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**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2020**

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

GUESTS

**6:30-6:45 pm Kathy & Jeff Schoenberger – Noise By-Law,
Caitlin Deevey By-Law Enforcement
Dog By-Law**

BUSINESS

- 1. Adoption of Aug 17, 2020 minutes, Resolution**
- 2. Eagle Lake Blue Green Algae Study Update**
- 3. Workstation Upgrade Quotation, Resolution**
- 4. Encroachment Agreement 4-238, Resolution**
- 5. Zoning Amendment 1-011 Update**
- 6. Pay List by Fund for Aug, Resolution**

COMMITTEES

- 7. Shared Services reply from South River; Arena Committee meeting**
- 8. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Aug 18, 2020, Resolution**
- 9. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration; Tammy MacKenzie new CAO**
- 10. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Aug 19, 2020, Resolution**
- 11. Almaguin Highlands Community Safety & Well-Being Planning minutes of Aug 10, Resolution**
- 12. Eastholme, East District of Parry Sound Home for the Aged; Odelia Callery new Administrator**
- 13. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Aug 2020, Resolution**
- 14. District of Parry Sound Municipal Assoc Fall meeting cancelled**

INFORMATION

- 15. Township of Huron-Kinloss Resolution – Regarding a review of the Farm Tax Credit Program –
The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program falling
disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an**

economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario.

16. **City of Port Colborne Resolution** – Private member’s Bill 164: Protect Vulnerable Persons in Supportive Living Accommodations Act, 2019. There is a need for regulating private supportive living accommodations to protect individuals requiring special care.
17. **Village of Burk’s Falls Resolution** – Understands the Federal priority of ensuring broadband access to 95% of all homes by 2026 & 100% of homes in 2030 and the Province of Ontario’s priority of supporting infrastructure development projects through the recently announced Improving Connectivity in Ontario Program; recognizes that there are homes and/or businesses in the municipality that do not have access to affordable, reliable and adequate broadband internet that meets national standard of at least 50mbps download and 10mbps upload; declares their support in principle for the Muskoka – Parry Sound Riding Cooperative Broadband Initiative to develop and implement a riding wide strategy to ensure the availability of reliable broadband services to all residents within the Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts.
18. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release – Boil Water Advisory for Water Drawn from the Shebeshekong River, Carling Township** – A beaver dam let go early this morning discharging a significant amount of pond water into the Shebeshekong River. Residents may have an increased risk of contracting Giardia Lamblia (beaver fever). The Health Unit encourages residents of Carling Township who develop enteric symptoms such as diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating and fatigue to contact their health care provider and seek medical attention.
19. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release – Harmful Blue Algae in Harris Lake – McDougall, ON** – Residents of Harris Lake in McDougall, ON may be affected depending on their closeness to the algae bloom, the size of the lake, wind direction, water flow, and other environmental conditions that cannot be predicted or controlled.
20. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release – Harmful Blue-Green Algae in Manitouwabing Lake – Mckellar, ON** – If you live near where a bloom is visible, follow safety measures, more about harmful algae at www.myhealthunit.ca/algae.
21. **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre, September Calendar** – Learning centres are now booking appointments!
22. **Employment North – Hospitality Muskoka** – Looking for individuals aged 15-30 to participate in “Hospitality Muskoka”. Contact Employment North for further details.
23. **North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit – News Release – International Overdose Awareness Day – Today** – Region has seen an increase in the number of overdoses related deaths since the start of COVID-19 and an overall increase from previous years. In 2018, there were 99 opioid-related emergency department visits and 14 deaths. 2019, this increased to 138 opioid-related emergency department visits and 18 deaths among the same geographical area.
24. **MPAC, InTouch, August 2020** – Continuing our return to field work, welcoming new board members, watch our annual update at AMO. Upcoming webinar: Planning Services, Sessions at MFOA conference.
25. **AMO Policy Update – New Recreational Facility Guidance, Canada Healthy Communities Initiative and 2021-22 Connecting Links Program** – More spaces can open in sport, fitness and recreational facilities starting Aug 15, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., these facilities can have up to 50 patrons for each indoor sport or fitness room, while ensuring physical distancing of at least two metres. Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Catherine McKenna, announced she is making available \$31 million through a new program called the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative. This program seeks to help communities build on initiatives that are being used to adapt to the realities of Covid-19. The program targets non-governmental organizations and community groups to partner with municipalities and identify projects over the next 2 years. 2021 – 2022 Connecting Links Program accepting applications, connecting links are municipal roads that connect provincial highways. The Province allocates \$30 million annually to support capital works on these roads and bridges, however, the Minister of Transportation allocated an additional \$10 million in 2019-20 as part of the COVID-19 Action Plan.
26. **AMO Policy Update – Emergency Exercise Exemption, Child Care, Great Lakes Investments** – The Solicitor General announced an exemption for municipalities from the requirement to conduct a mock emergency exercise in 2020. The provincial and federal governments announced an additional investment through the one-year Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (ELCC) of nearly \$147 million to Ontario for 2020-21. This year the funding will be used to mitigate against the impacts of COVID-19. The Ontario government is investing \$7.47 million to improve the health of the Great Lakes.

