

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 12, 2021**

Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren regarding item 2 as he has business dealings with the applicant, Councillor Wood (paperwork to be submitted) with respect to 6. a. Skateboard Park as he's on the Committee.

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

Guests scheduled: Jane and Stephen Armstrong, Mikisew Park Superintendent Dave Ward, Linda McKenzie and Dave Jensen. Guests observing: John Mowat, Marvin Nolan, Pearl Ivens.

Councillors and all guests were teleconferenced in due to the Provincial Stay at Home Order (Covid-19).

PUBLIC MEETING

6:30 pm Minor Variance Application 2/21 5-116/7, Resolution

The purpose of the application is to permit reconstruction of an existing single detached dwelling located within the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone that requires various variances to Zoning By-Law 45-12; 12.4 m from the shoreline where the existing cottage is 13.8 m, deck to be 8.4 m from the shoreline where deck is 8.5 m, increase of gross floor area of 78 sq m where 56 sq m is permitted, floor area of 157 sq m where 139 sq m is permitted, increase in shoreline width of 145% where 30% is permitted, shoreline width is proposed to be increased from 9.8 m to 24 m. Notice of the meeting was provided by first class mail on Mar 20, 2021. Any person wishing further notice is to leave their full name and address with the Clerk Administrator prior to leaving the Public Meeting. Application and report were reviewed. There were no comments received. Decision: Approved. Conditions: 1. The lakeshore road allowance be purchased prior to the issuance of a Building Permit. 2. The owners' adjacent lots be merged on title to form 1 single lot, and that the applicant's lawyer confirm that the lots can no longer be conveyed separately. 3. The owners indicate on the drawings submitted for the Building Permit that the vegetation along the shore be maintained in its natural state. Mayor Carleton visited the site for information. Thanks were extended to the applicants and to Administration for efficiency of process.

REGULAR MEETING

6:45 pm Mikisew Provincial Park Superintendent & volunteers – 1st Winter Season

Discussions ensued. The 1st Winter Season was quite successful with many people using the trails. Volunteers groomed the trails and the Township assisted with snow removal. Walking trails are in demand. Next year plans and ideas were discussed. Councillor Wood offered to help with walking trails. Thanks were expressed to the Park Superintendent, volunteers and the Township for a great 1st season.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Feb 22, 2021 minutes, Resolution

58-21 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we adopt Mar 22, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

a. 2021 Canada Day Fireworks

Further to concern reviewed at our last meeting, contact made with the group organizing the 2021 Canada Day Fireworks on Eagle Lake. The group contact advises this event has been cancelled to help stop the spread of Covid-19. Councillor Wood would still like to see presentations. Mayor Carleton advised she has been contacted and a presentation is coming.

2. Application for Consent 4-184, Resolution

There's been some back and forth with the planner. Upon further review, they agree that the proposed lot can be considered as an infill lot subject to the criteria of Section C2.17.4 of the Official Plan. The lot will have to be enlarged to meet the minimum lot area requirement of the zone.

59-21 Flowers, Wood

THAT we support Application for Consent 4-184 for the creation of one new lot, subject to enlarging the lot to meet the minimum lot area requirement of 1.0 ha (2.5 AC), FURTHER THAT the standard conditions of Consent apply; all taxes paid up to date, Township requires 2 copies of the registered survey, a cash in lieu payment of \$1,695.00 (\$1,500 + HST), and a copy of the Notice of Decision from the Planning Board. CARRIED

3. Administration Update, Resolution

Tax collection rates remain good. Administration is still busy. We've moved to Yellow – Protect Level in the Province of Ontario's Covid-19 Response Framework to Shutdown to Stay at Home. Additional information included Municipal Office opening survey, Provincial Budget Highlights, Province-wide assessment update continues to be postponed, old Municipal Connect decommissioning date change, Province declares a 3rd State of Emergency, Stay at Home Order.

60-21 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we accept Administration Update of Mar 29, 2021. CARRIED

4. E Parry Sound Community Support Services Isolation Kits Round 2

Since they were not able to hold their seniors luncheons this year due to the pandemic, they were able to use the funding to put together these kits for seniors and those with disabilities who are at risk of isolation. The first round of kits sent out in Jan/Feb were geared towards the winter months. The kits are the same value but include slightly different items. Quantities are limited. If you participated in the first round, you are welcome to more kits so long as they go to different clients.

5. Ambulance Lease, Resolution

Received from South River on Mar 24, 2021. Lease expired Dec 31, 2020. Machar replied to inquire on current rental rate and information is provided. Tenant has all the maintenance costs. South River suggests continuing with cost of living increases for another 4 year term and indicates the reserve for the building isn't huge but is sufficient for a significant repair and is growing slowly.

61-21 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we approve renewal of Ambulance Base Lease Agreement for another 4 year term (2021-2024) with annual cost of living increases. CARRIED

6. Pay List by Fund for Mar, Resolution

62-21 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Mar 31, 2021: \$105,519.81 Grand Total. CARRIED

a. Skateboard Park - Almaguin Highlands Secondary School Graduation Awards

South River and the Lions Club have each donated \$10,000 to the Skateboard Park project and together with our support of \$2,500, the Village of Sundridge \$1,000, lots of local businesses and residents, some very creative fundraisers and in-kind donations, the \$50,000 goal has been met. The project will be built this summer but there are some finishing touches and enhancements that can be done (benches, garbage receptacles). Last year they requested a donation of \$5,000 from Machar and were very grateful for the \$2,500 contribution. As 2021 is a new fiscal year, the request is asking if it is possible to consider another \$2,500 to put this

project over the top. Discussed. The Township and staff have done a lot for the project. Decision deferred until Jun or Jul when we have a better idea of contributions for the year.

