

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
THURSDAY MARCH 20TH 2014.**

**At 7:00 p.m.**

**HELD AT THE LATCHFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE**

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

**PRESENT:**

**Council:** Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors Larry Anderson, Theo Cull, Jo-Anne Cartner, Scott Green Maxine Cannon.& Dave Willcock.

**Regrets:** NIL

**Staff:** Jaime Allen, Clerk and Lise Remillard, CFO.

**Public:** One member of Public

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

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

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

**Resolution No.:14/038**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Maxine Cannon

**Be it resolved that the March 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 Agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.**

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 14/039**

**Moved By:** Maxine Cannon

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular, Finance and in camera Council Meetings held January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 4th 2014. Be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.**

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:** Councilors Green Willcock and Mayor Lefebvre declared a conflict of interest for Bylaw number 2014-08 members of the Legion\*\*

5.

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

**Councillor Cull:** Will ask Fire Chief to come to next Budget meeting, would like Council to start appointing new Fire Dept volunteers.

**Councillor Anderson:** see attached

**Councillor Cartner:** see attached

**Councillor Cannon:** see attached

**Councillor Green:** next Budget Meeting March 31<sup>st</sup>

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

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Action Items**

- 1. Appoint Latchford Ambassadors.  
Resolution No.: 14/040  
Moved By: Maxine Cannon  
Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner**

**Whereas** the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford appreciates all who enjoy living here in Latchford,  
**And Whereas**, Council is of the opinion that individuals who have come great distances, and from other Countries, to take up residence here in Latchford are worthy of special recognition for their decision to reside here in Latchford,  
**And Whereas**, Council has determined that the best way to recognize such people is by granting them special status within Latchford,  
**Therefore be it Resolved**, that Council for the Town of Latchford hereby bestows upon Roger Carmody the title of "Honorary Irish Ambassador to Latchford" and upon Ami Cheema that of "Honorary Indian Ambassador to Latchford".  
**And further**, in consideration of their new status they are further encouraged to act as welcoming ambassadors to residents of their former Countries to Latchford.

**CARRIED**

- 2. TCC FUNDING REQUEST  
Resolution No.: 14/041  
Moved By: Maxine Cannon.  
Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner.**

**Be it resolved** that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves expenditure of \$750.00 for the Town of Latchford's portion for hiring an intern for Temagami-Cobalt-Corridor

**TABLED**

- 3. Election Training.  
Resolution No.: 14/042  
Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner.  
Seconded By: Maxine Cannon .**

**Be it resolved** that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves the attendance of Clerk Jaime Allen, to the AMCTO election workshop being held in Timmins on May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014. As per attached registration form. Expenses to be charged to Municipal Election expenses 2014 Budget line.

**CARRIED**

- 4. Consent to Sever.  
Resolution No.: 14/024  
Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner.  
Seconded By: Maxine Cannon.**

**Be it resolved** that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approve application to sever To allow stairway so that access to lake is entirely on the adjacent lot as per attached application.

14. Town of Aurora Municipal recall.
15. Hydro One billing explanation.
16. Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford Area Food Bank

**CARRIED**

09. **ONGOING BUSINESS: NIL**

10. **NEW BUSINESS: NIL**

11. **BY-LAWS**

**Tax Relief**

**Resolution No 14/048**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2014-08** being a by-law to provide tax relief for Royal Canadian Legion Branch 629, Municipal portion only for the year 2014. Be it taken as read a first, second and third time, and finally passed by the Council of the Town of Latchford

**CARRIED**

**\*\*Councilors Green Wilcock and Mayor Lefebvre declared a conflict of interest for this bylaw members of the Legion\*\***

**Confirming by law.**

**Resolution No 14/049**

**Moved By:** Dave Willcock

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2014-009** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held March 20<sup>th</sup> 2014. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

12. **ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 14/050**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 7:55 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Dated at Latchford this 20<sup>TH</sup> day  
Of March, 2014

  
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Mayor, George Lefebvre

  
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Clerk, Jaime Allen

**CARRIED**

5.

**Fire Dispatch.**

**Resolution No.: 14/044**

**Moved By: Scott Green**

**Seconded By: Larry Anderson**

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves four year renewal With the City of Timmins for Fire dispatch services as per attached schedule.**

**CARRIED**

6.

**Steamer Purchase.**

**Resolution No.: 14/045**

**Moved By: Larry Anderson**

**Seconded By: Scott Green**

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves purchase of a Thompson Steamer for the price of \$5040.00 from Clark-Kavanagh as per attached quote. Upon examination and acceptance of condition.**

**CARRIED**

7.

**Mileage Rate.**

**Resolution No.: 14/046**

**Moved By: Scott Green**

**Seconded By: Dave Willcock**

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves raising the mileage reimbursement rate for The Town Of Latchford to 45 cents per km effective March 20<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

**CARRIED**

8.

**Information Items**

**Resolution No. 14/047**

**Moved By: Dave Willcock**

**Seconded By: Larry Anderson**

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

**B. Information Items**

1. Timiskaming Health Unit January 29<sup>th</sup> minutes
2. FONOM February Newsletter
3. Temiskaming Municipal Building ASSC. February 14<sup>th</sup> minutes.
4. MNR 2014-2015 Annual Work schedule.
5. Forest Management Plan minor amendment review.
6. Sequin Township OPP funding model.
7. Ministry Of Community Safety, Municipal emergency management program.
8. Hydro protest April 4<sup>th</sup> 2014.
9. Timiskaming Health Unit Board remuneration.
10. DTSSAB 2014 Budget
11. Temagami Cobalt Corridor Committee, February 5<sup>th</sup> minutes.
12. Ministry Of Community Safety. New sprinkler regulations.
13. SAI Global audit report Latchford Water Treatment Plant.

**March 20, 2014**

**Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner**

**Library**

We're progressing slowly with the library closure. Members of the Earlton Library visited and took quite a number of books and bookshelves that will be of use in their library. Englehart will be picking up their books and inventory during the first week of April. Three of the bookshelves from the library will be put to use in the new Post Office location once they have been cleared of books.

Our next meeting will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at which time we will decide when we will be having our book sale.

**Community Association**

Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> was the last day for the rink. With the cold weather we've experienced over the past few months, the rink has had plenty of use by our young figure skaters, hockey players and visitors.

Trudy Lepage and Grant McDonald did a great job of overseeing the rink and keeping the ice flooded and in good condition for the use of our skaters.

As I mentioned at our last budget meeting, the Community Association has agreed to pay Latchford's yearly payment in support of the Food Bank once again.

The Temagami Cobalt Corridor meeting scheduled for last evening was postponed because of the weather.

## Public Works March 20, 2014

- Public works has purchased a spare front and rear tire for the plow truck to ensure very little down time when it is needed for plowing. Purchased for \$150 per tire and rim.
- Public Works has estimated how much used fill can be utilized from our recent roadway that cannot be connected to the highway. It was also noted that we will have to erect a more permanent barrier to the highway for liability purposes.
- Public works has been noting where to do widening and work on Murphy Mill road. Consensus was that problems so far are due to excessive speed and not the road.
- Higher than normal hydro costs were reviewed. We have been plowing much more on weekends which causes the main doors to be opened but the weather this winter is believed to be the biggest culprit. Everyone, me included, have never used so much heating material. Anyone heating with electricity has taken huge increases from the long cold spells.
- There will be a resolution tonight to purchase a used steam machine for @ \$5000 for thawing out culverts and lines. This is to be charged to the water plant budget with some contribution from public works. This is about 1/3 the cost of new and comes with a one year warranty.

End.

## **Mayor's Report, February 20, 2014**

### **Latchford Control Dam Project**

PWGSC will be holding a key regional stakeholders meeting here in Latchford on March 25. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on the design of the new dam in relation to the hydro component. They noted in their invitation to the meeting that it is not intended to be a full project update and they are planning a session for that in late April/early May.

All of this tells us that they are still not close to calling for tenders on the construction of the new dam. I emailed Harpreet in the hopes of getting some indication as to when they might be called.

### **Forest Tenure Modernization Advisory Team**

While in Toronto for the PDAC conference, I met with Jeremy Williams of Aves Consulting regarding his role in this project. The meeting revolved around issues that have to be considered by any new governance structure developed for the Temagami Management Area as they could impact Latchford or its residents. I continue to emphasize access to fuel wood permits as being key to many in this community. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Bear Island on March 27.

### **Hydrometric Monitoring on the Montreal River**

On March 12, we hosted a pre-freshet meeting at the Municipal Office that was very well attended. We had 2 North Bay MNR staff, 3 Kirkland Lake MNR staff, 2 Peterborough MNR staff on conference call, 3 Timmins OPG staff and representatives from Matachewan, Elk Lake, Coleman, Cobalt and Latchford. The only ones not represented were PWGSC.

We certainly appear to have acquired the necessary level of attention to the Montreal River and I am confident that future communications regarding any issues as to water elevations will be much better addressed. There are so many variables involved that long range predictions are unreliable but both OPG and MNR indicated they doubt there will be much respite from the winter weather before mid April. Should we experience a rapid meltdown such as we had in 2013, flooding will be a concern.

We were provided with copies of the Montreal River Watershed area and I attempted to get enough copies for each of us. There was considerable discussion regarding the need for surface water monitoring along the length of the Montreal and Brenton from Peterborough MNR indicated attempts are being made to install an all season precipitation gauge and hydrometric monitoring (such as the one at Carter's Point) at Mountain Chute. We emphasized the need for good inundation mapping for populated areas along the Montreal and circulated a map of Elk Lake that was prepared by the MNR utilizing Sutcliffe Engineers (now EXP Trow) in the 1980's. This map illustrated the high water experienced during the 1960 flood. I had checked with Jamie Hawken at Trow about the availability of such a map for Latchford but none exists.

It was explained by MNR that it was a special program that communities had to pay a portion of and Elk Lake appears to be the only municipality along the Montreal that did so. We were encouraged to check out a new JEPP program as that could be the source of funding for such a project by the other municipalities. We were also requested to record dates and elevations of high water for future reference. At our budget meeting on Tuesday we discussed the availability and cost of sandbags that was provided by the MNR and which we agreed to purchase as a precautionary measure. I have again copied the link to the Public Works website to my report that allows one to get continual updates on the elevations on Bay Lake as sourced from Carter's Island and encourage you to share it with any you think might be interested and will include it again in the April Moose Call.

[http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=02JD013](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=02JD013)

### **Ratepayer's Petition**

When Jaime last checked with Bryan Searle, there had been no response back from the Minister's office with respect to the petition and our response.

GLL



Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2014

The billing date of March 3 2014 for the Community Centre bill is \$1,042.65. As we determined at our budget meeting the heat will be turned down to save on future costs. Hopefully spring weather warms up soon. Today we have 9 members using the gym which helps with heating the building as a whole. Rising hydro rates are a concern in every community.

Maxine