27. AMO Watchfile Aug 13, 2020 In This Issue

- COVID-19 resources.
- Nominations for Canada's Volunteer Awards 2020 now open.
- Important things you need to know for the AMO 2020 Conference.
- Only days left to register for AMO 2020 Conference!
- Join AMO's Delegate Conference Orientation - August 13, 10:00 am.
- Don't forget about the AMO Conference Exhibit Hall.
- Everything you need to know about Land Use Planning.
- Modernizing and managing municipal meetings.
- Visit the LAS and ONE Investment booth at the AMO Conference.
- Sports field lighting upgrades save energy.
- LAS pivots to online Energy Workshops.
- Municipal Group Buying Program: New vendors added.
- Career with County of Simcoe.

28. AMO Watchfile Aug 20, 2020 In This Issue

- The Virtual 2020 AMO Conference - Thank you!
- Delegates elect new AMO Board.
- Peter J. Marshall Awards winners announced.
- Niagara Region wins 2020 Federal Gas Tax Award.
- 2020 Women of Influence in Local Government Award.
- Everything you need to know about Land Use Planning.
- eSCRIBE versus typical meeting management software.
- Investments 101 Training - Coming soon!
- Register now! Habitat in Towns - Collingwood World Summit.
- Careers with City of Windsor.

29. AMO Watchfile Aug 27, 2020 In This Issue

- COVID-19 resources.
- Input into guidance on protecting drinking water sources.
- Everything you need to know about Land Use Planning.
- eSCRIBE versus typical meeting management software.
- Investments 101 Training - Coming soon!
- Lakeshore resolution concerning internet overage charges.
- Careers with Town of Mattawa and City of Toronto.

30. AMO Watchfile Sep 3, 2020 In This Issue

- COVID-19 resources.
- My time as AMO's 2020 Policy Intern.
- Energy bill assistance for charities and small business.
- Changes to *Aggregate Resources Act* regulation.
- *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020* partially proclaimed.
- Information about FCM's Virtual Elections and AGM.
- Increasing transparency with Digital Meeting Management.
- Everything you need to know about Land Use Planning.
- SAVE THE DATE! Municipal Cyber Security 101 - October 22.
- Municipal Group Buying Program: Capital Purchasing update.
- Municipal Energy Reporting deadline is a month away.
- Career with County of Huron.

31. AMO Watchfile Sep 10, 2020 In This Issue

- COVID-19 resources.
- 3 fall dates available for AMO's Land Use Planning training.
- SAVE THE DATE! Municipal Cyber Security 101 - October 22.
- LAS Blog: Back-to-School Update.
- FCM Municipal Asset Management Program funding update.
- Municipal Group Buying Highlight: Firefighting equipment & PPE.
- Provincial energy reporting link has changed.
- Investments 101 training available now.
- Careers with City of Orillia and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

32. AMCTO Update – 2020 AMO Conference – Looked a little different this year; using multiple virtual platforms, pleased to report that we had an excellent delegation with Minister Clark. The Minister expressed his thanks to our members for their continued dedication and service particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, recognizing that municipal staff have been on the frontlines to ensure continuous service delivery – often done in new and different ways. Delegation raised the following with the Minister:

- COVID-19 and Safe Restart
- Municipal Voters' List
- Modernization of provincial processes
- Reducing the reporting and administrative burdens
- Reinstatement of the Municipal Internship Program

Minister expressed his support for a number of these priorities and looks forward to continuing to work on these files, continued commitment to the Elections Ontario takeover of the Voters' List but did not commit to a timeline for implementation, supportive of reducing the municipal reporting burden.

33. ROMA Update – Roma is now on Facebook. We're looking to connect with rural municipal leaders, share our efforts to support Ontario's rural governments, and keep you up to speed on news affecting your work. Please like and follow our page, and remember you can also follow ROMA on twitter.