Individuals and area businesses generously support our community school and students by contributing to the Graduation Awards Program. Students and staff have always appreciated this support. It enables them to recognize and reward the outstanding achievements and successes of our students through presentation of well-earned awards. Approved \$200.

COMMITTEES

7. Shared Services; Arena Spring Repair List and Generator RFP

South River is working with staff on reduced schedules and possibly reduced hours and will let us know if there is a change. Spring Repair List for Arena indicates time based on 2 staff/shift, vacation time to be maximized. South River indicates Generator RFP has 2 quotes that score out very similarly. They have requested more information from both about noise levels and fuel styles. South River update indicates the Chief Arena Operator recommendation would be to award the contract to Val's Generator Service in North Bay. We expressed disappointment that the recommendation wasn't RLS as they're a local business supporting our community with employment, tax dollars, spending, etc. South River advised they were disappointed as well, but the quote wasn't as close as it seemed as RLS quoted a natural gas generator for the small one. They inquired of both bidders and Val's quote would have gone down had we gone natural gas and RLS's quote would have gone up for a diesel generator. Lots of discussion about which is better but South River recommendation was diesel was more reliable and easier to service as natural gas engine mechanics are not as readily available as diesel mechanics. South River is still waiting for Hydro One to confirm if there will be additional costs to upgrade the wires currently coming into the Arena. That does not affect the award of this contract, just the total cost of the project. If required, the additional work would be done by Hydro One. Update on Arena staff received, they have been working with Arena staff on mutually agreeable options to save on wages. As soon as they can confirm details, they will have the Chief Operator reduced to 1 day per week to maintain the management function. Holiday schedules have all been accelerated to maximize the savings prior to summer ice. At this point, they're hoping for summer ice, but are preparing if not required. South River indicates they're prepared until mid May and should summer ice not operate, they have a plan to voluntarily reduce staff further as necessary beginning May 15 which they will revisit on May 3...

8. South River Machar Medical minutes of Mar 16, 2021, Resolution

Reviewed. Elevator, transportation and disposal fees for the fluorescent lamps and non PCB ballast discussed. Councillor Flowers advises elevator quote is informational if needed for a future tenant.

63-21 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we support motions 1-5 in Medical Centre minutes of Mar 16, 2021 as follows; adopt the minutes of Feb 16, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, agree to the General Generator Annual Automatic Service Agreement, transportation and disposal fees for the fluorescent lamps and non PCB Ballast, now adjourned until Apr 20... CARRIED

9. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Mar 17, 2021, Resolution

Planning remains busy with several new files. Machar is experiencing the same busyness around property development, zoning compliance forms, real estate inquiries. Our front line staff member spent all last week just dealing with these types of inquiries, there was no time for any other duties.

64-21 McLaren, Wood

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Mar 17, 2021. CARRIED

10. Joint Building minutes of Mar 18, 2021, 2021 Budget, Resolution

Councillor Wood and Joly rep referred feedback from Administrations on the new zoning compliance form, however JBC feeling is they'd like it to continue being completed by the

municipalities. The Clerk Administrator thanked Councillor Wood indicating that we're managing, but a discussion with Joly Administration indicates they're having more difficulty per circumstances.

65-21 Wood, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Mar 18, 2021, including 2021 Budget of \$203,627. and 2021 Projected Budget Contributions reflecting no Municipal Operating Grant Required. CARRIED

11. Joint Building permit summaries for Mar, Resolution

Permit activity is up 7 more than at this time last year, 10 permits issued in Mar, Ryerson = 6.

66-21 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Building permit summaries for Mar 2021. CARRIED

12. FONOM Conference virtually Tue, May 18, 2021

Opportunity to ask those critical questions that impact your Council. Question should not be specific to your community but one that impacts your district or all of us in Northern Ontario. Questions required by Fri, Apr 30 and will be asked live by your FONOM representative. Deputy Mayor McLaren put forward the area concern regarding internet, connectivity, affordability, etc.

13. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit motion for greater Covid-19 vaccine allocation

67-21 Flowers, McLaren

Whereas, the Township of Machar is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit); and

Whereas, the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions; and

Whereas, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation; and

Whereas, COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R_{(t)}$, are among the highest in the province; and

Whereas, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2; and

Whereas, 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

Whereas, the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

Whereas, due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Township of Machar request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa. CARRIED

INFORMATION

- 14. Municipality of Calvin Resolution** – The Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness and had legislated paid sick leave been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced, and the lack of paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and a reduced ability to work from home. The Municipality of Calvin endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status.

15. **Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution** – Supports the Sarnia City Council who strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the Colour Coded System.
16. **Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution** – Supports the Norfolk County Agricultural Advisory Board’s letter regarding the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture produces. It is the recommendation of Norfolk County Council that the Federal Government consider the concerns of the agricultural community and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes.
17. **Town of Fort Erie Resolution** – Supports the City of Sarnia in advocating the province of Ontario to adjust the capacity limits as part of the COVID-19 colour coded system for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centres, and all retail/small businesses as part of the COVID-19 Colour Coded System.
18. **City of Owen Sound Resolution** – Supports the Municipality of Grey Highlands, they call on the Province of Ontario to review the seven recommendations of AMO to investigate the following municipal insurance issues, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities:
 1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
 2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a one-year limitation period may be beneficial.
 3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
 4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
 5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.
 6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence, including but not limited to, premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
 7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.
19. **Town of Kingsville Resolution** – Municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in Canada, law abiding Kingsville residents who own legal handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through the CFSC, PAL and ATT applications. If one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring municipality, this will create a patchwork of by-laws. The Town of Kingsville is opposed to the adoption of any by-laws restricting the possession storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns.
20. **Town of Cochrane Resolution** – The Ontario Government announced the closure of 26 youth justice facilities and the MeeQuam Youth Residence in Cochrane is one of the facilities that will be closing effective Apr 30, 2021. Children aged 12 to 17 from the northeastern communities will be impacted by this closure. The Town of Cochrane requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the youth justice facility in Cochrane.
21. **Township of Hudson Resolution** – Ontario’s fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000 and due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized. The Township of Hudson resolves as follows, that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters.
22. **Town of Caledon Resolution** – The federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline. The Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.
23. **City of Kitchener Resolution** – The Province of Ontario’s Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which can permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to decide within a prescribed timeline. Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017.

- 24. Town of Amherstburg Resolution** – Support regarding the City of St. Catherine’s request for permanent universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond.
- 25. Rural Development Network, CRRHH Symposium Early Bird Reminder** – Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium is only open for 3 more weeks. This event will be a great opportunity for you to reach and connect with a wider cross-section of housing providers, frontline service agencies, and municipal representative during a time when traditional outreach is on hold. This virtual event will take place Jun 1-3, 2021. Take advantage of the \$60 discount before tickets go full price on Apr 15, 2021, there are also discounted rates if registering 3+ people from the same organization.
- 26. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, MAHC Labs Achieve 95% Accreditation Score** – The assessment by Accreditation Canada, Diagnostics Division is based on the requirements of the Institute of Quality Management in Healthcare to review the quality management system, safety, and areas that collect specimens and perform or support patient testing for purposes of diagnosis, prevention or treatment of patients. It measured the lab at each hospital site against more than 400 major requirements and many sub-requirements specific to the disciplines of anatomic pathology (histology), chemistry, cytopathology, hematology, microbiology, transfusion medicine and point-of-care testing. It also included an in-person visit to the specimen collection site at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre in Burk’s Falls.
- 27. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Three Emergency Physicians Recruited to MAHC** – Pleased to introduce three physicians who have recently joined the Emergency Departments in Bracebridge and Huntsville, Dr. Vick Puri, Dr. Reuben Goldberg, and Dr. Anthony Duarte. Find out more about Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare by visiting www.mahc.ca.
- 28. MPAC InTouch, Mar 2021** – Province-wide assessment update continues to be postponed, the budget notes that consultations on the timing and valuation date for the next reassessment will be commencing shortly and that outcomes will be communicated this fall. Hearing from our Municipal Liaison Group, discussed their roll in supporting the 2020 Fall Economic Statement and sought input on our research into the potential for electronic delivery of the Assessment Roll. Continuing to roll out the new Municipal Connect, a number of features for the new Municipal Connect are still in development and will be released over the coming weeks. Supporting the standardization of building permits, encouraging technological innovation and support the development of an easier, more efficient process and more cost-effective exchange of data, and we are pleased to work with our sector partners on these initiatives. Notices in the mail for the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada Exemption. Upcoming webinar, How MPAC Assesses Farm Properties: Thu, Apr 8, 2021 from 1 to 2 pm.
- 29. AMO Communications, Policy Update, Long-Term Care Modernization and Expansion, Asset Management Plan Timelines Extended, Age Friendly Community Planning** – The Ontario government announced an investment of \$933 million in 80 new long-term care projects. This will result in additional new and upgraded long-term care spaces across the province. The criteria for selecting the projects being announced included:
- Upgrading older homes in response to lessons learned around improved Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures, particularly the elimination of three and four-bedrooms;
 - Adding spaces to areas where there are high needs;
 - Addressing the growing needs of diverse groups, including Francophone and Indigenous communities; and/or,
 - Promoting campuses of care to better address the specialized care needs of residents.
- Asset Management Plan Timelines Extended, the Ministry of Infrastructure has filed regulations to extend asset management plan (AMP) timelines for municipalities. The new regulations extended the deadline by one year for the plan criteria deadlines, planning timelines are now:
- Jul 1, 2022 – plans are required for more municipal assets
 - Jul 1, 2024 – plans are required for all municipal assets
 - Jul 1, 2025 – plans are required to include service levels and their appropriateness; a lifecycle management and financial strategy; funding sources and needs; and other assumptions.
- Government release new age-friendly Community Family Guide, its intended for those working to develop and support age-friendly communities in Ontario.
- 30. AMO Communications Policy Update, OPP Detachment Board Composition Process, Personal Support Worker Temporary Pay Extended, and By-Name List** – Municipal governments and First Nations receiving services from an OPP detachment are being asked to work together to submit one proposal (per detachment) regarding their selected composition of their board and, if needed, a rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board. Completed proposals are to be submitted to the Ministry by Mon, Jun 7, 2021. The government announced that it is investing \$239 million to extend temporary wage enhancements for personal support workers and

direct support workers in publicly funded home and community care, long-term care, public hospitals, and social service sectors. These temporary wage enhancements will continue until Jun 30, 2021. The Ontario government is directing all municipal service managers to begin collecting detailed, up-to-date information from individuals experiencing homelessness using by-name lists. This approach is to help connect people with local housing and homelessness supports that better respond to their needs.

