. Jackie Adshead and Sharon Lefebvre both continue to recover from their ailments. To the foregoing and all else who may be ailing or infirm, a speedy return to good health is wished.

And, speaking of good health, our new Dr Mat Scott is hard at it in the Latchford Medical Clinic and I swear I seen him making a house call on foot! I know he likes walking as he has already hiked some of the “Neighbour Woods Trails” and expressed the pleasure he derived from the hike!

George L.

## NOTICE

**The Latchford Recreation Committee would invite residents to consider joining their group, as several members have resigned and some are moving away, so very few members will remain. Should they not be able to recruit more people, this organization could very easily fold and this would be very detrimental to the children and adults of Latchford as they provide many activities for all ages throughout the year. Call Anne @705-676-2492 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!**

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## Town Of Latchford

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*Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [Section 33 (5) to 37]*

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| NAME OF CANDIDATE    | OFFICE     | QUALIFYING ADDRESS    |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
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| Gadoury-East, Sharon | Mayor      | 48 Empire St          |
| Benn, Christine      | Councillor | 159 Murphy Mill Rd.   |
| Bigras, Bryce        | Councillor | 56 Proulx St.         |
| Cartner, Jo-Anne     | Councillor | 39 Main St.           |
| Cole, Mike           | Councillor | 101 Murphy Mill Rd.   |
| Davies, Peter        | Councillor | 5 Chaput Drive.       |
| Newell, Pam          | Councillor | 9 Chaput, Drive       |
| Olson, Ken           | Councillor | 3 Chaput Drive.       |
| McDonald, Bailey     | Councillor | 53 Empire Street      |
| McDonald, Trudy      | Councillor | 58 Empire Street      |
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I was recently provided with a contact for the popular **“Still Standing” show on CBC** and encouraged to submit an application for Latchford to be featured on the show. I submitted the following and while I haven’t heard back from the show I have included my submission for some light reading in the Moose Call.

**Latchford – a look back by George L. Lefebvre, Mayor. September 7, 2022**

Pre-railroad (1904) known as “Que Che Cheng”, Ojibwa for “where the river leaves the lake” or “the outlet”. A portage around the present day rapids allowed canoes to be taken from Bay Lake to the downstream Montreal River.

1905 – Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway arrived and the Town is created and named, “Latchford”. The Empire Lumber Company erected a large double cut band mill; it became the point of departure on the Montreal River for exploration in the Elk Lake/Gowganda area. Numerous merchant outlets were established and the Bank of Commerce established a Branch here. Hotels flourished as did the Town and the railway station operated 24 hours a day and at its peak employed 27 people. During this boom period much of Latchford’s business section was burned on two occasions but quickly rebuilt.

The “Town of Latchford” was incorporated as such on July 15, 1907. Council soon embarked on plans to bring water to Latchford from Lake Anima Nipissing by gravity feed as that lake is approximately 125 feet higher than Latchford. The project was to coincide with the construction of a dam which was to raise the elevation of Bay Lake by 8 feet to aid navigation which now had two companies operating steam boats here from May until the end of October.

In 1911 the T&NO Rlwy began building a Branch line into Elk Lake which spelled the end of the Montreal River Navigation Company and the Upper Ontario Steamboat Lines operations out of Latchford (when completed in February,

1913) and the Bank of Commerce moved their Branch to South Porcupine. The contractor for the water distribution system went bankrupt, the pipes were taken back for demurrage and the project collapsed and almost took the Town with it leaving behind excavated trenches that are still visible in some areas today.

In 1912, the Empire Lumber Company lost their timber limits and was forced to close, dismantle their mill and leave Latchford. One of the large hotels mysteriously burned on New Year’s Eve, 1912 and merchants and restaurants left, many for the new rail head in Elk Lake. Latchford was left with one small circular saw mill and the few jobs on the railway for employment.

Industry started coming back and by the end of World War 1 we had three sawmills and a pulp rossing operation here and survived the depression by actually providing employment to those from outside the area including my father who came here from south eastern Ontario. We entered World War 2 with three modern sawmills, had one close in 1942 but employees were absorbed into the remaining mills. While we had 86 volunteers in the war, we only lost 3 and one of those, was Sgt Aubrey Cosens V.C. One of only 16 Canadians to win this prestigious honour in WW2.

Latchford had never been provided with hydro services because the two major customers could generate their own electricity and were only seasonal customers as they only operated from May unto October. The town raised the necessary funds through debentures and in 1950 installed hydro throughout the Town via the Latchford Hydro Electric Corporation which stayed in existence until 2000 when it had to be sold to Hydro One.

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## A look back continued.....

