

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 23, 2018**

**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.

Guests scheduled and attending: Todd Lucier and Nadene Theriault-Copeland.

**The Explore South River Project; proposal and budget presentation**

The Explore South River Project has been created by a group of enthusiastic businesses, artists and artisans from South River, ON who are collaborating to best represent a vibrant and thriving vision of South River to visitors and residents. The project brings community stories to life and brings the value of arts, recreation, culture and learning experiences into sharp focus, a printed map, a digital map that provides additional layers that come to life as users interact with the map and one web domain handheld app presenting community events, maps, resources and stories. It is a collaborative effort that invites participation from all sectors of the South River area. The project also aims to put information about what is going on in our community into the hands of every resident and visitor. Vision, proponents, project, partnerships, budget, key people and community support discussed. Become a subscriber: like, share and follow Explore South River [www.facebook.com/exploresouthriver](http://www.facebook.com/exploresouthriver), become a supporter: all financial contributions are welcomed, become a member: annual memberships are \$50 and include opportunities to post events on the facebook page and future [www.exploresouthriver.ca](http://www.exploresouthriver.ca) events calendar as well as placement on the printed map (deadline for 1<sup>st</sup> edition Apr 1, 2018), invitation to planning meetings and events, pledge your support: show your enthusiasm and provide a letter of support. Contact PARC (a not for profit organization established in Feb 2000 working with the community to promote the region) or NAISA (New Adventures in Sound Art a not for profit organization established in Mar 2001 formerly based in Toronto, but moved to South River in Jan 2017 operates as an Art Gallery/Event Space with a small café and Artist Workshop space at 106 Ottawa Av, South River) to learn more about this exciting project [events@exploresouthriver.ca](mailto:events@exploresouthriver.ca). \$250 project support requested. Explore South River Launch Event is Wed, Apr 25, 2018 – Highlander Brewery at 7:00 pm. Guests departed. The work done to date and proposed by the volunteers is impressive. Approved.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Apr 9, 2018 minutes, Resolution**

**78-18 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we adopt minutes of Apr 9, 2018. CARRIED

**2. Phragmites Public Information Session update**

Friends of Eagle Lake group has contacted the ELCA (Eagle Lake Conservation Association) advising they've reached out to our MPP about possibly being able to get assistance in the removal and destruction of phragmites, and one of the group members may be at the Apr 28 session to present their findings. We were thanked very much for the Phragmites Public Information Session poster. The ELCA President has emailed it to Almaguin Highlands Secondary School inviting staff and students to attend. ELCA member requested revision of the poster in consideration of feedback they're receiving that citizens don't realize the importance in attending the Information Session. The poster is already in distribution, so we were able to tweak it slightly to address the concern. The word Invasive was enlarged and bolded. ELCA member referred Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Phragmites and Invasive Species Action Plan, so the information was sourced. NVCA Controlling Phragmites publication indicates to call your local waste facility to make sure they accept phragmites, and discuss the drop off process and fees. Healthy Watershed, Health Communities indicates NBCA does not offer a service to remove invasive species on private property. If you are looking for tips on dealing

with phragmites on your property, see the links or visit [www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/](http://www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/).  
Format for the Information Session was discussed and the Clerk Administrator directed to contact ELCA President asking that he introduce Mayor Carleton for some welcoming remarks and then she can turn the session back to him for the presentations. It was agreed that we've supported the Information Session and our support for the Phragmites removal effort would be the same as provided for the Litter Pick up; transportation to the Landfill Site.

### **3. Consent Application 1-187, Resolution**

Reviewed. This is a resubmission per initial planner comments.

#### **79-18 McLaren, Flowers**

THAT we support Application for Consent 1-187 to create 3 new lots as it conforms to policies in the Official Plan and requirements of the Zoning By-Law,  
FURTHER THAT standard conditions of consent apply; all taxes paid up to date, 4 copies of registered survey, cash-in-lieu of parkland \$847.50 per lot created. CARRIED

### **4. 2018 Budget package**

Reviewed. Positive outcome is mainly due to increased surplus from last year and borrowing our portion of the Eagle Lake Road project. Reserve balances reviewed. It was agreed to borrow our portion of the Eagle Lake Road project from Reserve; Working Fund Reserve, rather than Public Works Reserve which would pose too great an effect when the reserve is required in future, and rather than from the bank as we can borrow for 0% from ourselves. Amount from Reserve will be paid back; \$11,025 in 2018 and \$50,000 for the next 4 years. Overall levy change is 2.55% for 2018. Tax Impact on Median/Typical Property; Single Family Home is \$20.66 for 2018. 2017 Tax Rate Comparison chart reviewed for 19 area municipalities; Machar sits exactly in the middle, and the lowest of our immediate comparables, less than Armour, Kearney, Strong, Ryerson, Joly, Parry Sound, Sundridge, Burks Falls, and South River respectively.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **5. Machar Public Works minutes of Apr 12, 2018, Resolution**

#### **80-18 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Apr 12, 2018. CARRIED

### **6. South River Machar Fire minutes of Apr 3, 2018, Resolution**

Reviewed. Garage door quote noted; lower than \$30,000 budget. Discussion ensued that the financing has been secured for Pump 4 and that the municipal contribution will be \$171,495. Clarification sought from Committee members. 2018 share of annual expenses has already been approved at \$166,344.

#### **81-18 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we support motions as contained in Fire minutes of Apr 3, 2018; adopt the minutes, Income Statement/AP Ledger, Fire Chief's Report, purchase replacement garage doors from ABC Overhead Garage Doors for the quoted amount of \$21,685 plus HST, meet again on May 1 at 6:00 pm... CARRIED

### **7. South River Machar Arena minutes of Apr 11, 2018, Resolution**

Amendment noted 8.1 in minutes. Bleacher heaters now installed; later than indicated.

#### **82-18 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we support motions as contained in Arena minutes of Apr 11, 2018; adopt the minutes, AP Ledger/Income Statement, Arena Manager's Report, close the meeting, adjourn from closed, meet again on May 2 at 6:00 pm... CARRIED

**8. South River Machar Culture and Rec minutes of Apr 11, 2018, Resolution**

**83-18 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we support motions in Culture and Rec minutes of Apr 11, 2018; accept the minutes, Income Statement/AP Ledger, meet again on May 2... CARRIED

**9. South River Machar Library minutes of Apr 18, 2018, Resolution**

**84-18 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Apr 18, 2018. CARRIED

**10. Joint Building permit summaries for Mar, Resolution**

Reviewed; permit activity at 14, as compared to 10 at this time last year.

**85-18 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Joint Building Permit summaries for Mar 2018. CARRIED

**11. Provincial Offences Act 2018 Budget Partner Distribution**

Staff changeover noted. Still awaiting 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017. 2018 share estimation received.

**12. District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Spring meeting draft agenda**

**INFORMATION**

**13. Halton Region Resolution seeking support on the Court Application involving the CN Truck-Rail Development in the Town of Milton, CN's position that its proposed truck-rail development falls exclusively under federal jurisdiction**

**14. Eagle Lake Conservation Association Eagle Eye Apr 2018 Issue**

**15. MPAC Assessment Appeals, Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) for Additional Disclosure Requests, Additional Disclosure Fact Sheet, Memo-Additional Disclosure, Undertaking of Non-Disclosure (Municipality), supporting the memo is also an "Information Sheet", explanation of the requirements, New ARB Rules**

**16. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit's 2017 Annual Report**

**17. Near North Enviro-Education Centre – Community Workshop Series presents Travel the world with your taste buds, cooking classes starting soon with Judy Bettman, owner of Eats All Good! Information session Sat, Apr 21, 10:30am -12:00pm**

**18. MPP Ernie Hardeman, recently introduced a private members' bill which would give municipalities the authority to decide whether or not they would be willing to receive a landfill, today municipal governments can decide where a Tim Hortons should go, but they can't decide where something as significant as a landfill should go, currently only the Ministry of Environment approves a new landfill, Bill 16 would ensure that waste companies are required to have approval from the municipality as well before they can move forward with the landfill placement**

**19. Ministry of Infrastructure Apr 19, 2018 letter that on Mar 14, 2018 the ON Gov't signed an Integrated Bilateral Agreement (IBA) to partner with the Gov't of Canada to deliver up to \$11.8 billion in federal funding and \$10 billion in provincial funding for infrastructure projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program over the next 10 years; public transit, green infrastructure, community, culture and recreation, and rural and northern infrastructure, funding (outside of transit) will be delivered through a mix of allocation and application based programs similar to the current Clean Water Wastewater Fund and Small Communities Fund, the intake will not begin before the ON election begins in May 2018, programs are expected to begin launching toward the end of this year**

[www.infrastructure.gc.ca/prog/agreements-ententes/2018/2018-on-eng.html](http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/prog/agreements-ententes/2018/2018-on-eng.html)

**20. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Director update on Inclusionary Zoning, a new land use tool that allows municipalities to require affordable housing units to be included in residential developments, into effect Apr 12, 2018, key requirements...**