- 31. AMO Communications Policy Update, Federal Gas Tax and Updated COVID-19 Regulations –** Deputy Prime Minister Freeland announced Bill C-25 which would permanently rename the GTF to the Canada Community-Building Fund and increase funding by \$2.2 billion in 2021, almost double the allocation for this year, totaling approximately \$4.5 billion. Increasing the fund to help prepare communities for economic recovery from the pandemic has been a major goal of AMO and their members. The GTF has been a significant source of stable and predictable infrastructure funding for municipal governments to tackle priority projects that help improve communities and the lives of residents in every municipality across Ontario. There are updates related to various amendments to orders under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act (ROA). These updates include amendments to rules for weddings, funerals or religious services, and dining for areas in Stage 1 and capacity limits for restaurants and other food and drink establishments for areas in Stages 2 and 3. Order currently in force under the ROA have been extended until Apr 20, 2021.
- 32. AMO Communications Policy Update, OCLIF Final Payment, AMO's Bills 257 Submission, and Amended COVID-19 Orders –** When OCLIF was announced, AMO and municipal leaders strongly sought an equal share of funding should Ontario's revenues exceed the then expected \$100 million. Today's letter from Minister Bethlenfalvy makes good on that commitment, noting the Province is distributing \$3.9 million, 50 per of the surplus, to eligible municipalities. AMO continues to advocate for a renewed share of cannabis excise tax revenue to support municipalities in managing cannabis costs and expanding services and programs that help residents, particularly youth, to develop skills for lifetime resilience. On Fri, Mar 26, the AMO submitted written comments on all schedules of Bill 257, Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021 to the Standing Committee on General Government. On Fri, Mar 26, there was provincial notice to amend COVID-19 regulations that took effect on Mon, Mar 29 as of 12:01 am. We expect the consolidated regulations under the Reopening Ontario Act 202 to be posted shortly.
- 33. AMO Communications Policy Update, Provincial COVID-19 Lock Down, Water Taking Changes, Long-Term Care Medication Safety –** Provincial COVID-19 Lock Down, effective Sat, Apr 3, 2021, at 12:01 am, measures include:
- Prohibiting indoor organized public events and social gatherings and limiting the capacity for outdoor organized public events or social gatherings to a 5-person maximum, except for gatherings with members of the same household (the people you live with) or gatherings of members of one household and one other person from another household who lives alone;
 - Restricting in-person shopping in all retail settings, including a 50 per cent capacity limit for supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor farmers' markets, other stores that primarily sell food and pharmacies, and 25 per cent for all other retail including big box stores, along with other public health and workplace safety measures;
 - Prohibiting personal care services;
 - Prohibiting indoor and outdoor dining. Restaurants, bars, and other food or drink establishments will be permitted to operate by take-out, drive-through, and delivery only;
 - Prohibiting the use of facilities for indoor or outdoor sports and recreational fitness (e.g., gyms) with very limited exceptions;
 - Requiring day camps to close; and
 - Limiting capacity at weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies to 15 per cent occupancy per room indoors, and to the number of individuals that can maintain two metres of physical distance outdoors. This does not include social gatherings associated with these services such as receptions, which are not permitted indoors and are limited to five people outdoors.
- Changes to Ontario's Water Taking Program, is one of the key commitments of the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan. The changes include new rules that give municipal governments more direct input on allowing bottled water companies to withdraw new or increased amounts of groundwater in their communities. Strengthening Medication Safety in Long-Term Care Homes, the government announced it is acting to strengthen medication safety for residents in long-term care homes. \$77 million will be provided to homes to use more advanced technologies.
- 34. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Mar 18, 2021, In This Issue –**
- PJ Marshall Awards – Call for submissions for 2021.

- Government releases new Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide.
 - Ontario supports tourism, culture, sport and recreation organizations.
 - Don't miss the Early Bird Deadline for AMO 2021.
 - Register for AMO's Long-Term Care webinar.
 - Accessibility & Your Municipality: Meeting your legal and ethical obligations.
 - EPT Spotlight: Tracking conservation measures.
 - Upcoming group buying webinars: Procurement, modular bridges.
 - Get to know the Road & Sidewalk Assessment Program.
 - Training on delegation of planning decisions – Apr 23.
 - Careers: AMO, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, East Garafraxa and Espanola.
- 35. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Mar 25, 2021, In This Issue –**
- Government releases Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide.
 - Community Building Fund.
 - Accessibility & Your Municipality: Meeting your legal and ethical obligations.
 - EPT Spotlights: Automatic utility import.
 - Group Buying webinar: Bridge-in-a-Box.
 - Road & Sidewalk Assessment webinar.
 - Training on delegation of planning decisions – Apr 23.
 - Careers: AMO and Durham Region.
- 36. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Apr 1, 2021, In This Issue –**
- Municipal Innovation Toolkit: Modernizing public service through innovation.
 - Report out on Mar 26, 2021 AMO Board meeting.
 - PJ Marshall Awards – Call for submissions for 2021.
 - AMO's webinar on long-term care posted.
 - Accessibility & your municipality: Meeting your legal and ethical obligation.
 - The pandemic's impact on municipal fleets in Canada.
 - Group Buying webinars: Bridges and Boulders.
 - Road and Sidewalk Assessment webinar.
 - Careers: Halton Region, Gravenhurst, East Gwillimbury and Goderich.
- 37. FCM Communique, Critical New Support for Municipal Infrastructure –** Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland announced a doubling of next year's federal Gas Tax Fund transfer to municipalities, growing it by \$2.2 billion. The federal government is also proposing to rename this tool – as the *Canada Community Building Fund* – to reflect its essential value. FCM will continue to advocate for a community-led recovery – starting with the Apr 19 federal budget. Budget recommendations include bold actions to tackle housing insecurity, support local disaster mitigation, strengthen rural communities and tackle western economic anxiety. They will continue to call for a durable solution to municipal budget shortfalls, for the duration of the pandemic.
- 38. FCM Communique, Dedicated Rural Transit Fund Announced –** Minister of Infrastructure Catherine McKenna and Minister of Rural Economic Development Maryam Monsef announced the details of the new rural transit fund – the first ever federal fund dedicated to the transit needs of rural, remote and small communities. The rural transit fund, first announced in Feb as part of the federal government's long-term transit plan, will include \$250 million over five years to support innovative mobility solutions in rural and remote communities. The funding will be available to support a wide range of delivery models, including on-demand services, to meet local transit priorities. This announcement is a positive step that respond to years of robust advocacy by FCM and Rural Forum members.
- 39. FCM Communique, FCM Voice: Nominations for FCM's Board of Directors, Community Efficiency Financing Info Session, WEST OP-ED –** The nomination process is now open for those wishing to run for FCM's 2021-2022 Board of Directors. New funding offer helps create financing programs for home energy upgrades in municipalities across Canada. The chairs of FCM's Western Economic Solutions Taskforce (WEST) have published an op-ed calling on the federal government to take immediate action in Budget 2021 to support western communities. They also highlighted WEST's budget recommendations to help protect western jobs, families, and industries. On Mar 16, FCM intervened at the Supreme Court of Canada to defend local democracy in the City of Toronto's appeal against Bill 5, which completely re-wrote municipal electoral boundaries during an ongoing election. New Feminist Response and Recovery Fund, funding is offered to eligible organizations responding to the current impacts of COVID-19 of women through systemic change projects. The Alberta Ecotrust Foundation announced the receipt of their \$43.4 million endowment from the federal government on Mar 17. New video: local leaders salute FCM, municipal leaders from across

