

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2019

Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Councillor Wood with respect to 6 on tonight's agenda, due to being a member of a body, Section 2 (a) (iii) of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Administrative Assistant Teresa Rennie.

Guests attending: Amy and Matt MacFarlane.

Presentation of Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement to Amy MacFarlane

Mayor Carleton read a letter from the Ontario Heritage Trust to send greetings and congratulate Amy. By participating in the program, Council has demonstrated appreciation for those who are taking a leadership role in heritage preservation, joining a growing number of municipalities from across Ontario in recognizing the significance of these contributions to the broader well-being of the community. We are inspired by Amy's efforts to safeguard the natural heritage of the Township for future generations, and by her Bloom Buster project's innovative approach to an issue of pressing natural heritage significance. It is our pleasure to extend sincere thanks and congratulations to Amy. May her efforts inspire and motivate others to become involved and may all of our communities be stronger as a result. Award and pin presented to Ms. MacFarlane, photos taken. Mr. MacFarlane expressed his thanks to us for recognizing Amy. Mayor Carleton responded that we're all very proud of Amy's achievements.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Mar 25, 2019 minutes, Resolution

74-19 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt Mar 25, 2019 minutes. CARRIED

2. Budget Update Report, Resolution

Further to previous discussions, amounts known, approved and adjusted for OMPF, Arena and Library. Per updated draft Budget, we can achieve an overall levy change of 2.47% for 2019.

75-19 Flowers, Wood

THAT we instruct Administration to prepare the by-law to set the rates of taxation and calculate the 2019 tax rates at an overall levy change of 2.47%. CARRIED

3. Pay List by Fund for Mar 2019, Resolution

76-19 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Mar 31, 2019: \$122,026.30. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

4. South River Machar Medical minutes of Mar 19, 2019, Resolution

Reviewed. Proposed renovations to main level and renting of lower level discussed.

77-19 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions 1-3 in Medical Centre minutes of Mar 19, 2019 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay List/Budgetary Control, adjourned until Apr 16, 2019... CARRIED

5. South River Machar Arena budget 2019 reply from South River

Discussed. Generator in 2019 is for Refrigeration Plant only, it's the back generator, and a front generator is required for Emergency purposes. AgriFund availability is up to \$25,000. Ontario Trillium Grant is up to \$150,000. Back generator is estimated at \$80,000. Front generator is now estimated at \$60,000. In lieu of South River Administration's restructuring workload, Mayor Carleton has offered Machar's Administration to complete a funding application for their submission. South River Clerk Administrator is reviewing with their Council at tonight's meeting. Ice pad replacement and compressor replacement are much larger cost items. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is noted with an intake upcoming and to have proposals ready.

6. South River Machar Fire minutes of Apr 2, 2019, Resolution

Meeting start time discussed, Councillor Flowers prefers 6:30 pm, Councillor Scarlett really can't do a meeting earlier than 6:00 pm and so unfortunately did not get to the meeting in time for 5:45 pm.

78-19 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions 26-27 and 29-32 in Fire minutes of Apr 2, 2019 as follows: adopt the minutes, Income Statement/AP Ledger, fire chief's report, close the meeting, return to open session, meet again on Sep 3, 2019...

FURTHER THAT we support motion 28 as follows: that the fire chief purchase a Fire Dept pick up truck/utility, subject to South River procurement policy. CARRIED

7. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Mar 20, 2019, Resolution

79-19 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Mar 20, 2019. CARRIED

8. Joint Building Committee minutes of Mar 21, 2019, Resolution

Discussed. Ad is out for permanent part time DCBO, overall budget proposed for 2019 is down 9%.

80-19 Wood, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Mar 21, 2019; including 2019 budget as presented in the amount of \$199,823 with our contribution being \$6,843. CARRIED

9. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Mar 2019, Resolution

81-19 McLaren, Wood

THAT we acknowledge Building permit summaries for Mar 2019. CARRIED

10. District Emergency Medical Services Advisory minutes of Mar 28, 2019, Resolution

82-19 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge EMS minutes of Mar 28, 2019. CARRIED

INFORMATION

11. OPP New Detachment Commander to be Identified in Almaguin Highlands

12. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit 2018 Annual Report

13. AMO Communications Your Round-Up –Things You Need to Know; Federal Budget 2019: Progress on Municipal Priorities federal Gas Tax Fund to double funding to municipal governments this year; \$2.7 billion (\$5-6 billion with leveraged funds) for rural and northern broadband expansion with the goal of connecting every Canadian to high-speed internet services by 2030; and \$1 billion to help municipal governments improve energy efficiency in municipal facilities, commercial, and residential properties, Infrastructure Funding Ontario announced application intakes for road and bridge projects under the federal Rural and Northern Infrastructure Fund, Funding under the Community, Culture and Recreation, and Green Infrastructure streams are pending, anticipated later this year, Ministry of Infrastructure will be holding webinars to provide information on these

two streams starting in mid-April , invitations will go to municipal governments shortly, OCIF and will not flow any of the 2018 or 2019 OCIF Top-Up (the application portion); Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) 2019 Allocations Announced, total 2019 funding envelope to municipalities decreased by \$5 million to \$505 million; Unconditional Grant for Small and Rural Municipalities to Improve Local Service Delivery and Efficiency, 405 municipalities have received notice of a one-time payment from a \$200 million sum to help local service and delivery and effect operational efficiencies; Bill 66 : Restoring Ontario`s Competitiveness Act, the repeal of the Pawnbrokers Act, and childcare standards, extend protection against construction employer designation to include local housing corporation, and district social service administration boards Schedule 10; Centralized Procurement: Clarification Needed On Applicability to Municipal Governments, will apply to Ontario ministries, provincial agencies, as well as broader sector organizations such as hospitals and schools; Changes to Hydro Have Municipal Impact, including reform to conservation programs, the Ontario Energy Board, and ending the previous government`s Fair Hydro Plan, there will be impact on Local Distribution Companies (LDC`s), LDCs will no longer receive up to \$150 million in bonus payments; Private Member`s Bill Introduced to Change MPAC Board Composition, proposes to increase the number of designated taxpayer representatives from four to seven

14. **AMO Policy Update – Federal and Provincial Transit Funding Announced for Outside Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, except under the Rural and Northern stream where federal funding provides a greater share**
15. **AMO Annual Conference Updates – Have you registered for the AMO 2019 Conference August 18 - 21, 2019, there will be three pre-conference clinics taking place Sun, August 18, 9:00am-12:00pm, workshop information and registration is included in the AMO Conference registration form**
16. **AMO Watchfile Mar 28, 2019 In This Issue**
 - The top questions about digital signatures.
 - New *Police Services Act* passed.
 - Have your say - Waste & Litter Discussion Paper.
 - Apply for Immigration Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Funding.
 - OSUM Conference 2019.
 - 144 days remaining until the AMO Conference!
 - RETScreen workshop coming to Pembroke!
 - Wellness & Mental Health in the Municipal Workplace - May 29.
 - LAS Blog: Natural Gas Program update.
 - No change to SaveONenergy incentives for LAS programs.
 - Federal Carbon Pricing System - Blog and webinar link.
 - High Interest Savings Account.
 - Buying power delivers best value for taxpayers.
 - Career with Bruce County.
17. **AMO Watchfile Apr 4, 2019 In This Issue**
 - The top questions about digital signatures.
 - Waste Litter Discussion Paper - AMO Webinar April 9.
 - Province extends timeline for 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plans.
 - Rowan`s Law (Concussion Awareness) Regulatory Proposal now posted.
 - Apply for Immigration Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Funding.
 - OSUM Conference 2019.
 - 136 days remaining until the AMO Conference!
 - Registration open for AMO`s Mental Health Symposium.
 - Upcoming RETScreen Workshop in Pembroke.
 - Join Evergreen for an open smart cities Idea Camp in Ottawa!
 - Buying power delivers best value for taxpayers.
 - Need a summer intern?
 - Careers with Burlington and Bluewater.
18. **ROMA Insider – New Board applauds recent funding announcements; Welcome to ROMA`s quarterly e-newsletter; ROMA Interim Chair and Board Elections; Zone 5 Vacancy; OMPF Protected for 2019; Ontario Funding to Improve Municipal Efficiency; Rural Broadband a Top Priority; Rural and Northern Fund – Apply Soon!; 2019 ROMA Conference Success; LAS: Solving Problems**
19. **FCM – Budget 2019: FCM analysis, Doubling next year`s Gas Tax Transfer puts tools directly in local hands, Prioritizing rural broadband access acts directly on local expertise, Investing in FMC doubles down on delivering directly for Canadians**
20. **FCM Voice: Budget 2019: A turning point for cities and communities /Achieving UN`s Sustainable Development Goals / More, Doubling next year`s Gas Tax Fund transfer to municipalities; FMC2019 early bird registration ends April 12**
21. **FCM Voice: A win for rural broadband/ What Budget 2019 means to you/ FCM Exchange, unprecedented investment in broadband in Budget 2019, specially targeting rural, remote and**

- northern communities, a 15 year global framework that includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals; FCM seeks new members for our brownfield renewal network; New drinking water guidelines, updated on Mar 8, reducing by half the max allowable concentration of lead in public drinking water
22. **West Nipissing East Sudbury Soil and Crop Improvement Association – Annual Forage and Seed Fair Wednesday April 10, 2019 Verner Arena**
 23. **2019 FONOM Conference May 8-10 Sudbury, early bird registration ends Apr 8, 2019, key note speaker is Gordon Hume, Gord is recognized as one of Canada’s leading voices on municipal government, sustainable urban development, cultural planning, and creative cities**
 24. **Explorer`s Edge Industry Update: Commercial Air Service Announced; The Explorers Edge Industry Newsletter; Porter Airlines & RTO12 Partner to Introduce Commercial Air Service Into The Muskoka Airport for Summer 2019; Meet the Directors: RTO12 Board Nominations Committee Town Halls**

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Blue Green Algae Public Information Session

Councillor Wood provided an update on meeting with ELCA President Mitchell. Mayor Carleton will extend an invite to neighbour municipalities. Administration will accept phone registration for number attending purposes. Speaker has a budget, to include Arena rental. Guest speaker gifts to be obtained.

Eagle Lake Conservation Association Phragmites Effort

Councillor Wood anticipates a meeting after Easter to determine details for the effort in 2019.

Cottage Rentals Airbnb Municipal Accommodation Tax

Councillor Wood referred an idea for a revenue stream, indicating cottage rentals booked through Airbnb can charge a municipal accommodation tax of up to 4% on the rental. Airbnb sends the money to the municipality. We receive some concerns regarding cottage rentals and this could take the burden to fund services and by-law enforcement costs off of the taxpayer. Administration to review further.

Spring Municipal Meeting; Machar South River hosting

Machar Admin has been busy with preparations. Councillor Flowers agreed to say the blessing at lunch.

ADJOURN

83-19 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Tue, Apr 23, 2019 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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