21. **Minister of Transportation, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport launch of #CycleON Action Plan 2.0, sets out initiatives across all 5 targeted Strategic Directions**
22. **Ministry of Northern Development and Mines staff announcement Melanie Muncaster, Executive Director Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation**
23. **MOECC Source Protection regulatory decisions – Clean Water Act & Safe Drinking Water Act intended to ensure sources of drinking water continue to be protected by the Clean Water Act and have an effective date of Jul 1, 2018**
24. **AMO reply on One Third Tax Free Exemption; started advocacy after the 2017 federal budget and also asked FCM to get involved, FCM has taken the lead, not getting much traction from their national efforts, some Councils have decided to adjust their compensation assuming that the elimination of the exemption will occur as scheduled in 2019**
25. **AMO Policy Update; Guide to Cannabis Legalization for Municipalities Released, AMO contributed funds and staff resources to the project, to help focus on the Ontario context, AMO is providing a companion document to help members get the most out of the FCM Guide**
26. **AMO Watchfile Apr 12, 2018 In This Issue**
  - AMO announces 2018 Provincial Election: Municipal Priorities.
  - P.J. Marshall Awards - Submissions due May 11.
  - Local Planning Appeal Support Centre now open to the public.
  - Registered to vote in the municipal election?
  - Inclusionary zoning legislation effective April 12.
  - National Housing Strategy Multilateral Framework endorsed by Ontario.
  - Ontario Small Urban Municipalities 2018 Conference fast approaching - register today!
  - We Are on the Brink of a Revolution: The Future of Government.
  - Practical social media tips.
  - Learn from social media power municipalities.
  - Government delegation requests at AMO Conference.
  - LAS Town Halls start this week.
  - Use incentives to upgrade your lights this summer.
  - Community Energy Planning and AMO member feedback.
  - Join the charge to make municipal fleets more efficient.
  - Careers with Lakeshore, Halton Region, Thunder Bay DSSAB, York Region and CVC.
27. **AMO Watchfile Apr 19, 2018 In This Issue**
  - 2018 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference. Theme: *Municipal Tightrope*.
  - We Are on the Brink of a Revolution: The Future of Government.
  - Practical social media tips.
  - Don't miss your chance to learn about LAS programming.
  - Make your fleet more efficient with telematics.
  - How can net-metering reduce your municipal electricity bill?
  - Careers with Ontario Public Service and Norfolk County.
28. **Municipal Delegation Request Form for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2018 Annual Conference is available online, deadline to submit requests is Jul 3, 2018**
29. **FCM (Fed of Canadian Munic); New Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legislation**
30. **Review of Proposed Operations: Information Centre French-Severn 2019-2029 Forest Management Plan**
31. **Local Planning Appeal Support Centre Now Open; centre's role is to help people understand and navigate the land use planning and appeal process, centre is an independent agency of the Ontario government, accountable to a board of directors, it was created under the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017**
32. **Ombudsman Ontario releases latest report; of the more than 6,800 complaints about municipalities since Jan 1, 2016, almost all have been resolved informally, only 5 have resulted in formal investigations to date**
33. **Canadian Heritage; National Anthem of Canada, on Feb 7, 2018 legislation was passed making the English version of the National Anthem gender neutral by changing "In all our sons command" to "In all of us command", French version of the National Anthem has not been modified, information can be found on the Canadian Heritage website**
34. **Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Lincoln M. Alexander Award to honour up to three young Ontarians who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in contributing to the elimination of racial discrimination in Ontario**
35. **Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Champion of Diversity Award so that outstanding individuals, groups and employers receive the recognition they deserve for actively promoting diversity and inclusion and immigrant economic success in ON, categories Inclusion and Diversity, Cross Cultural Understanding, Business Leadership in Immigrant Employment**

36. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs applications for the 2018 Premier's Award for the Agri-Food Innovation Excellence are now being accepted and was created to recognize and promote the spirit of innovation that thrives in Ontario's \$37 billion agri-food sector, applications accepted until May 25, 2018
37. The Labour Market Group is pleased to present the 2018 Local Labour Market Plan for the districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound
38. Municipal GHG Challenge Fund; competitive application based program, Ontario is inviting municipalities to submit applications for the fund by Jul 13, 2018, eligible projects: reduce GHG emissions in any sector including buildings, energy supply, transportation, water, waste and organics sectors, municipalities must demonstrate they have or will have approved by Council before Jan 2021; Community-wide GHG emissions inventory, Community-wide GHG emissions reduction targets, Community-wide plan to reduce GHG emissions
39. OMAFRA Upcoming workshops: Environmental Farm Plan & Bio Security for Canadian Agriculture Partnership; Verner Apr 25 and May 2, Earlton Apr 26 and May 3, Cochrane Apr 27
40. Municipal Monitor Magazine Q1 2018; testing the waters of electoral reform, London's civic election this fall will be the 1<sup>st</sup> in Ontario to use ranked ballots, A flood of new challenges – climate change risks present a steep learning curve for municipalities...
41. Municipal World Apr 2018; Fight for the future of cities, Juice check survey results, Things said in Council meetings, Municipal amalgamations

Item 14 reviewed and several inaccuracies noted; Fertilizer By-Law introduced (not enacted), amended from 15 m to 30 m of a waterbody, Vote by Mail initiation, phragmite identification, Blue Green Algae notification, when noticed, when safe to resume activities.

#### **ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION**

##### **Blue-green Algae**

North Bay Nipissing News article; "Almaguin Highlands student proposes simple, cost effective solution to blue-green algae" distributed. Council directed that Amy MacFarlane be invited to a Council meeting for presentation of her project. Eagle Lake stakeholders could also be invited to the same meeting. Council input for meeting format and content to be submitted.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

##### **86-18 McLaren, Flowers**

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, a proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes, labour relations or employee negotiations. Time 8:10 pm. CARRIED

##### **87-18 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we come out of Closed Session with agreement as follows; accept the Spartan Contract as presented. Time 8:30 pm. CARRIED

#### **ADJOURN**

##### **88-18 Flowers, McLaren**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, May 14, 2018 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT