

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 11, 2022**

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

Council present; Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Staff present; Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney.

Guests observing; John Mowat, Pearl Ivens, and Mark Smuck. Guests attend by teleconference per Covid-19 protocols.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Mar 28, 2022 minutes, Resolution**

**54-22 Wood, Flowers**

THAT we adopt minutes of Mar 28, 2022. CARRIED

**2. MTO (Ministry of Transportation) Speed Limit Initiative**

The Minister of Transportation announced on Mar 29, 2022 that the government is raising the speed limit permanently from 100 km/h to 110 km/h on 6 sections of provincial highways in Southern Ontario:

Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) from Hamilton to St Catharines  
Highway 402 from London to Sarnia  
Highway 417 from Ottawa to the Ontario/Quebec border  
Highway 401 from Windsor to Tilbury  
Highway 404 from Newmarket to Woodbine  
Highway 417 from Kanata to Arnprior

In addition, at the same time, the province is also raising the speed limit to 110 km/h on a trial basis on the following sections of provincial highways in Northern Ontario:

Highway 400 from MacTier to Nobel  
Highway 11 from Emsdale to South River

The intent of this initiative is to align posted speeds on highways with the way motorists currently drive. MTO plans to monitor all sections where an increased posted speed limit of 110 km/h is planned to be implemented. The monitoring program will include monitoring of changes in traffic speeds and the number and severity of collisions in the raised speed limit areas.

Discussion ensued and feedback expressed; why stopping at South River, why implementing when there's a shortage of fuel (higher speed will burn more fuel and have more environmental affect), to align with the way motorists currently drive is counterintuitive policy, as an increase in the posted speed will result in a higher rate of speed travelled (eg 100 km/h = 110-120 km/h now and 110 km/h = 120-130 km/h when changed), winter conditions are already a concern at the current speeds posted. Feedback to be submitted.

**3. COOP2021 (Central Ontario Orthophotography) Update**

Imagery files have all been delivered to CGIS. CGIS is currently processing and reviewing the imagery and associated data files. MNRF invoice received; \$1,144.89 on Pay List. This is a big project and represents imagery updating. \*COOP 2021 is entirely funded by the Ontario government (40% contribution) and 95 project participants (60% contribution).

**4. Pay List by Fund for Mar, Resolution**

**55-22 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Mar 31, 2022; \$234,484.97 Grand Total. CARRIED

**a. 139<sup>th</sup> South River Machar Fall Fair**

This year is the 139<sup>th</sup> year of the fair. The Fair Board is in the process of planning yet another inspiring and interactive event for all ages. Though times are still uncertain, they're hoping the fair will proceed either as a full event or in some capacity again this year. In the past, we've helped with a generous donation to support the children's bouncy activities. They're reaching out again to see if we'd consider a donation to help support the inflatables. Council advised we would. Admin to obtain more information.

**b. Don Ivens Memorial Community Volunteer Award**

South River Lions Club again requesting our participation in the cash award. In the past, the cash award of \$500 has been equally shared by the Township of Machar, South River and the Lions Club (\$167 each). The cash award is donated in the name of the recipient to a local charity of their choice. Presentation of award will be at the Lion's Canada Day celebration. \*Nomination deadline is May 31.

**COMMITTEES**

**5. Shared Services; Arena and Fire 2021 Unaudited Statement of Account**

Marjorie has completed her audit field work. Revised statement of account received for our review; Fire Dept is a surplus of \$63,313.67 pending to reserve, Arena is a net variance of \$17,866.80 as of Mar 22, 2022. Fire Reserves are \$164,588.26 and \$100,000 in Trust, Arena is \$5,000.

**6. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Mar, Resolution**

Reviewed. Totals are 14, versus 17 last year. Permit fees are \$66,036 versus \$36,113 last year.

**56-22 Wood, Flowers**

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Mar 2022. CARRIED

**7. FONOM; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as part of the Housing Supply Action Plan has launched a public consultation to solicit feedback on providing greater flexibility and tools to support the unique housing needs of rural and northern municipalities, closes Apr 29**

Reviewed. Consultation notice posted and closes on Apr 29, 2022. Councillor Flowers provided a perspective on rental units, and waiting lists, indicating a Condominium By-Law would be of assistance. Life leases also discussed. Administration to follow up on a Condominium By-Law. It was noted that Admin remain busy with property development through severance applications and municipal zoning compliance forms. Admin Assistant Planning is doing 1-3 forms per day usually.

**8. NECO Community Futures Development Corporation funded by the Government of Canada's Community Futures program and governed by a volunteer board of directors, staff encourage entrepreneurship and the pursuit of economic opportunities [www.neco.on.ca](http://www.neco.on.ca)**

Executive Director wants to ensure that the business community is aware of the options if their traditional bank is unable to assist with funding. NECO always directs new start ups or expansions to their traditional lender first, and if they are unable to secure funding for their business, then NECO may be an option. The also do business counselling, mentorship or referrals to other partners that can assist. NECO strives to have representation from all areas of their catchment, all sectors of business, as well as other demographics. If you know of someone from our region that would be beneficial to their board and represent our area well, please have them reach out directly. NECO target areas are Bonfield, Callander, Central Almaguin, Chisholm, Mattawa, North Algonquin, Nipissing, Powassan, Redbridge, South Almaguin, Tilden Lake. NECO Vision Statement is a region with opportunities for employment and quality of life. NECO enables business growth and community prosperity in Nipissing East and East Parry Sound by providing loans and counselling to businesses and supporting community development initiatives. In Ontario, the Community Futures Program is delivered through a group of 62 CFDCs across 7 regions. In Northern Ontario, FedNor supports the network of 24 CFDCs, that make up the Northwest and Northeast regions.

## INFORMATION

9. **Short Term Rentals 4-083** – E Ferris getting tough with short term rentals in proposed by-law, Sundridge closer to inspecting septic systems leaks on Lake Bernard ATTACHED
10. **Muskoka 411** – Province Accepts Public Input on Use of Floating Accommodations until Apr 19 ATTACHED
11. **City of Waterloo Resolution** – Requests the Province of Ontario provide authority to municipalities to adopt a specific higher energy performance tier than the Ontario Building Code, which would provide more consistency for developers and homebuilders than the emerging patchwork of municipal Green Development Standards.
12. **Town of Fort Erie Resolution** – Requests staff to:
  1. Submit a report to Council on the incorporation of new standards that will prevent clear cutting forests for new developments;
  2. Consider broadening the scope of Building Codes to include the use of new, greener technologies, as opposed to fossil fuel systems; and
  3. Review the ability to attract condominium and apartment builds in available open spaces, or the demolition of existing buildings in the Town’s downtown and surrounding core areas.
13. **Town of Georgina Resolution** – Supports the sanctions which the Federal government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia and that effective immediately and until a time when the sovereignty of Ukraine is once again unchallenged, the town of Georgina will:
  1. Not purchase any products (i.e. plywood, fertilizer, steel, furniture, or machinery) which can be easily traced to have originated from Russia; and,
  2. Insist that any future contracts or services for the Town of Georgina abide by these same limitations within our municipality.
14. **Municipality of Clarington’s Resolution** – Request the Provincial Government to issue a cease and desist order on all updated to Natural Heritage System designations in official plans and zoning bylaws, thereby pausing the updates until a review of same by the province can be completed.
15. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Applications Open for MAHC Board of Directors, News Release** – Get involved in your local hospital by submitting our application to join the skills-based, community-oriented team of volunteer directors at Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare as a board member or a committee appointee member of standing committee. Find out more about Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare by visiting [www.mahc.ca](http://www.mahc.ca).
16. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, News Release, Improvements Mean Better Access to Latest Stroke Treatments** – Thanks to advancements in stroke care processes and strong partnerships with key partners, patients across the region now have better access to EVT (endovascular thrombectomy) screening at both hospital sites through formal pathways.
17. **AMO Communication, AMO Watchfile, Mar 24, 2022, In This Issue** –
  - PJ Marshall Awards – Call for submissions for 2022 now open.
  - Seniors Community Grant Funding announcement.
  - Community engagement for IESO Long-Term RFP.
  - Call for Nominations to Stakeholder Advisory Committee.
  - AMO/LAS Municipal Energy Symposium Mar 31 – Apr 1.
  - Webinar: Breaking down barriers – Accessible digital solutions for your community.
  - NEW Canoe category: Tree maintenance equipment.
  - Canoe webinars: Johnson Controls, Legal/Procurement update.
  - ONE Investment Spring 2022 webinar: Why Proxy Votes Are Important for ESG.
  - Register to vote in the 2022 Ontario Municipal and School Board Election.
  - Careers: Orillia, Hamilton, New Tecumseth, Burlington and Huron East.
18. **AMO Communication, AMO Watchfile, Mar 31, 2022, In This Issue** –
  - PJ Marshall Awards – Call for submissions for 2022 now open.
  - ROMA Board seeking member input on Attainable Housing in Rural Ontario.
  - AMO 2022 important information – Room block release and registration launch.
  - Canoe vendor spotlight: Gradall.
  - Road & Sidewalk Assessment info sessions.
  - Don’t miss Canoe’s final spring webinars.
  - ONE Investment Spring 2022 webinar: Why Proxy Votes Are Important for ESG.
  - Register to vote in the 2022 Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections. Careers.
19. **AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update – Ontario and Canada Sign Agreement for Early Years and Child Care** – Ontario and Canada sign agreement for Early Years and Child Care, highlights include:
  - Fees will be reduced starting in 2022 and, by Sep 2025, they will be an average of \$10-a-day child care.
  - 86,000 new, high-quality child care spaces will be created, including more than 15,000 new spaces already created since 2019.
  - Improved compensation for all Registered Early Childhood Educators to increase attraction and retention in the sector.