Things looked great in the 1950's until 1957 when the A. J. Murphy sawmill burnt down in July of that year. They ran nightshift at the A. B. Gordon sawmill for the balance of that year while they built a new hydraulic/electric sawmill which was the first of this new design built in the Northeast. They continued night shift operations at Gordon's for 1958 and 1959. In 1960, A. B. Gordon's shut down their mill and disassembled it. A. J. Murphy began the operation of their new hydraulic/electric sawmill in 1960 running two shifts thereby absorbing many workers from the Gordon operation which had closed. Then in the fall of 1962, the Murphy operation was closed permanently. The sawmill was sold and dismantled, rebuilt in Elk Lake where there is still an operating sawmill. Seems like shades of 1912 when the railway to Elk Lake ended that era for Latchford?

The diehard sawmill lumberjacks found employment in nearby Temagami at Wm Milne & Son sawmill but many in Town were left scrambling for meaningful employment around the area as there was nothing left in Latchford with some turning to the mines in nearby Cobalt.

In the mid-sixties a large iron ore mine, the Sherman Mine, came into being in Temagami a short 20 mile drive south and employed many from Latchford as well as being a real boon for our commercial businesses as the mine operated 24 hours a day and the traffic, primarily from the north all passed through Latchford.

It also resulted in a number of new homes going up in Latchford and in 1975 we finally realized the installation of our long denied water and sewage services in the Town.

In February, 1989, Dofasco the owners of Sherman Mine announced it would be closing down at the end of March 1990. The resulting job losses in Latchford were significant and shortly after that closure, Wm Milne and Son in Temagami closed their operation further devastating the Latchford workforce. A number of the mining community went west but those of both industries that remained here had to seek other means of employment.

A mid '60's launched effort by the Ministry of Natural Resources to create a cottage lot area along the shores of Bay Lake out the Murphy Mill Road (which had been created to access that industry). The success of this inspired the Town of Latchford to negotiate the acquisition of a 27 lot subdivision from the Province of Ontario in 1990 and sell them as, primarily, cottage lots. The vast majority have now transitioned into permanent homes adding greatly to both the assessment and population of Latchford.

"Still Standing" despite no industry but surrounded by the beauty of the Montreal River Valley that we are situated in. Successive generations of Latchford residents and their elected leaders have had to learn to adapt and adapt we have.

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## Latchford Fire Department News

Spooky season is upon us! The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind the residents and visitors of Latchford of some Halloween safety tips.

Let's start with the good old-fashioned carving and decorating of pumpkins! Remember that knives or other sharp instruments should not be used by children to carve pumpkins and children should be supervised by an adult during pumpkin-carving activities. You should not use an open flame to light a pumpkin. Instead, it is safer to use a flashlight, glow stick or battery-operated candle in a pumpkin. If, however, you do choose to use a real candle, please do so with caution. Ensure children and pets are supervised when candles are lit. Make sure to place lit pumpkins well away from flammables, as well as away from trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, and walkways. Also, please remember to keep exits clear of decorations and clutter so nothing blocks escape routes. It is a good idea to have an extinguisher close to any open flames in case an unwanted fire does occur.

If you choose to hand out candy and participate in Halloween festivities, please make sure your home is well-lit and your yard is clear and safe. Remember to keep your pets secure, ensuring no harm comes to your pets or trick-or-treaters.

It is a good idea to wear a bright and reflective costume and carry a flashlight and use glow sticks or reflective tape as part of your costume. Remember to stay away from open flames and make sure you know how to stop, drop and roll if your clothing catches fire.

It is best to try to Trick-or-treat when it is still light outside and never enter a stranger's home. Children and youth should be accompanied by an adult while trick-or-treating. Young people

should trick-or-treat in a group, especially if an adult is not present. It is a good idea for parents

or caregivers to discuss with children and youth the route they will be travelling and what time they are required to return home. It is best to plan a trick-or-treat route ahead of time and pick well-lit streets.

Remember to stay on sidewalks, and look left, right and left again to be sure no cars are approaching before crossing the street. If there is no sidewalk, remember to walk facing traffic. Remember not take short cuts, especially through alleys. Trick-or-treaters should only eat treats after they have been examined by an adult or caregiver. When examining treats, you should look for signs of tampering including unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious. Although choking occurs most frequently among younger children, choking can happen at any age. Therefore, discourage eating while playing, running, jumping, or talking.

It is important to be aware that many Halloween treats are not labeled with ingredients and can contain nuts, eggs, dairy products, and other allergens. It is a good idea to only allow children with food allergies to consume treats that have the ingredients listed. Treats should also be removed from packages prior to consuming to avoid cross contamination with non-safe products. The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would like to wish the residents and visitors of Latchford a very safe, happy and healthy spooky season!

**Chantal Paquin**