34. FONOM Media Release – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference just finished, FONOM board were pleased to participate over the three-day event. FONOM board also had an opportunity to virtually meet Premier Ford's cabinet members to discuss issues of importance to municipalities in northeastern Ontario, discussed the governance of OPP Detachments and the current five Health Units in the Northeast and once they transition, talked about promoting Northern Ontario economic development, with a post-pandemic lens as a healthy place to grow one's business, also had a lengthy discussion about broadband. Even with the funding previously disbursed and the currently allocated funding, all agreed more is needed. No one community, association, or province will be able to tackle this issue. It is apparent the FONOM will have to join with others to work tirelessly together, to build a National Broadband Initiative. FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in Northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipalities with the government in Northern Ontario to strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the north.

35. FCM Voice, Outlines Early Priorities for Budget 2021 – Canada's COVID-19 recovery will require a bold and creative plan, driven by cities and communities of all sizes. That's why, as part of the federal government's annual pre-budget consultations, FCM has written to the House of Commons finance committee to outline how Budget 2021 can help build a more prosperous, resilient and connected Canada for all. Our preliminary recommendations include:

- Strengthening core infrastructure, tackling housing affordability and modernizing transit;
- Supporting municipal leadership on GHG reduction and climate adaptation;
- Moving faster to bring high-speed internet to every Canadian and supporting communities facing economic uncertainty.

The federal government has introduced a new COVID-19 resilience stream into its investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP). Provinces and territories now have the option of directing a limited amount of existing ICIP funds to pandemic response projects – with simplified approvals and a higher federal cost share. From derelict industrial site to sustainable arts hub, Municipalities continue to find creative ways to make housing both affordable and sustainable. With support from our Green Municipal Fund, the City of Toronto transformed a century-old industrial site into a sustainable hub for the arts community with 26 units of affordable housing. Artscape Wychwood Barns was rebuilt into energy-efficient, sustainable live-work spaces for working artists, surrounded by park and skating rink.

36. FCM Voice – 2020 virtual election: voter registration is now open, more women in elected politics: how to make it happen. Update on resolutions for next FCM Board Meeting, Board of Directors will meet virtually from September 8-11, 2020. New funding available to build healthy communities, Transport Canada: ACATS survey, Advance Connectivity and Automation in the Transportation System. Learn how GMF's Community Efficiency Financing study grants can benefit your community. Developing climate resilience in municipalities. Deadline approaching for tree planting projects! September 30, 2020.

37. FCM Voice – Important Changes to Asset Management Grants for Municipalities; MAMP (FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program) has received an exceptional number of applications; 2 phases, 2020 Virtual Election; last week to register as voter, How Ottawa Found Major Energy Savings with Beaver Barracks; redeveloping a former military barracks to address demand for affordable housing, More Women in Elected Politics; how to make it happen, Covid-19 Street Rebalancing Guide; guide to adapting urban streets

38. Ministry of the Solicitor General – now accepting applications from incorporated community-based, not for profit organizations as well as Indigenous community-based, not for profit organizations and

First Nation Band Councils for the 2020-2022 Safer and Vital Communities (SVC) Grant. The theme for the 2020-2022 SVC Grant is **“preventing Hate Motivated Crime through Community Collaboration”**. Documentation must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm EST on Sep 16, 2020.

- 39. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry** – Pleased to visit the Columbia Forest Products mill in Rutherglen to announce the release of Sustainable Growth: Ontario’s Forest Sector Strategy. Ontario’s forest industry is critical to the provincial economy and to many Indigenous, Northern and rural communities, generating over \$18 billion in revenue and supporting almost 147,000 direct and indirect jobs, Ontario is a world leader in sustainable forestry.
- 40. Municipal World Sep 2020** – Music as the Cultural Heart of Inverness County, Expediting Property Acquisitions, Traffic Calming Leads to Safer Cities, Privacy in the Age of Coronavirus
- 41. Ontario Heritage Trust, Aug News:**
- Exploring what nature has to offer.
 - Exploring the Trusts trails and natural areas.
 - My Ontario: Natural heritage and our identity.
 - Recognizing excellence in natural heritage conservation