the county have come together in a compelling new video to share what FCM's support during the COVID-19 pandemic has meant to them. Digital transformation best practices for municipalities, watch the webinar to learn:

- Best practices on securing internal resources to drive success.
 - What to expect from a best in-class technology partner.
 - Change management during times of crisis.
- 40. FCM Communiqué, FCM Voice: Empowering Communities of All Sizes, Register for AC 2021, FCM CEO On Net Zero Panel, Ann Maclean Award** – Empowering communities of all sizes, the federal government announced its first-ever dedicated fund for rural transit, the federal Gas Tax Fund transfer will be doubled for 2021-2022, helping every municipality launch job-creating infrastructure projects. The federal budget expected Apr 19 is an opportunity to move forward. Register for AC (Annual Conference) 2021 – to vote in FCM's elections, May 31-Jun 4, 2021, register for the conference before Apr 23 to participate in this democratic process and benefit from early-bird rates. FCM CEO on panel discussing reaching net zero, Apr 13-15. Nominations are open for the Ann MacLean Award for Outstanding Service by Women in Municipal Politics. Accepting nominations until May 1, 2021. CHF Canada join's FCM's Regional Energy Coaches pilot project, part of FCM's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative, REC's will help affordable housing providers initiate and plan energy efficiency retrofits and new builds. Are your school zones safe? Free trials are available, learn how this technology aligns with new government funding options. Upcoming webinar: Linked Open Data Environment, learn more about relevant data and tools, including tailored webinars on key products and capabilities that support local, evidence-based policy decisions, Apr 15 at 1:30 pm.
- 41. FCM Communiqué, Annual Conference Moves Forward!** – Register now for FORWARD: FCM's 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show. This year, the conference runs from May 31-Jun 4 as a COVID-safe virtual event. FCM's bringing the best of their previous conference to life with an exceptional and flexible program that take advantage of this year's online reality.
- 42. FCM Communiqué, FCM Voice: Annual Conference 2021: Registration Open! Next Year's Gas Tax Fund Transfer Doubled, Asset Management Funding Awarded** – Register now for FORWARD: FCM's 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show, conference runs from May 31 to Jun 4 as a COVID-safe virtual event. Doubled: next years Gas Tax Fund transfer, that means more funds to trigger job-creating projects – whether that's upgrading a wastewater facility or expanding a community centre. Asset management funding awarded, over \$6 million in funding to 139 municipalities of all sizes across Canada, through FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP). Canada-Quebec agreement to connect 150,000 homes to high-speed internet, this comes on the heels of the launch of the Universal Broadband Fund that FCM and municipal leaders worked so hard to secure. New video: local leaders describe FCM, and what local leaders can achieve when they work together.
- 43. FCM Communiqué, President's Corner: Looking Back, Moving Forward** – Mar, 2021 marks one year since COVID-19 turned life upside down. FCM and its elected Board of Directors recognized the seriousness of this crisis and mobilized right away by organizing regular conference calls with their Rural Forum, Big City Mayors' Caucus, provincial and territorial associations and others to share critical information and coordinate frontline efforts. FCM was instrumental in securing up to \$8.6 billion in emergency funding for municipalities. The return of FCM's annual conference, register before Apr 23.
- 44. MCSCM Feedback, Letter from the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General** – Writing to provide you with an update on the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment boards under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA)*. In Feb 2020, the Ministry of the Solicitor General conducted seven regional roundtable sessions across the province. Discussions at these sessions focused on new OPP-related regulatory requirements under the CSPA. In response to the feedback, an OPP detachment board framework has been developed that is hoped to provide municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from the OPP the flexibility to create a board that reflects your community and local needs. Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment are asked to work together to determine the composition of their board(s) as well as the manner in which they will submit their proposal to the ministry.
- 45. ENDM, Registration Open: Online Agriculture Economic Development Training** – Free learning opportunity if your community is looking for ways to support your local agriculture sector. This interactive training will:
- Share key agriculture economic development concepts.
 - Introduce the range of agriculture economic development activities your community can explore.
 - Give you tools to develop a plan for agricultural economic development in your community.

