

**\*\*Note:** The Council Chambers and gallery area to observe Council meetings, remain closed to the public due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Please contact the Municipal Office for accommodation if you wish to observe. **\*\*Guests attend by teleconference.**

**Please note all parties wishing to observe must pre-register in advance, and individually with the Municipal Office due to Covid-19 accommodation considerations and for documentation purposes. You can reach the Municipal Office at 705-386-7741. To register, please email [infomachar@vianet.ca](mailto:infomachar@vianet.ca) with your name and phone number for call in details.**

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, November 22, 2021**

**6:30 pm Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

**GUESTS**

**6:30-6:45 pm Danielle McLaren, Christmas at the Coughlin's**

**BUSINESS**

- 1. Adoption of Nov 8, 2021 minutes, Resolution**
  - a. Follow up from meeting LONL**
- 2. Application for Consent 1-192-10, Resolution**
- 3. Administration Update, AMCTO Fall Economic Update**
- 4. By-Law to authorize Vote by Mail for the 2022 Municipal Election, Resolution**

**COMMITTEES**

- 5. Machar Christmas Lights**
- 6. By-Law Enforcement Update**
- 7. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Oct; Fire and Arena**
  - a. Christmas in the Village**
  - b. Central Almaguin Santa Claus Parade**
- 8. South River Machar Library minutes of Nov 10, 2021, Resolution**
- 9. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration first Strategic Plan**
  - Chief Administrative Officer's Report Nov 2021 available**

**INFORMATION**

- 10. Village of Sundridge Resolution** – Requests that they eliminate the use of single use water bottles in the Village Offices, and that residents and visitors of the village be encouraged not to use single water bottles and that we encourage other municipalities to do the same.
- 11. Lake of Bays Resolution** – Hereby receives the correspondence form Anita Dubeau, Chair, Board of Health, for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and supports their request to Minister Christine Elliott for additional COVID-19 funding, dated Oct 21, 2021.

- 12. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Harmful Blue-Green Algae in Legrou Lake** – Species of the algae capable of producing toxins were confirmed by the laboratory of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Toxins in harmful algae can irritate the skin and, if swallowed, cause diarrhea and vomiting. You can find out more about harmful algae at [www.myhealthunit.ca/algae](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/algae) or by calling the Health Unit at 705-474-1400, ext. 5400 or 1-800-563-2808.
- 13. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Learning and Caring for yourself During Your Senior Years, Seniors’ Symposium** – Invitation for you to attend the free online Senior’s Symposium “Learning and Caring for Yourself During Your Senior Years” Nov 22 to 26, 2021. For more information, to pre-register for the symposium, or to learn about viewing location call 705-474-7600 ext. 7989, email [micheline.mcwhirter@canadorecollege.ca](mailto:micheline.mcwhirter@canadorecollege.ca) or visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/soyf](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/soyf).
- 14. MPAC, Municipal Assessment Postponed** – Continued postponement of the province-wide assessment taxes for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years will continue to be based on the Jan 1, 2016 as they were for the 2021 tax year.
- 15. MEPCO, PSAB Guidance and Response to Calls for OMERS Independent Review** – Public Sector Accounting Board’s Exposure Draft, Proposed section 3251, Employee Benefits. AMO and MEPCO do not support the Call for an Independent Review.
- 16. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update, Fall Economic Statement Highlights, Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, Conservation Authorities Act Webinars and Fact Sheets** – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund will be doubled for the next five years. Property assessment for the 2022 and 2023 tax years will remain unchanged, and establish a Housing Affordability Task Force to \$100,000 annually. Conservation Authorities Act Regulations Webinars & Fact Sheets:
- Mandatory Programs and Services (Category 1)
  - Municipal Programs and Services (Category 2)
  - Other Conservation Authorities Programs and Services (Category 3).
- How programs will be paid for will be forthcoming. Cases septic inspection programs would be part of these agreements (if desired). Municipalities should ask for clarification as to whether these are included as a Category 2 or Category 3 programs or services. Required funding need to be integrated into the 2024 municipal budget, not new and municipal levy has already been sharing the costs. Already in place, and have been jointly funded by municipalities, the Province of funding to support these activities are to be integrated into the 2024 municipal budget.
- 17. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Nov 4, 2021, In This Issue** –
- AMO Youth Fellowship Program applications due Nov 8.
  - Conservation Ontario/AMO webinar on Conservation Authorities Act regulations.
  - Updated fire management policy and guideline approved.
  - Register for provincial webinars on access soil regulations.
  - Ministry webinars on new Conservation Authorities act Regulations.
  - Free asset management on-demand webinar series.
  - New date added for navigating conflict training.
  - A risk management information system for municipalities.
  - OHS due diligence challenges for municipalities.
  - AMO and MEPCO have confidence in OMERS plan.
  - Petawawa’s placement priorities – A case study.
  - Electric ice resurfaces gaining traction under Canoe.
  - Canoe Public Procurement Summit quickly approaching.
  - Canoe fall webinars: John Deere.
  - Canoe fall webinar: CIMCO Refrigeration.
  - ONE investment fall 2021 webinars – Equity and Fixed Income.
  - Long-term care governance and leadership training.
  - Help TECHNATION protect municipalities from cyberattacks. Careers and RFP: York Region and Goderich.
- 18. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Nov 10, 2021, In This Issue** –
- Apply to Ontario NEW Site Readiness Program today!
  - Register for provincial webinars on excess soil regulations.
  - Application open soon for the Community Safety and Policing Grant Program.
  - New date added for navigating conflict training.
  - A risk management information system for municipalities.
  - OHS due diligence challenges for municipalities.

- LAS Blog: Read about AMO's work on climate change.
  - FCM funding for road & sidewalk assessments.
  - Canoe Public Procurement Summit only one week away!
  - Canoe Fall Webinar: CIMCO Refrigeration.
  - Electric ice resurfaces coming to an arena near you.
  - Culvert prices rising Dec 1, 2021.
  - ONE Investment fall 2021 webinars – Equity and Fixed Income.
  - Long-term care governance and leadership training.
  - Careers: Ministry of Finance, Halton Region, Toronto and Brant County.
- 19. FCM Voice, FCM Takes Action on Climate at COP26, New GMF Social Media Channels, Reminder: Read the GMF 2020-21 Annual Report** – FCM is part of Canada's delegation in Glasgow at the COP26 climate conference, working to highlight the innovation happening in Canadian communities that can be scaled up to meet national and federal goals to stop climate change. FCM's Green Municipal Fund is delighted to launch its dedicated social media channels. Follow on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on the latest funding offers, resources and training available to you from GMF. For 21 years, FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has helped build environmentally, economically, and socially vibrant communities across Canada. New annual report, Forward Together. The second course in GMF's Municipal Energy Roadmap e-learning series is available now. Did you know one of the benefits of asset management is balancing infrastructure needs with a tight budget? Learn from the Mayor of Pointe-Fortune, QC, who took a hands-on approach to asset management and made this community stronger as a result.
- 20. FCM Communique, FCM Voice: FCM Brings Canadian Municipal Voices to COP26, New GMF Social Media Pages, How Mayors and Councillors are Advancing Local Climate Action and More** – At COP and beyond, FCM is supporting disaster mitigation, strengthening local capacity on climate and supporting communities transitioning to net zero. We are also expanding federal-municipal collaboration on climate action in our shared mission to meet Canada's 2030 emissions reduction target. New GMF social media pages: follow them today! On LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on the latest funding offers, resources and training available to you from GM. Read FCM's interview with four climate leaders from across Canada to discover how engaged mayors and councillors can take action and build climate resilient communities. The Zibi Development is transforming decades -old brownfield lands into a carbon-neutral development that will house over 5,000 residents and provide prime commercial space. FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair at COP26.
- 21. Enbridge Gas Inc** – On Oct 15, 2021, Enbridge Gas Inc applied to the Ontario Energy board (OEB) for approval to recover the costs related to five projects under the OEB's Incremental Capital Module policy. On Nov 3, 2021, the EB issued the Notice of Application along with the Letter of Direction for the proceeding. The OEB's Notice of Application provides information on how to become informed and involved in the proceeding. Interested parties can apply to the OEB for Intervenor Status in the proceeding by Nov 19, 2021.
- 22. NDMNRF, New Funding Programs for Indigenous and Merging Artist** – The Ontario government is increasing support for the provinces arts sector with a \$5-million grant program administered through the Ontario Arts Council. The funding will create more opportunities for Indigenous artist and arts organizations to reconnect with their audiences and recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and help new emerging artist across all disciplines during a pivotal stage in their careers.
- 23. NDMNRF, Virtual Investment Attraction Training** – EDCO has developed some preliminary Investment Attraction Training materials to help communities with these types of initiatives. Six Sessions:
- Section 1 – Investment Readiness.
  - Section 2 – Investment Attraction.
  - Section 3 – Implementing Investment Attraction in a Digital Environment.
  - Section 4 – Virtual Marketing tools.
  - Section 5 – Understanding Key Performance Indicators.
  - Section 6 – Investment Attraction Case Study.
- 24. NDMNRF, Learn How OTF Can Support Your Organization During COVID-19** – The Resilient Communities Fund supports non-profit organizations recover and rebuild from the impacts of COVID-19 so that they can effectively meet the needs of communities cross Ontario. Please review the Resilient Communities Fund recourse page for all of the information your organization will need.
- Applications will be accepted starting Nov 10, 2021.
  - Application deadline: Dec 8, 2021 at 5 pm.

- 25. NDMNRF, Increasing Meat Processing Capacity Funding (CAP) Opens Soon** – The governments of Canada and Ontario are committing up to \$7 million to rapidly increase processing capacity in meat processing plants across the province. The intake will open for applications on Nov 19, 2021. Link to the website with more details: <https://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/meatprocessor.htm>.
- 26. NDMNRF, SNAPP Grant, Opening Soon** – SNAPP Sustainable New Agri-Food Products & Productivity Program Intake 3 opens Dec 6, 2021. Funding up to \$10,000.00 at a 50% cost-share for individuals applications only (collaborations are not eligible in this intake). Funding is limited and application will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis.
- 27. NDMNRF, TEN Announces New FREE Online Training Program on Snowmobile Friendliness, Communities, Accommodations, Restaurants** – Tourism Excellence North (TEN) has announced that a new online training program on snowmobile friendliness has officially been launched!
- 28. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Notice to the Profession** – Funeral-bereavement sector has changed from the perspective of experiences and new professionals. The second issue of Beyond magazine helps families in dealing with loss and the decisions that have to be made during a difficult time in their lives. The BAO's free online magazine also answers these consumer questions:
- What's a family-friendly way to plan or prepay for a funeral?
  - Where can you scatter a loved one's ashes?
  - How can families deal with a grief after the loss of a loved one?
  - What are the current COVID-19 rules for funerals?
- 29. ACED, Regional Brand Coordinator Introduction** – New Regional Brand Coordinator for the Almaguin Region, Ciara Ryan! To contact: 705-783-8862 or [marketing@investalmaguin.ca](mailto:marketing@investalmaguin.ca).
- 30. Tribunals Ontario, Nov 9, 2021 Memo** – Effective Jan 1, 2022, the ARB will no longer accept payment by way of certified cheques or money order. The use of personal cheques was discontinued earlier this year. Going forward, all assessment appeals must be filed electronically using our secure e-filing system. This platform allows you to file one to 25 appeals at one time and allows for online payment through a secure website.

#### **INFORMATION – COVID-19**

- 31. Town of LaSalle Resolution** – Considered correspondence received from a resident regarding the COVID-19 testing requirement for travelers crossing the land border into Canada. The following points were considered:
- The vast majority of the population of Essex County, including the Town of LaSalle, is fully vaccinated against COVID-19;
  - Essex County, including the Town of LaSalle, has strong economic and social ties to Metropolitan Detroit and southeast Michigan;
  - The United States has opened their land border to fully vaccinated Canadians without COVID-19 testing requirements; and
  - The City of Windsor has asked the federal government to remove COVID-19 testing as a requirement for fully vaccinated travelers crossing the land border into Canada.
- 32. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Vaccine Appointment for Eligible Individuals Open Sat, Nov 6** – to book an appointment online, please visit, [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated).
- 33. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Still Unsure About the COVID-19 Vaccine? Speak to Your Health Care Provider** – Roughly, 13 per cent of eligible individuals in the North Bay region have yet to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19/ Vaccine hesitancy refers to the delay of receiving the vaccine. People who are vaccine hesitant are not against vaccines rather they want to make sure they make the best decision for themselves and their family members and may need more time or additional information. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine or to book your COVID-19 vaccine appointment, visit [www.myhealthunit.com](http://www.myhealthunit.com).
- 34. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, COVID-19 Outbreak Declared at Sturgeon Falls Home for the Aged in Section A** – Health Unit has declared a respiratory outbreak at Sturgeon Falls Home for the Aged in Section A of the home – the causative agent is COVID-19. For more information on the outbreak and local COVID-19 cases, visit the Status Report dashboard at [www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19).
- 35. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Cancelled for Nov 12 in Sturgeon Falls** – Regrets to inform the public that the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic scheduled for Nov 12 at Marcel Noel Hall in Sturgeon Falls has been cancelled. The next

COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Marcel Noel Hall, located at 219 O'Hara St., is set to take place on Tue, Nov 16 from 4 pm to 8 pm.

- 36. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be Held Nov. 9 to 14, By Appointment or Walk-In** – Eligible individuals who wish to receive COVID-19 vaccine clinics this week throughout the Health Unit district. Eligible individuals who wish to receive a first, second or third dose are encouraged to book an appointment to avoid long wait times at the clinics. To book an appointment or find more information, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated), or call the Health Unit Call centre at 1-844-478-1400.
- 37. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be Held Nov 15 to 21, By Appointment or Walk-in** – Eligible individuals who wish to receive a first, second or third dose are encouraged to book an appointment to avoid long wait times at the clinics. Visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated.com](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated.com) for more information.
- 38. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, COVID-19 Vaccination to be Mandatory for Visitors at MAHC** – To keep everyone safe, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, like many other Ontario hospitals, will require all visitors to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19, starting Nov 22, 2021.
- 39. Ius Laboris Canada Global HR Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, Ontario Arbitrator Upholds Employer's Mandatory Vaccination Policy** – On Nov 9, 2021 an Ontario arbitrator dismissed a policy grievance challenging the Employer's mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy. This is the first decision that we are aware of where a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy was upheld and found to be reasonable as it was compliant with the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- 40. Ius Laboris Canada Global HR Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, Ontario Arbitrator Issues New Award on Vaccination Policy** – Employers now have several arbitration decisions to help guide their COVID-19 policies, with more expected in the near future. In addition to last week's Paragon Protection case, numerous other Ontario arbitrators are starting to weigh in on how employers can protect their workplaces.

#### **ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION**

#### **ADJOURN**

**\*\*Agenda may be subject to change.**

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