- Reforms will support the needs of diverse and underserved populations including low-income, francophone, Indigenous, Black, other racialized and newcomer communities, as well as vulnerable and special needs children.
- 20. **AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update, More Homes for Everyone Plan, Non-Resident Speculation Tax, Free Elimination for Volunteer Police Record Checks** – The Ontario government introduced the More Homes for Everyone Plan which purposes legislative and regulatory changes in an effort to make it easier for Ontarians to buy a home by increasing housing supply in the province.
- 21. **AMO Communications, AMO Policy Updates, Getting Ontario Connected Act, Proposed Gas Tax Reduction** – Remarks to standing committee on Bill 93 – Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022. Province proposes gas and fuel tax reduction for six months.
- 22. **AMO Events, AMO 2022** – City of Ottawa, Aug 14-17, AMO 2022 Conference Launch.
- 23. **IESO Engagement, Information Session for Municipalities in Apr** – You are invited to an event in Apr to learn about the emerging electricity needs in Ontario and discuss the role that municipalities have in a procurement process to acquire electricity resources.
  - Session 1 – Apr 12: 1 am to 12 am. Session 2 – Apr 19: 1 pm to 3 pm.
- 24. **MPAC, InTouch, Mar 2022 – Record \$40.4 billion in new assessment projected for 2022. Enumeration outreach** – Landlord and Student Association. Upcoming webinar – Digital e-permitting pilot: An innovative value-added solution to capturing new assessment for Ontario Municipalities, Apr 7 from 1 to 2 pm.
- 25. **Operation Smile, Invitation to Proclaim Jun 19, 2022 The Longest Day of SMILES** – In these unprecedented times, Operation Smile Canada recognizes the importance of engaging community members in ways that enable them to use their passion and creativity to encourage positive change. Which is why they are inviting the Mayor of Machar Township to proclaim Jun 19, 2022 as the Longest Say of SMILES in your community.
- 26. **Ontario Volunteer Service Awards, Nominations for the 2022 Ontario Senior of the Year Award** – The deadline for nominations is Apr 30, 2022. For more information on how to submit a nomination online, please visit the Senior of the Year webpage. Once you submit a nomination, a personalized certificate with your nominee’s name will be sent to you. You’re encourage to present it to your nominee in Jun in conjunction with Seniors Month.
- 27. **Blue Sky Net, Tech-Talk Apr 2022: How a CRM Can Help Your Business** – The Business Technology Improvement Fund is still accepting applications, if you’re full-time business seeking an e-business technology upgrade, please visit [www.blueskynet.ca/btif](http://www.blueskynet.ca/btif).
- 28. **NDMNRF, Ontario Sport Hosting Program, Open Now** – Ontario’s Sport Hosting Program is designed to help bring national and international amateur sport events to the province by funding a variety of winter and summer sport competitions. The government is now accepting application for the 2022-23 Sport Hosting Program – Intake 2, for events with start dates between Nov 2022 and Jul 2024. The deadline for applications is Jul 11, 2022.
- 29. **NDMNRF, Forest Biomass Action Plan, Environmental Registry of Ontario Decisions Notice Forest Biomass** – I am writing to inform you that a Decision Notice has recently been posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the finalization of the provinces Forest Biomass Action Plan. Please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-biomass-action-plan>.
- 30. **Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, NDMNRF Digital Mail List** – The Ministry is transitioning to digital distribution of District mail-outs for all Forest Management Planning (FMP) notifications.
- 31. **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre, April Calendar** –
  - Emergency First Aid and CPR Training – 8 am to 4 pm, Apr 11 and 12 in Powassan.
  - Wellness Series with Dawn Berry, Facebook Live Evets – 11 am, Apr 19 & 26 and May 6 & 10.
  - Soft Skills Solutions, virtual 10-week program – beginning Apr 20, from 1 to 3:20 pm.
- 32. **Workforce Week Calendar** – Apr 4 – Kick off, Apr 5 – Get job ready, Apr 6 – Connect, Apr 7 – Bay works virtual job fair, Apr 8 – Future of work kick off
- 33. **Ius Laboris Canada Global Hr Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, Implications for Federal Employers from the Liberal – NDP Supply and Confidence Agreement** – On Mar 22, 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced an agreement between the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party (“NDP”), titled Delivering for Canadians Now, A Supply and Confidence Agreement. As part of the Agreement, the NDP has committed to supporting the Liberal Government on confidence and budgetary matters in exchange for the Liberals advancing key policy issues that are of a “shared interest” between the parties. If maintained, the Agreement would keep the Liberal Party in power until at least Jun 2025.
- 34. **Ius Laboris Canada Global Hr Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, In a Flash, Ukraine in Crisis** – Ius Laboris, and their network of Ukrainian lawyers, provides a guidance on what help is being offered to Ukraine refugees in the EU and beyond as they face this crisis, and explore the wider consequences of the war on the world of work.
- 35. **BAO, LifeLife: Con-ed or consequence; Inspection Requirements; Licence Fee Increase** – Reminder to those who haven’t completed their ALR Forms 1& 2! They were due by Mar 31.
- 36. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Apr is Oral Health Month** – Apr is oral health month in Canada. Maintaining good oral health is an important part of an overall healthy lifestyle.
- 37. **Ius Laboris Canada, Global HR Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, ESDC Announces Key Changes to Temporary Foreign Worker Program** – Employment and social development Canada (“ESDC”) has introduced the

