

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH 2024. At 6:30pm
MEETING HELD BY ZOOM**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Sharon Gadoury-East, Councilors Trudy McDonald Pam Newell, Ken Olson, Jo-Anne Cartner, Shelly Church, Mike Cole.

Regrets: nil

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

Public: nil

Press: nil

1. Mayor Gadoury-East called meeting to order at 6:30pm and welcomed everyone.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 24/157

Moved By: Trudy McDonald

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that November 12th 2024 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 24/158

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Ken Olson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular and In camera meeting held October 22nd 2024.Be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS: see attached

6 CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 24/159

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Shelly Church

Be it resolved that the Town of Latchford approves accounts payable in the amount of \$64,213.67 for the period October 18th thru November 6th 2024.

CARRIED

2. Ontario Rural Road Safety/

Resolution No.: 24/160

Moved By: Trudy McDonald

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Latchford requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

CARRIED

3. International Day For The Elimination Of violence Against Women.

Resolution No.: 24/161

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Shelly Church

The Town of Latchford does hereby proclaim

NOVEMBER 25th 2024 as The International Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women

WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; And.

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 62 femicides occurring in Ontario in 2023.

WHEREAS Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; And.

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to Experience higher rates of violence, including femicide; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their life due to femicide.

And

WHEREAS in five of the last six years, at least one person from the District of Timiskaming was the victim of femicide; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and

Now, therefore, I (title and jurisdiction) proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024 shall be known as “The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women” and urge all citizens to recognize this day by acting to support survivors of gender-based violence.

CARRIED

4.

Redistribution of land transfer tax and GST.

Resolution No.: 24/162

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Ken Olson

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Latchford Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That The Town of Latchford Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved Those copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

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5 Be It Further Resolved Those copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

6.

Correspondence

B.

Information Items

Resolution No. 24/163

Moved By: Trudy McDonald

Seconded By: Pam Newell

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

- 1) TMA Minutes October 24th 2024.
- 2) Ministry of Finance OMPF fund for 2025.
- 3) Literacy Council recognition for Latchford donation.
- 4) Ministry of Energy. Ontario's energy future.
- 5) Matabitchuan redevelopment project.
- 6) Ministry of Finance (education property taxes 2025)
- 7) Wallbridge and Wallbridge statement of claim.
- 8) Timiskaming Health Unit New Board Of Health Appointees.

CARRIED

7. **Items discussed:**

- 1) Council discussed Christmas bags for seniors will be delivered on December 15th
Also discussed tree lighting which will be held on December 6th 2024.
- 2) Council discussed the need for more playground equipment at the waterfront.
- 3) Council discussed hydro component on the Latchford Dam and will invite Jeff Barton to our next Council meeting to give a presentation.

8.

BYLAWS:

By-law to regulate fire hydrant use.

By-Law NO. 24/030

Resolution No. 24/164

Moved By: Pam Newell

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that By-Law No.24-024 being a by-law to regulate fire hydrant use . Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Confirming Bylaw

By-Law NO. 24/031

Resolution No. 24/165

Moved By: Trudy McDonald

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-Law No.24-024 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Regular Council meeting held November 12th 2024. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

09. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 24/166


Moved By: Shelly Church

Seconded By: Trudy McDonald


Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:18pm. Or until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 12th day
Of November 2024



Mayor, Sharon Gadoury-East.



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen.

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PUBLIC WORKS REPORT NOVEMBER 2024

Hello everyone,

I have been busy finishing up small jobs and preparing for the winter weather.

Hydrant 4 didn't want to stop leaking. Had to order some seals and new bottom end. The good news is it's finally fixed and back in service.

Town plow truck has been to pioneer for its annual safety. The cost was quite high !

With the new inspection requirements it takes a lot longer now. And as we all know. The longer in the shop the higher the cost! The truck is in good shape for its age but I did have them make some new hydraulic lines . I have replaced a few as they failed but the other main lines were due for a change. The alternative is they fail in the dark when I'm plowing and I don't notice until the pump runs dry and a hydraulic pump is up to five thousand dollars now. The 2 front springs have been replaced on the truck also. One was found broke when they took the wheel off. The other went the next week when I was hauling fill. I should have had they change both at the same time but I was trying to keep costs down.

The positive thing is now they are good for another 15 years and they didn't go when I was plowing. That would have been a painful experience for Heidi and I !

Truck also needed a front tire. The weight of the wing finally caught up with it.

The rec floors were waxed. They look great and should help prolong the life of them.

I did have a good chat with the flooring girl at carpet one. She is very knowledgeable! The main rec floor will need to be taken up , washed with muratic acid and then sealed. Then you can put a floor down.

She said the same thing happened to a floor in another town.

I did wonder about covering the floor with rubber matting like the gym. Out of sight out of mind.

Another thought is treating it and painting it with that stone looking concrete sealer.

We need to start to save for this project in next years budget.

