

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 9, 2018**

Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; nil.

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren and Councillor Bart Wood. Staff present; Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul.

BUSINESS

1. Mar 26, 2018 minutes, Resolution

68-18 Wood, McLaren

THAT we adopt minutes of Mar 26, 2018. CARRIED

2. Phragmites Public Information Session update

Speakers confirmed (Robert Canning and Lynn Short). ELCA will provide refreshments and distribute some literature on Phragmites. ELCA will be contacting the Almaguin News to see if they will run a news article about phragmites prior to Apr 28. PowerPoint presentation to cover ecology/Eagle Lake findings and management information. Different information pamphlets/handouts will be available. We're receiving citizen inquiries about the Phragmites Public Information Session and registrations. Poster for our website Events page reviewed.

3. Research 4-120 into Blue Green Algae

Findings are comprehensive and reply to be drafted. Council discussed several of the initiatives we've undertaken. Council instructed several commercial establishments be invited to a future Council meeting for discussions on lake health and business practice. Itinerary and talking points for the meeting to be submitted and compiled.

4. Final Statements from South River for 2017 shared service costs, Resolution

69-18 McLaren, Wood

THAT we acknowledge Final Statements from South River for 2017 shared service costs: Fire \$23,802.64 Transfer to Reserve, Arena \$43.19 Amount Owing Credit (refund), Culture and Recreation \$885.07 Balance Owing. CARRIED

5. Pay List by Fund for Mar 2018, Resolution

70-18 Wood, McLaren

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Mar 31, 2018: \$137,333.99. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

6. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Mar 20, 2018, Resolution

71-18 McLaren, Wood

THAT we support motions 1-3 as contained in Medical minutes of Mar 20, 2018; adopt the minutes, Pay List/Budgetary Control, adjourned until Apr 24, 2018... CARRIED

7. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Mar 21, 2018

72-18 Wood, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Mar 21, 2018. CARRIED

8. East Parry Sound Veterinary Service minutes of Mar 22, 2018

73-18 McLaren, Wood

THAT we acknowledge Veterinary Service minutes of Mar 22, 2018. CARRIED

INFORMATION

9. **Town of Huntsville Resolution requests the Minister of Health immediately dismiss the Board of Directors and the CEO of Muskoka Algonquin Health Care and the existing 2 hospitals revert back to the separate entities of Huntsville and District Memorial Hospital and S Muskoka...**
10. **Town of Huntsville Mayor Aitchison's Doppler Commentary; one of the most important elements of our public infrastructure is our hospital, and nothing bugs me more than those who are trying to take it away from us, we need an acute care hospital with full emergency room, surgical services, obstetrics etc in both Huntsville and in Bracebridge, the crucial element we are missing is a Board and CEO that care to fight for Huntsville, Huntsville is today a thriving and growing community, convinced that the time has come for us to split our hospitals up again, get back to a time when the Huntsville Hospital and the Bracebridge Hospital could find ways to work together, we must not compete to see which community and which one survives**
11. **AMO Policy Update; One Third Tax Free Exemption for Municipal Officials, in Mar 2017, the federal budget announced the government's intention to eliminate the one-third tax free exemption for municipal elected officials beginning in 2019, the 2018 federal budget delivered last month did not signal any change from that plan, may want to begin considering what course of action to take**
12. **AMO Policy Update; 2018 Provincial Budget, budget projects a \$6.7 billion deficit for 2018, deficits are also projected for 2019-20 (\$6.6 billion) and in 2020-21 (\$6.5 billion), provincial revenues from income tax and the health premium are \$2.8 billion lower than projected, highlights of interest to municipal governments: upload agreement, connecting links, broadband, public libraries, gasoline tax for transit and OCIF, Community Transportation Grant Program, policing grants, Police Board training, Property Taxation; railway right of way, non profit child care in schools, business vacancy rebate and reduction, valuation date, previous announcements**
13. **AMO Watchfile Mar 29, 2018 In This Issue**
 - AMO's farewell to Roger Anderson - previous AMO President.
 - Community Energy Planning survey.
 - AMO-Notarius Digital Signature Service pilot launch.
 - Nik Nanos to speak at AMO Annual Conference.
 - Codes of Conduct clinic.
 - Social media hands-on clinic.
 - Learn from social media power municipalities.
 - So You Want to Run for Council?
 - Energy use planning is a municipal responsibility.
 - Energy training opportunities abound with LAS.
 - LAS Town Halls Return for 2018.
 - CFTA/CETA: The new face of municipal procurement.
 - Township of Lucan Biddulph named finalist in Top 4 Community Kraft Hockeyville!
 - Career with Town of Lakeshore.
14. **AMO Watchfile Apr 5, 2018 In This Issue**
 - 'Rowan's Law' potential regulations posted for public input.
 - Federal Gas Tax Fund Outcomes Report now available.
 - Applications now open for climate change staff grants.
 - Nik Nanos to speak at AMO Annual Conference.
 - Only 35 spots left in AMO Trade Show.
 - Learn from social media power municipalities.
 - Energy use planning is a municipal responsibility.
 - First 2018 LAS Town Hall approaching fast.
 - Natural gas rate changes are no joke.
 - CFTA/CETA: The new
15. **2018 AMCTO Provincial Budget Update; Ontario's 2018 budget, A Plan for Care and Opportunity, full of new spending commitments in human services, health, and childcare, the most significant new investments in the budget were: free daycare for children aged two and a half (beginning in 2020), \$1 billion of funding for a Senior's Health Home Program, new funding for mental health and hospital operations, a new Ontario Drug and Dental Program, expanding OHIP+ to all Ontarians over the age of 65, for local governments the budget contains few funding commitments or new initiatives...**

16. AMCTO Legislative Express; Provincial Budget Update, Policy Updates: Canada and Ontario sign Infrastructure Agreement, Ontario unveils Cannabis Implementation Funding Deal for Municipalities, Speech from the Throne, Accessibility Committee seeking feedback on Employment Standards, Bills and Lawmaking, Regulatory Proposals, Resources
17. FONOM has reviewed the 2018 Ontario Budget; highlights: Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corp would be increased by \$85 million over 3 years to a total of \$150 million by 2021-22, investing \$500 million over 3 years to expand broadband connectivity in rural and northern communities, \$30 million over 3 years to be invested in the forestry sector, indexation of railway rights of way will continue to increase, Community Transportation Grant will see \$40 million over 3 years to help provide transportation services in underserved areas, investments in social supports such as health and dental for workers without workplace benefits, free childcare for those aged 2 and a half until kindergarten, supports for seniors to stay in their homes longer, mental health services and investments into hospitals
18. Early Bird Deadline for the 2018 FONOM/MMA Northeastern Municipal Conference hosted by the Town of Parry Sound May 9-11, 2018 was Apr 6, 2018; keynote speaker Ken Coates – Leading thinker on Canada’s Future and Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation
19. FONOM MMA 2018 Conference Flyer; Leading the Way Through Innovation, May 9-11, 2018
20. Ministry of Municipal Affairs proposed exemption from approval (Official Plan Amendments) to include municipalities within planning boards, the notice may be viewed at www.ontariocanada.com/registry
21. Ministry of Natural Resources new or updated resources for implementing the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement 2014, SARTool, Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Reference Manual, A Wetland Conservation Strategy of Ontario 2017-2030, Public Lands Act Changes, Aggregates Cost Change, Natural Heritage Information Email
22. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre April Calendar, Food and Finance 7 week workshop

Inquiry and opposition to be sent for 11.

ADDITIONAL

23. Lawn Fertilizer By-Law draft with revisions

Amendments made per previous meeting. Introductory page clarified.

74-18 Wood, McLaren

THAT we forward Lawn Fertilizer By-Law for legal review. CARRIED

24. S River Machar Rabies Clinic - Wed, Jun 27, 2018 @ 6-7 pm - S River Machar Lions Pavilion

Further to inquiry from Verzijlenberg Veterinary Hospital, arrangements confirmed. Poster for our website Events page reviewed <http://www.machartownship.net/events.html>.

CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURN

75-18 McLaren, Wood

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations. Time 7:25 pm. CARRIED

76-18 McLaren, Wood

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:42 pm. CARRIED

77-18 Wood, McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Apr 23, 2018 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT