

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

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

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Councillor Flowers was absent with notice. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul.

Guest scheduled and guests observing: John Mowat, Cindy and Darron Ord.

Best Practices Booklet and Blue Canoe Program

Mr. Mowat gave a presentation on the 2 proposals, indicating the importance of education. 1) A Guide to Sustainable Living in Algoma (A Publication of the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition) and Living in Cottage Country: What You Need to Know (Muskoka Watershed Council) were held up as samples to emulate a Best Practices Booklet. 2) A Blue Canoe Program (Kawartha Conservation) for Eagle Lake with 2 students hired to distribute the booklet over summer weekends, Sat & Sun afternoons for a friendly chat on good stewardship and possibly handing out hats and t-shirts. Mr. Mowat would be happy to work with the students, do the booklet, oversee the students and provide them with a canoe.

It was noted Summer Student funding application deadlines have passed for this year, many of these programs are promoted by conservation or lake associations, appropriateness of the booklet for all lakes and pertinent to other properties in the Township as well. Mr. Mowat was given the go ahead to proceed with putting together a booklet. He will contact the Nipissing Professor working with the ELCA on the Blue Green Algae public information session. Councillor Wood will provide the contact details.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Apr 8, 2019 minutes, Resolution

84-19 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt Apr 8, 2019 minutes. CARRIED

2. By-Law to strike the rates of taxation for 2019, Resolution

Final 2019 education rates from the Province are now included. Overall levy change is 2.47%.

85-19 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law #8-19; adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and to strike the rates of taxation for the year 2019. CARRIED

3. Municipal Accommodation Tax

Further to introduction by Councillor Wood at last meeting, Administration reviewed. Airbnb site refers to municipal websites. The municipal websites indicate a by-law is required to apply a Municipal Accommodation Tax to the municipality, reporting and enforcement are also required. The process and implications seem more extensive and involved than originally thought. Councillor Wood requested this item be deferred for decision so that he can review further.

COMMITTEES

4. Machar Public Works minutes of Apr 11, 2019, Resolution

Councillor Wood was out to view Eagle Lake Narrows Park and will join Mr. Mowat and the Superintendent of Public Works as approved at Public Works Committee on walk through to determine upkeep work required. Suggestion to rename the park will not proceed, a new sign for the Narrows Park is coming to replace the existing sign at the park as it's beginning to deteriorate.

Further inquiry to be sent to Strong for a construction update on Machar Strong Boundary Rd.

a. ICIP (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) Application for Tower, Municipal & Ottawa

Acronyms discussed. Preliminary Cost Estimate received for application purposes.

86-19 Wood, McLaren

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Apr 11, 2019, and cost estimate on ICIP (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Rural and Northern Stream) Application for Tower Rd, Municipal Rd S & N, and Ottawa Av in the total amount of \$1,329,930 with \$88,706.33 being the 6.67% Township share required. CARRIED

b. Severance 1-187 consideration of deed for travelled road & road allowance, Resolution

Applicant inquiry and sketch referred. Precedent indicated, and all costs to applicant.

87-19 Wood, McLaren

THAT we agree to accept a deed for the travelled portion of Eagle Lake Rd per survey of Part of Lot 12 and 13, Con 5. CARRIED

5. South River Machar Library minutes of Apr 10, 2019, Resolution

Preliminary info received on funding cuts affecting inter Library loans, to be discussed further.

88-19 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Apr 10, 2019; including that hours change from Fri 3-5 and 6-8 pm to Fri 1-5 pm. CARRIED

6. District of Parry Sound Municipal Assoc Spring Meeting agenda

Agenda package and brief bio from 2 members expressing interest in FONOM Bd position were distributed. McKellar Mayor Peter Hopkins and Machar Mayor Lynda Carleton are interested.

INFORMATION

- 7. Township of Tudor and Cashel - Hydro One - Resolution 2019-90 - Hydro Delivery Fees, 46-56% of the total cost has been related to service delivery fee, cost for service delivery is not affordable to the Township or its residents, Hydro One and the ON Energy Board should review its plans regarding delivery service to ensure that the cost of service delivery is fair to everyone**
- 8. City of Brantford Resolution – Single Use Plastic Straws, city staff be directed to analyze the impacts of single use plastic straws in the municipality, how to reduce those impacts**
- 9. MPAC – InTouch – Review complete: small-scale on-farm business sub-classes; Connect with MPAC up north this spring; Cannabis facilities: industrial or agricultural?; Are cannabis facilities considered industrial or agricultural?; Assessment and classification based on use**
- 10. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Addressing Cuts to Public Health; committed to working with the government to find solutions, efficiencies, and spend health care dollars effectively in order to reduce the future financial burden on the acute health care system**
- 11. AMO Policy Update – Municipal budgets may be affected by animal cruelty enforcement changes**

A download risk is developing for municipal governments and police services regarding the enforcement of animal cruelty laws.

-The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) announced that it has stopped enforcing animal cruelty legislation related to livestock and horses as of April 1, 2019.

-The OSPCA has also advised that all other animal cruelty enforcement activities will cease on June 28, 2019.

-A Superior Court of Justice ruling recently declared the OSPCA's enforcement powers to be unconstitutional. The decision is under appeal and the ruling has been suspended for one year.