Temporary Foreign Worker Program Workforce Solutions Road Map, which aims to address ongoing labour shortages in Canada.

Discussion ensued on 9. Septic systems are under the jurisdiction of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority. Sundridge still needs to know what the cost will be to inspect the systems and about 12 septic systems would be involved in the inspection program.

Discussion ensued on 10. It was felt accommodations are better to be located on land than on the lake. Council concurred there's a lot of information and discussion currently occurring province wide. Mayor Carleton apprised that we're proceeding cautiously.

#### INFORMATION – COVID-19

38. **MMAH, Letter from the Minister** – With key health and health system indicators continuing to remain stable or improve, Ontario is cautiously and gradually easing public health and workplace safety measures with all remaining measures, directives and orders to end by Apr 27, 2022.
39. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Recognizing Public Health: Canadian Public Health Week, Apr 4-8** – The inaugural Canadian Public Health Week is here! Public health is playing an essential role in the COVID-19 pandemic; however, there is more to the Health Unit than the 4,663 cases of COVID-19 that were managed since the start of the pandemic or the 272,540 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine administered.
40. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, It's Time to Get Up-to-Date with School Aged Vaccines** – Upcoming clinics include: Mattawa, North Bay, Sundridge, West Nipissing  
For more information on the program, please see our website at [www.myhealthunit.ca](http://www.myhealthunit.ca).
41. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Mattawa District Public School Rescheduled** – To stay up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic schedule, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated).
42. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week, By Appointment or Walk-in** – The following clinics are taking place at these locations this week:
  - North Bay, Parry Sound Rosseau, Sturgeon Falls
43. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics at Rosseau Lake College and Our Lady of Sorrows Cancelled** – To stay up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine clinics schedule, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated).
44. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week, By Appointment or Walk-in** – The following clinics are taking place this week at these locations:
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#### ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

##### **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in Ontario**

Letter received from Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to inform that Ontario is taking action to help limit the spread of the virus in the province. On the advice and recommendation of the Chief Veterinarian for Ontario, a Minister's Order under the Animal Health Act, 2009, has been issued for the purpose of limiting the commingling of birds from different locations in Ontario, in order to reduce the likelihood of disease transmission in domestic birds by limiting direct contact. Effective Apr 9, 2022 this Order temporarily prohibits events where birds commingle, such as bird shows, bird sales and swaps, portions of fairs where birds are exhibited, sport and educational displays where birds are brought from multiple locations, vaccination gatherings for birds from multiple locations, and prohibits the movement of birds to those events. Temporarily reducing direct contact between birds from different locations will limit the spread of avian influenza and protect flock health. This Order will expire on May 9, 2022 but may be extended if required. Information forwarded to By-Law Enforcement.

#### CLOSED SESSION

##### **57-22 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; security of the property of the municipality or local board, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative

tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Time 7:09 pm. CARRIED

**58-22 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:44 pm. CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

**59-22 Wood, Flowers**

THAT we give first, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Apr 25, 2022. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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