INFORMATION COVID-19

- 42. City of St. Catharines in Support to the City of Toronto** – Their legal challenge of the amendments made under Bill 184, Section 83, many residents without income supports face the reality of evictions under the Jul 26, 2020 amendment, in determining whether to exercise its power under subsection the Board shall consider whether the landlord had attempted to negotiate an agreement with the tenant including terms of payment for the tenant’s arrears.
- 43. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release - COVID-19 AND SCHOOL REOPENING – PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES AVAILABLE AUG 25, 2020** – On Jul 30, 2020, the provincial government announced the September reopening of Ontario schools. In response to this announcement, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) has been working diligently with school boards to support a safer return to school. As part of this initiative, the Health Unit has created a guidance document titled *COVID-19 and School Reopening – Public Health Information for Families*. The document helps to answer many questions parents and guardians may have as they prepare their children for the return to school. *COVID-19 and School Reopening – Public Health Information for Families* will be available on the Health Unit’s website on Aug 25, 2020 – two weeks prior to the proposed start of classes.
- 44. North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit News Release – Health Unit Releases COVID-19 and School Reopening – Public Health Information for Families Guide** – Reopening – Public Health Information for Families available at www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19SchoolsGuide
- 45. North Bay Parry Sounds District Health Unit News Release – COVID-19 Outbreaks at School will be publicly Announced by Health Unit** – An outbreak in a school is defined as two or more lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in students and/or staff in school with an epidemiological link, within a 14-day period, where at least one case could have reasonably acquired their infection in the school (including transportation and before or after school care). In line with routine COVID-19 case management, within 24 hours of the Health Unit receiving notice of a positive test, close contacts – someone who was at risk of exposure – of individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are contacted by the Health Unit. All school boards will be asked to create a COVID-19 advisory section on their new website. Where schools have websites, they will also be asked to create a COVID-19 advisory section . . . Notice of any closures of classes, cohorts or schools will be posted on school and school board COVID-19 advisory sections. Parents who have questions about schools can speak to a public health nurse by calling 1-800-563-2808.
- 46. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Public Service Announcement – Updated Recommendations Regarding Close Contacts of Symptomatic Individuals** – When someone with symptoms is tested for COVID-19, or are isolating for 14 days, self-identified close contacts do not have to self-isolate. Individuals who self-identify as a close contact of someone showing symptoms are to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Individuals who have been in close contact with a confirmed positive case are reminded to follow the instructions of public health.
- 47. COVID-19 Update from Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare** – As of Fri, Sep 4, the Health Unit reported 718 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Simcoe Muskoka, there are currently no positive cases at either MAHC’s site. To date, MAHC has spent \$2.76 million on COVID-related expenditures. \$737,000 was spent in the 2019-20 fiscal year, and \$2,030,000 has been spent in 2020-21 as of Jul 31. Of the \$2 million spent this fiscal year, 94% is operating costs and the remaining is capital costs. Nearly all

services have returned to hospital operations. MAHC's Bracebridge Assessment Centre has been up and running for one week. Up to Sep 3, the centre saw just shy of 200 individual. Testing is by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon to Fri. Appointments can be made by calling 1-888-383-7009.

- 48. MAHC COVID-19 Assessment Centre Update** – To clarify and correct misinformation circulating in the community to foster a greater understanding of the COVID-19 assessment centre situation in Muskoka, the hospital's core mandate is to provide emergency and acute care services at two hospital sites. They want to thank the many community members who have shown tremendous support to their hospitals during these difficult and challenging times. The fact is that MAHC has not been responsible for the operations of the COVID-19 assessment centres in Huntsville and Bracebridge since they opened on Apr 1, 2020. The Huntsville centre had been staffed and operated by the Algonquin Family Health Team and the Bracebridge centre had been staffed and operated by the Cottage Country Family Health Team. The Family Health Team were no longer able to provide this public health service in Huntsville due to their own operational challenges. Given the Family Health Teams were closing the assessment centres, and in the absence of other willing and able parties, MAHC stepped up to provide this public health service in Muskoka on hospital property at the South Muskoka site as it had an appropriate standalone outbuilding that could be retrofitted. To make an appointment for a COVID-19 test at MAHC's Assessment Centre in Bracebridge, call 1-888-383-7009. For more information, visit www.mahc.ca/COVID-19Testing
- 49. AMO Policy Update – Orders Extended, New Direction Regarding Facilities** – The Province has extended its COVID-19 emergency orders for up to 30 more days, have been extended to Sep 22, 2020, Ontario Government is easing restrictions for facilities that rent out professional meeting and event spaces. Beginning Aug 21, 2020, facilities can have up to 50 guests for each indoor meeting room or event space with the facility. Outdoor meeting and event facilities remain subject to the 100-person gathering limit for the entire outdoor area. Capacity limits exclude employees or events personnel, new regulatory amendments have come into force requiring contact information for only one person in a party entering indoor or outdoor dining areas starting today, with exceptions. This is designed to reduce the administrative burden, while continuing to support case and contact tracing.
- 50. FCM – President's Corner: Why collaboration is key to Canada's recovery** – Recovering from this pandemic will require unprecedented collaboration. FCM has already begun laying out a vision for what a post-pandemic Canada could look like. That means raising people's quality of life by renewing core infrastructure, modernizing transit and tackling house affordability. It means preparing for future shocks now by cutting GHG emissions and adapting to new weather extremes, and it means bringing people together by addressing regional economic disparities and moving faster to bring high-speed internet to all Canadians. Of course, the vision we're laying out requires a modern approach to funding tools and authorities for local governments. So we'll be ready to drive that conversation too.
- 51. MNRF** – Resuming aggregate application timelines and public consultation under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) that were in process prior to the COVID-19 emergency, will resume on Sep 12, 2020.
- 52. Canada United Small business Relief Fund** – Will be managed by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the national Chamber network in support of other chambers and partners to help small Canadian businesses with their recovery efforts as a result of COVID-19, can be used for any of the following activities:
- Purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks, face shields and latex gloves
 - Renovating physical space to adhere to local, Provincial or Federal reopening guidelines.
 - Developing or improving e-commerce capabilities for your business.
 - Successful applicants will receive a relief grant up to \$5,000.
- 53. Canada Healthy Communities Initiative** – Will provide up to \$31 million in existing federal funding to support communities as they deploy innovative new ways to adapt spaces and services to respond to immediate and ongoing needs arising from COVID-19 over the next two years, will support projects under three main themes:
- Creating safe vibrant public spaces
 - Improving mobility options
 - Digital Solutions
- 54. Blue Sky Net** – Asked us to share their new COVID Technology Adoption Fund (CTAF), will provide eligible businesses, start-ups, municipalities, and Indigenous communities across Northern Ontario with access to capital grant funding to acquire digital technology and e-business and marketing solutions to ensure they can survive and adapt to the challenges presented by COVID-19. Capital