Animal cruelty investigations are based on complaints only.

To give a sense of the workload, in 2017 the OSPCA investigated 15,519 complaints which resulted in 3,988 animal care orders, 1,220 animals removed, 573 provincial charges, and 21 criminal charges. In 2017, the OSPCA's activities (including enforcement) were supported by \$5.6 million in provincial funding, \$7 million in

private donations, and \$2.3 million worth of municipal contracts. The OSPCA has used 65 inspectors across the province.

OPSCA enforcement activities have varied considerably across the province depending, in part, on whether a specific municipality offers animal services or standards of care. At present, municipal bylaw enforcement officers lack the necessary powers for animal cruelty investigations. In addition, police officers & bylaw enforcement officers do not have the training required to conduct this work.

12. AMO Communications – 2019 Ontario Budget; The Fiscal Environment;

The Provincial government has committed to balancing the budget by 2023-24 in a responsible way; Changes related to the role of municipal governments; The Social Assistance system reform is expected to result in an estimated annual saving of over \$1 billion at maturity, The Province will not be increasing the value of the municipal share of the province gas tax program as had been anticipated, The Province will introduce legislation to permit municipal governments to designate public area, such as parks for the consumption of alcohol, Investing \$3.8 billion for mental health, addictions and housing support over 10 years, beginning with the creation of a mental health and addictions system, On property assessment, the province will conducting a review, On public health in 2019-20, Improve program and back office efficiencies by adjusting provincial-municipal cost sharing of public health funding, Land ambulance dispatch services will be streamlined by integrating Ontario`s 59 emergency health services, Making home ownership and renting more affordable by helping to increase the supply of housing that people need through the forthcoming Housing Supply Action Plan, Municipalities will be required to provide real-time reporting of sewage outflows, Create 15,000 new long-term care beds over the next five years and upgrade 15,000 older long-term care beds to provide more appropriate care to patients with complex health conditions, The Province will explore revenue sharing, Regarding the Ontario Provincial Police, the government will explore opportunities to encourage workforce optimization; Changes affecting your Community, The government will invest \$315 million over five years as part of its Broadband and Cellular Strategy which will be released later this year, The new CARE (Ontario Childcare Access and Relief from Expenses) tax credit would provide about 300,000 families with up to 75 per cent of their eligible child care expenses, Individual seniors with annual incomes of \$19,300 or less, or senior couples with combined annual income of less than \$32,300, will be able to receive dental services in public health units, The government is reviewing the forestry sector to develop a strategy that promote made-in-Ontario wood products, The government will hold consultations to repeal the Far North Act and remove red tape on economic development projects like the Ring of Fire, The province is proposing to develop an immigration pilot initiative to disperse the benefits of immigration across Ontario, Energy conservation and efficiency programs will be phased out saving up to \$442 million

13. AMO Communications – AMO’s Deeper Look at the 2019 Provincial Budget (copies provided)

The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Vic Fedeli, on an Apr 12 live radio show, said that all provincial ministries were reducing their Budgets by 4% and some up to 8% due to administrative efficiencies, including technology use. He stated that he expected municipalities to also find 4% efficiencies. This could be seen to be connected to the recent provincial announcement of a one-time \$200 million to 405 municipal governments to modernize service delivery and efficiency

14. FCM Voice: Growing the federal Gas Tax Fund/Get ready for new opportunities/Conference early bird registration ends Friday; Increase citizen safety with integrated real-time video surveillance

15. FCM Voice – Unprecedented federal-municipal housing partnership, Federal homelessness plan follows FCM’s key recommendations, New rail safety commitments from Transport Canada, Get involved in international development in Vietnam,

16. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Inspection of the Approved Long-Term One Year – Forest Mgmt Plan Extension for the Algonquin Park Forest 2010-2020 Forest Mgmt Plan

17. OMAFRA – Local Food Map: Sudbury East Nipissing West OFA initiative for IPM 2019

18. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre – Help for Apprentices, Many Canadians have test anxiety – we can help! Study planning, Test taking strategies, Contact review, Practice tests; Centres in Burk’s Falls, South River and Powassan; Call 705-386-0764 or email leaningworks@bellnet.ca

19. 2019 FONOM Conference hoping to receive more registrations from the Parry Sound District, sent out to 110 municipalities in the NE, have 87 confirmed registered, goal is 250, Early Bird Registration ends Apr 8, key note speaker Gord Hume, May 8-10 in Sudbury

20. Municipal World Magazine April 2019 – Strategies for adapting in a changing world, In search of political accountability, Inspiring women to shape the future, Exploring the Holroyd latte index,

21. Municipal Monitor Magazine Q1 2019 – How to keep hackers from holding your company hostage; Prepare a plan of attack to protect against ransomware, Beyond HR reporting-The agility of analytics Technology moves HR professionals from responding to anticipating, Pairing up for urban changes Cities and schools join forces on innovative projects, This election was a winner 1st time ranked ballot vote foes smoothly in London, Special section AMCTO’s Annual Conference

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

89-19 McLaren, 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, labour relations or employee negotiations, 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 7:12 pm. CARRIED

90-19 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:33 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

91-19 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, May 13, 2019 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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