I can't take it anymore ! I picked up 2 new front struts for the town pick up. The squeaking gets less as the weather gets cold but 2 summers of listening to the squeaky noises is enough. Chris is installing the struts this week.

Managed to fix up all the holes and slap a thick coat of paint on the dump trailer. Guys , it's really starting to show its age!

Remember last call at the bar when they turn the lights on ??? Ya that's the dump trailer!

Should plan on setting aside some money in the next few budgets to purchase one in a few years. I called the manufacturer of our current trailer and it would be around \$9000.00 for a new one same as we have.

The safety fence at the dam is complete. Anderson fence did a good job and the Feds are happy. They even requested us to price some additional fencing on the dam itself.

The towns not in the business of general contracting but adding a few bucks to our maintenance contract with them doesn't hurt every now and then.

Well that's all for this month. Between trapping and trail cutting I will use up my holidays in November.

There are some leaning trees on Murphy mill road that are bugging me and some in the veteran's park . If the weather holds, I will take them down this month. Also need to burn the brush pile at the cemetery. Now that I know that any random flat stone on the ground is a grave marker, I'm not sure what's under the brush pile. I may just put all the brush on the property south of the cemetery .

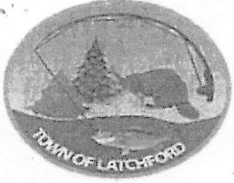
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Description	Notes
Bear Island WTP X2 Trip.	<p>Maintenance Contract</p> <p>-Rebuild Chlorine Analyzer – Maintenance Kit installed in Cl2 Probe</p> <p>-Calibrations – Lab instruments + Chlorine Analyzer</p>
Filter 2 Repair & Media Replacement	<p>*Taken out of Service</p> <p>-Maintenance has been completed.</p> <p>-Super chlorinated Filter#2 Media</p> <p>-Sample results good</p> <p>*Filter#2 Deemed ready for service from MOE.</p>
<p>Sewage Treatment Plant</p> <p>*We have received the Final copy of the new ECA, and the new ECA has now been officially implemented.</p>	<p>New Weekly sampling procedures have begun. So far, our E-coli sampling has been good – The UV Disinfection system is doing its job quite well.</p>
July Quarterly samples – Exceedance on HAA's	<p>We are making process adjustments to lower our organics TOC/DOC.</p> <p>**We are Taking weekly TOC/DOC samples.</p> <p>October sample quarter results indicate that we are doing quite well.</p> <p>**We are back in compliance**</p>

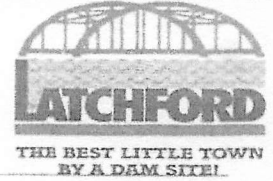
<p>Latchford DWS: Surprise Inspection</p> <p>**Municipal Counsel Action Item</p> <p>*I will require a copy of the new bylaw for the next MOE Inspection.</p>	<p>-Detailed WTP Inspection Aug 7/24 -Inspection went well with only 1 action item.</p> <p>Recommendation: Municipal Bylaw needs to be created limiting Fire Hydrant access solely to Municipal Staff and Fire department.</p>
<p>Treated Ph Analyzer (CT Instrument – critical)</p>	<p>-Could not calibrate analyzer probe -Not reading Properly – ordered new ph probe (Approx \$600) *Need to replace probe ASAP</p>
<p>SCADA System Maintenance</p> <p>*Claudel Stroma Engineering recommended budgeting for an upgrade from windows 10 to windows 11.</p> <p>Windows 10 is becoming obsolete and will no longer be supported. This upgrade will be required within the next couple years. In discussions it will cost approx. \$2000.00 and should be done next year.</p>	<p>We had a scada computer system glitch. I had Claudel from STROMA Engineering dial in and perform some cleanup on our computer as well as performed system updates. Periodic maintenance is required to maintain proper operation.</p>
<p>WTP Calibrations – October</p> <p>Annual Calibrations + Quarterly Calibrations and Maintenance.</p>	<p>-Flow meter calibration verifications, calibrated treated and raw water analyzers, level tank transmitters, filter turbidity analyzer calibrations, chlorine analyzer calibrations, datalogger verification, pressure transmitter and pressure controls, tested all plant alarms and auto-dialers. Instrumentation maintenance</p>
<p>Fire Hydrant Flushing + Valve exercising</p>	<p>-Fall hydrant distribution flushing and valve exercising maintenance completed.</p>
<p>Fire Hydrant#4 leaking</p>	<p>Fire Hydrant #4 was repaired with new parts. Back in service</p>
<p>WTP UV Disinfection System</p>	<p>Fabricated new UV Light metal</p>

Racks

*Makes cleaning maintenance easier as all lights can be removed and channel can be properly cleaned with Fire hose.



CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
LATCHFORD



To Mayor & Council,

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November 5, 2024

During budget deliberations for 2024, \$2500.00 was allocated for Special Events. To date \$1260.70 has been used, leaving \$1239.30 available for Seniors Christmas Bags.

Please see attached list of expenses to date.

Laurel Gadoury

Deputy Treasurer – Deputy Clerk