grant funding for eligible applicants of up to \$10,000 with a minimum contribution of 25% from the applicant towards the project and Guidance and assistance for applicants. Eligible project types:

- Productivity
- Financial Management
- Social Marketing Solution
- Collaboration & Learning
- Customer Service
- Mobile Working & Commuting

55. OEB – Information about the COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program for Small Business (CEAP-SB). A government of Ontario program with rules designed by the OEB, is intended to help small businesses and registered charities that are struggling to pay their energy bills as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. **CEAP-SB** provides a one time, on-bill credit to eligible small business and register charity customers to help them catch up on their energy bills and resume regular payments. Can apply for funding through their electricity and natural gas utilities or unit sub-meter providers (USMP's). Full program details including eligibility criteria, on-bill credit amounts and application processes are available at www.oeb.ca/CEAP

56. AMCTO Legislative Express – As a result of COVID-19, the Provincial Government and the Ontario Legislature remained very active during Jun and Jul, with the Legislature rising for the summer later than usual. The Annual AMO Conference and Trade Show is now underway! In addition, we are happy to announce that we have secured a delegation with Honourable Minister Clark (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) to talk about issues that are top of mind to members including reporting burden, the municipal voters' list and onerous provincial processes. *Policy Spotlight COVID-19 Updates*; Ontario has seen a decrease in its number of total active cases and death rate allowing for the safe re-opening of businesses in stages as set out by the Ontario Government's Framework for Re-opening the Province. All Ontario regions have entered into Stage 3 as of Aug 12. Ontario's Declaration of Emergency came to a quiet end on Jul 24. To manage any ongoing risks and impacts of COVID-19, Bill 195, Reopening Ontario Act 2020 received Royal Assent on Jul 21. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing information sheets on proxy voting and e-meetings, municipalities can now choose under certain conditions to utilize proxy voting and e-meetings (beyond emergencies) as long as these items are captured in procedural by-laws. On Jul 27, 2020 the Province announced \$4 billion in funding for Ontario municipalities through the Safe Restart Agreement. On Aug 12, the Province announced the allocation of Phase 1 funding. AMCTO continues to seek input from members on areas of burden. *Announcement*: ICIP changes for pandemic-resilient infrastructure.

57. NECO is Offering – Post COVID-19 Professional Services Relief Program. It provides up to \$5,000 grant for companies to access professional services – Eligibility:

- A SME (Small, Medium Enterprise) ie. Retail shops, restaurants, corner stores, etc., and businesses of strategic importance to the community.
- The applicant has attempted to access other relief federal supports and was ineligible or rejected (including CEBA, and AFI funding).

Funding is eligible until Mar 31, 2020 contact Denise Sherritt, Email: dsherritt@neco.on.ca

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURN

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

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