- Provide an overview of the Agriculture Economic Development guide and its three stages: Plant, Grow and Harvest.
The course is split into two sessions and registration is free, dates: Tue, Apr 27, 10 am – 11:30 am and Tue, May 4, 10 am – 11:30 am.
- 46. ENDM, Ontario Budget Highlights, Great News for Tourism Sector** – The government is introducing the new Ontario Tourism and Hospitality Small Business Support Grant, which will provide an estimated \$100 million in one-time payments of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to eligible small businesses. Eligible businesses include:
 - Hotels
 - Motels
 - Travel Agencies
 - Amusement and Water Parks
 - Hunting and Fishing Camps
 - Recreational and Vacation Camps (e.g., children’s overnight summer camps)
 Further details can be obtained at www.ontario.ca/COVIDsupport.com where more information can be found:
 - Another Year of Relief from Certain Rents and Fees for Resource-Based Tourism Businesses.
 - Ontario Tourism Recovery Program
 - Additional Funding for NOHFC
 - Ontario Travel Tax Credit
 - Doubling the Ontario Small Business Support Grant
- 47. ENDM, OFT Community Building Fund - Operating Stream: Due Apr 28, 2021** – OFT has a new program opening up Mar 31, 2021 for organizations that have a significant presence in the arts and culture, heritage, tourism, sport and recreation sectors, and operate facilities and/or deliver experiences or programs in Ontario that are open to the public. Organizations can apply for funding from the Community Building Fund – Operating stream to remain viable to operate facilities and/or deliver experiences to programs to Ontarians in the short and longer term. Application deadline: Wed, Apr, 28, 2021.
- 48. Tribunals Ontario, ARB, Assessment Review Board, Appeals Resolution Strategy Memo** – Writing to advise you of expectations in resolving appeals before the next assessment cycle begins, including with newly filed 2021 appeals. Building on the Board’s success to date, with the continued focus on digital-first approach to providing services.
- 49. FedNor Outreach, The FedNor Focus** – FedNor is re-launching its stakeholder newsletter, the FedNor Focus, which highlights investments in support of projects that are making a real impact in the lives of the residents of Northern Ontario. Learn how a project by First Cobalt Corporation is putting Northern Ontario on the global map as a vital player in the future of electric vehicles, and how investments in automation, clean-tech, and productivity are helping manufacturers like Tenaris in Sault Ste. Marie and Norgalv Limited in North Bay create good-paying jobs for Northern Ontario residents by embracing technology and change.
- 50. ENDM, Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program – Opening Apr 7, 2021** – Program highlights:
 - First come, first served
 - The program will close when the budget is fully allocated
 - Funding levels:
 - *45% Indirect Benefits*
 - *60% Direct Benefits – evaluated with Habitat Self Assessment Form*
 - *15% SAR Watch Bonus*
 - Up to a maximum of \$20,000 per farm business
 - 13 supported Best Management Practices
 - Eligible invoice dates, Apr 1 to Dec 15, 2021
 - Claim deadline: Dec 15, 2021.
 The SARFIP Brochure provides full program details and can be found on the OSCIA website: <http://www.ontariooilcrop.org/oscia-programs/sarfip>. Applications will be available on the website on Mar 31.
- 51. Tribunals Ontario, Memo from the ARB, Electronic Document Filing** – Update on Electronic Document Format and Filing Requirements Guideline (“Guideline”), that the Board has established for filing documents electronically. Taking effect on Apr 1, 2021 the Guideline supports the Rules of Practice and Procedure and provides direction on how to properly format and file documents with the Board. The Guideline also clearly identifies the ARB’s expectations for the parties.

INFORMATION – COVID-19

- 52. Municipality of West Nipissing, Vaccine Allocation Motion** – The Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation. The Municipality of West Nipissing request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa.
- 53. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Thu Morning Press Conference, Top Messages** – On the provincial wide lockdown:
- The state of the pandemic is worsening across the province. Although locally, the situation is not as dire, we need to exercise caution.
 - The signs have been clear, and as a result the Ontario government has indicated that they will move to a province-wide lockdown.
 - Small businesses have been particularly impacted by the uncertainty and ever-changing restrictions from week-to-week. This is why we have said that the quickest path for reopening is not reopening too soon.
- On Vaccinations:
- Together with municipal partners, they continue to advocate with the province for a more equitable distribution of the vaccine to northern communities.
 - This past weekend they opened a COVID-19 vaccine appointment booking to individuals 75 and older to maximize the vaccines that we have.
 - Now pleased to announce that individuals 70 and older can now begin booking appointments.
 - The health unit has not received the AstraZeneca vaccine. If it is eventually allocated to our region, they will distribute it in accordance with the recommendations and guidelines from Health Canada and the Ministry of Health.
- 54. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release, Health Unit Not Yet Booking Appointments for Individuals 75-79** – The Health Unit will not be able to book appointments beginning on Mar 22 for individuals 75-79 years of age. In spite of the provincial announcement, the Health Unit is still working through the phase 1 priorities. Booking of phase 2 priority vaccinations, which includes seniors aged 60-79 years of age, will begin when the majority of phase 1 vaccinations are near completion.
- 55. North Bay Parry Sound District News Release, COVID-19 Community Outbreak at the Skyline – Lancelot Apartments Declared Over** – The Health Unit has declared the COVID-19 community outbreak at the Skyline – Lancelot Apartments over as of the evening of Mar 23, 2021. It is important to recognize the hard work and collaboration of Skyline Living Corporation, the North Bay Regional Health Centre’s Assessment Centre and the residents and staff of the apartment complex in their efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19 within the apartment building. The public is encouraged to continue to follow public health measures including:
- Stay home as much as possible;
 - Practice physical distancing – staying two (2) metres from others who do not reside in your home or where you are living, and if you live alone physically distance from anyone outside your unique close contact home;
 - Wear a face-covering indoors and whenever physical distancing is difficult;
 - Wash or sanitize your hands often;
 - Cough and sneeze into your sleeve;
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth;
 - Clean high touch objects and surfaces often.
- 56. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Fri COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic in North Bay Still a Go** – The Health Unit is confirming the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at Memorial Gardens has not been cancelled. It will run from 9 am to 4 pm as scheduled.
- 57. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release, Health Unit Advocating for Increase in COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation** – The Health Unit continues to advocate with the province for greater access to COVID-19 vaccines. In spite of the provincial announcement to start to book individuals 75 to 79 years of age, the Health Unit does not have adequate vaccine to open up vaccinations beyond the phase 1 priorities. Booking phase 2 priority vaccinations, which includes seniors aged 60-79 years of ages, will begin when the majority of phase 1 vaccinations are near completion.
- 58. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Limited COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments Open Up in North Bay, Britt and Sunridge for Adults 75+** – A limited number

of appointments are available on Mar 29, 2021, Mar 31, 2021, and Apr 2, 2021, at Memorial Gardens in North Bay, on Mar 30, 2021 at the Britt Legion in Britt, and on Apr 1, 2021, at the SSJ Arena in Sunridge. Individuals can book their appointment either online through the provincial booking system or by phone by calling the Health Unit. For more information on clinic locations, dates and times, please visit www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19Vaccine.

- 59. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Urges Province to Provide Greater Vaccine Allocation, Encourages Residents to Continue Strict Public Health Measures –** Though we are making progress with the vaccine rollout, to date only 14.8 per cent of individuals aged 18 or older in our district have received at least their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. In the interim, the Health Unit is urging residents to continue to physically distance, wear face coverings, and avoid unnecessary gatherings.
- 60. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Health Unit COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Still Taking Place During Shutdown –** The Government of Ontario announced a provincewide shutdown will take effect Sat, Apr 3, 2021 at 12:01 am for a period of four weeks. The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is reassuring the public that COVID-19 vaccine clinics will still run as scheduled. The Health Units online booking system website: www.Ontario.ca/Book/Vaccine.
- 61. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Health Unit Offers Vaccination Clinics Over the Easter Holiday Weekend –** The Health Unit hosted clinics at Memorial Gardens in North Bay on Sat, Apr 3, Sun, Apr 4, and Mon, Apr 5. Clinics are open to adults born in 1946 or before, as well as community health care workers who have received their email code from the Ministry of Health. Adults 70-74 years of age are also able to book appointments by phone only by calling the Health Units call centre 1-800-563-2808 and following the prompts.
- 62. Communications, Health Unit, PSA, Select Pharmacies within District to Offer Vaccination to Individuals 55 or Older –** The following pharmacies will be offering vaccination:
- Shoppers Drug Mart (Parry Sound)
 - Wal-Mart Pharmacy (North Bay)
 - Northern Shores Pharmacy (North Bay)
 - Loblaw Pharmacy (Sturgeon Falls)
- Individuals 55 and over who wish to book an appointment at participating pharmacies can call pharmacies directly. For more information, visit www.Ontario.ca/pharmacycoviddvaccine.
- 63. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Member of the Rosseau Lake College Community in Parry Sound Tests Positive for COVID-19 –** Individuals in the school community identified as being high-risk contacts have been informed, and are required to self isolate for 14 days. At this time, the Health Unit has not declared an outbreak.
- 64. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Health Unit COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Full Over Long Weekend –** The COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics that took place at Memorial Gardens from Apr 3 to Apr 5, 2021 are now full. The Health unit is working to fill the limited appointments available for other clinics that are currently scheduled throughout the Nipissing and Parry Sound District. At this time the Health Unit is not placing names on a waiting list for clinics that are not yet scheduled.
- 65. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Health Unit Booking COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments for Individuals 60-69, Select Community Health Care Workers –** Individuals who are in this age group can book online at www.ontario.ca/BookVaccine, or by calling the Health Unit from 9 am to 4:30 pm at 1-800-563-2808, appointments CAN NOT be made in person through the Health Unit. Community health care workers who have received a booking code are also eligible to make an appointment.
- 66. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit and AIDS Committee Launch Naloxone Awareness Campaign –** Naloxone Saves Lives. Get Trained. Get a Kit. This campaign aims to increase awareness of opioid overdoses in our district and teach people how to respond to an overdose. Naloxone is a medication that temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, and is available free-of-charge in Ontario in two forms: injectable and nasal spray. Naloxone is safe and effective to use, and works in as little as two to three minutes. Individuals, businesses or agencies interested in learning more about naloxone and/or wishing to access free naloxone training for themselves or their staff can do so virtually by registering at <http://bit.ly/naloxonesavelives>.
- 67. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Public Service Announcement Apr 8, 2021 – Individual Tests Positive for COVID-19 at Silver Birches Elementary School –** was at school during their

infectious period, high risk contacts were contacted and made aware they are required to self-isolate for a 14 day period, current situation does not meet the criteria to declare an outbreak.

68. Thunder Bay District Health Unit, News Release, This Spring Break, Do Your Part: Stop the Surge –

As we approach the Easter holiday and spring break, the northern Medical Officers of Health are asking all community members in northern Ontario to work together to prevent another surge in COVID-19. Top 3 actions for all families and households:

- Stay 2 metres apart from anyone you don't live with.
- Have symptoms? Get tested straight away, and until you have results, you and everyone else you live with must stay home.
- Avoid non-essential travel or receiving visitors, especially between different colour zones.

Top 3 outbreak prevention tips for local businesses:

- Follow the regulations of your local zone and stay as contactless as possible.
- Keep your guard up, even on breaks: stay distanced and masked in break rooms, staff areas, and carpools.
- Screen everyone. Every day.

69. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, COVID-19 Update for Leaders & Partners –

In the Simcoe Muskoka region as of Thu, Mar 18, the Health Unit has reported 7,114 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Simcoe Muskoka, of which 255 are reported in Muskoka with 239 recovered and three deceased. (Gravenhurst 49; Huntsville 87; Muskoka Lakes 53; Lake of Bays 7; Bracebridge 44; Georgian Bay 15). There are currently no COVID-19 positive inpatients receiving care at MAHC. This figure continues to be updated weekdays on the website along with updates on:

- Patient Care & Surge Capacity Planning
- COVID-19 Community Vaccination
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Assessment Centre
- Communication

www.mahc.ca//COVID-19.

70. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Muskoka Assessment Centres Hours on Easter Holidays –

The two COVID-19 assessment centres in Muskoka will be open to appointments for COVID testing with staggered operations on Easter holidays. The Town of Huntsville's COVID-19 Assessment Centre at the Active Living Centre in Huntsville will be open Good Fri, Apr 2, 2021 from 9 am to 1 pm. The Muskoka Healthcare (MAHC) COVID-19 Assessment Centre located in the portable behind the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Site will be open Easter Mon, Apr 5, 2021 from 9 am to 5 pm. Bracebridge Assessment Centre to adjust operating hours after Easter, effective Tue, Apr 6, 2021, operation hours are from 8 am to 4 pm, Mon to Fri.

71. MMAH, A Message from General Hillier On Vaccines – Incredible progress has been made in the past two weeks. Since the provincial booking system was launched on Mar 15, 2021, more than 583,000 have been scheduled for first and second doses. The Provincial Vaccine Information Line and the Provincial Booking Line have received more than 205,000 calls. With limited wait times, the system is doing exactly what it was designed to – assist Ontarians in obtaining quick and easy access to a vaccine appointment. In addition to the 327 pharmacies already running, expansion is continuing with approximately 350 pharmacies to be brought on board across the province in the next two weeks and continuing up to 1500 by the end of Apr.

72. Minister of Infrastructure – Sharing some great news about the Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure regulation (O.Reg. 588/17). Pleased to announce that the regulation has been amended to extend the upcoming phase 2 (Jul 1, 2021) timeline by one year, and subsequent timelines for phase 3 and 4 by one year. The amended regulation came into effect on Mar 15, 2021. The revised regulatory timelines are as follows:

- Phase 2 (by Jul 1, 2022): Asset Management Plan for core infrastructure assets which include water, wastewater and stormwater assets, roads, bridges and culverts; within this, the plan for core assets must also include current levels of service and costs to maintain these levels.
- Phase 3 (by Jul 1, 2024): Asset Management Plan for all municipal assets, including current levels of service and costs to maintain these levels.

Phase 4 (by Jul 1, 2025): Builds on phase 2 where plans shift from current levels of service to focus on proposed levels of service and related lifecycle management and financial strategy for all assets.

For reference, the amended regulation can be found on the Ontario eLaws website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/170588#BK7>.

- 73. Ontario Recreation Facilities Association Inc. (ORFA), Open Letter to ORFA Members and Industry Employers** – The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for all communities and has required a flexible and responsive approach. Over the past year, we have witnessed the vital role that recreation facility professionals, and recreation infrastructure (indoor and outdoor), play in our communities. While following public health guidance, providing even limited access to recreation has allowed our community residents to stay connected, support their physical and mental health, and hopefully encourage them to view a more positive, post-pandemic future.
- 74. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Notice to the Profession: No Malls, New Videos, COVID-19 Chart, BAO Jobs – No selling in malls, licenses are reminded that they can not set up in shopping malls to sell products or services. This includes no setting up information booths, off-site offices or pop-ups. The Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 prohibits:**
- Solicitation – See Section 29 of the Act
 - A licensee from contacting a consumer in a place other than the licensee’s place of business unless the consumer expressly requests it.
2 instructional videos:
 - ALR Form 1 Cemeteries, Crematoriums and AH
 - How to Login to the licensing portal
- COVID-19 Chart, On Mar 16, the BAO adjusted the COVID-19 chart of bereavement sector restrictions following the provincial government’s changes to its pandemic framework. Stay tuned, infection numbers are increasing with pandemic’s third wave underway. Job opportunities, the BAO has a handful of new job opportunities, you can find them on the careers page.
- 75. BAO, Bereavement Authority Ontario, Funeral Attendance Restricted to 15% Indoors to a Max of 50 People Indoors or Outdoors** – Effective, Sat, Apr 3, 2021, the indoor and outdoor limits cannot be combined to allow more than 50 people in total (not counting funeral staff). The restrictions go into place Sat, as do the Government of Ontario’s new COVID-19 restrictions announced Thu afternoon.
- 76. MMAH, Memorandum from Deputy Minister to Clerks and CAO’s** – Writing to share some updates related to various amendments to orders under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act (ROA). These updates include amendments to rules for weddings, funerals or religious services and dining for areas in Stage 1 and capacity limits for restaurants and other food and drink establishments for areas in Stages 2 and 3. Amendments to rules for areas in Stage 1, effective Mar 15, 2021. Amendments to rules for areas in Stage 2, effective Mar 20, 2021. Amendments to rules for areas in Stage 3, effective Mar 20, 2021. Revoked orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act. Ongoing enforcement efforts.
- 77. ENDM, Latest COVID-19 Support Summaries** – Non-profit sector sups summary, community sups summary, and private sector sups summary 2021.

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Near North Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club

Snowdrifters President thanked the Township for their help this year with the snowmobile club and mentioned their upcoming AGM virtually on Sat, May 1 @ 10 am. Link to be posted on social media.

Boat Launch North end of Eagle Lake

Deputy Mayor McLaren referred a concern received from a citizen regarding possible limitation of private boat launch on the North end of Eagle Lake. We’re unsure at this point what will happen.

BUDGET MEETING – THU, APR 15, 2021 – 10:00 AM

ADJOURN

68-21 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Special meeting scheduled for Thu, Apr 15, 2021. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT