

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 25, 2022**

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

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

Guests observing by teleconference per Covid protocols: Pearl Ivens, John Mowat, and Marvin Nolan.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Apr 11, 2022 minutes, Resolution**

Reviewed. Correction made to page 1.

**60-22 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we adopt Apr 11, 2022 minutes. CARRIED

**2. Bell 911 Services Next Generation 911 Authority Service Agreement, Resolution**

New NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement provided. New agreement is required in order for Bell to provide Next Generation 9-1-1 services in our municipality/province. The 9-1-1 Authority plays a critical role in advancing NG9-1-1 forward through the execution of the NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement. This is the first step to permitting the PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Point) identified in this agreement who provide 9-1-1 answer/dispatch service to us to begin their migration from E9-1-1 to NG9-1-1.

**61-22 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we authorize the Mayor to execute the Next Generation 911 Authority Service Agreement – Dec 2021 version 19 pages, between the municipality and Bell Canada. CARRIED

**3. Almaguin Highlands Secondary School Graduation Awards Program**

Approved \$200.

**4. South River Friendly Circle Annual Contribution**

Approved \$1,000.

**COMMITTEES**

**5. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Mar; Arena & Fire**

Reviewed Arena Chief Operator Report for Mar (work on Hall Kitchen to commence early Apr, renovations to be done by staff, Hydro One expected to complete the Transformer work and tie in the 150 kw generator in late Apr-early May), Arena AP Ledger and Income Statement for Mar, Fire Chief's Report to Apr 12 (firefighters continuing additional training on Wed evenings), Fire AP Ledger and Income Statement for Mar, Fire AP Ledger for Feb (2 Arena sent in error last month).

**a. Arena ICIP (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) Project Update**

South River advised the Federal Government has approved the scope change to the Arena project allowing the use of funds for the washroom to the extra generator costs and kitchen renovation. \*Project is funded through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Covid 19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream to be used for generators and kitchen upgrades at the Arena with \$100,000 allocations from South River and Machar: \$200,000 total. The project is administered by South River.

**b. South River Machar Agricultural Society Farmer's Market; Jul & Aug – Sep 10, 2022**

Agricultural Society has requested permission from South River Council to host a Farmer's Market every Sat at the Arena from 9 am – 1 pm. The event would take place during the summer months of Jul and Aug, finishing on the Fall Fair weekend of Sep 10, 2022. The market would host local farmers and their products, baked goods and artisans showcasing their wares. Ag Society has advised us as a courtesy.

**c. Acting Ontario Fire Marshal; Firefighter Certification has been filed under the Act**

Throughout the consultation period, they received tremendous feedback and support (SRM Fire Chief objected and Machar supported his position). The Office of the Fire Marshal has been working collaboratively with all partners to understand the regulation and how the OFM can best support departments at the local level throughout the implementation period. The final regulation reflects changes related to exceptions, transition, and certification standards in response to feedback received. This feedback assisted in finalizing the firefighter certification regulation, which provides flexibility for local municipalities, while supporting firefighter and public safety. The Ministry of the Solicitor General OFM indicate with this regulation, they are not asking firefighters train to higher levels than they already are, certification is a process of verification, ensuring that a firefighter is trained to the standard they are required to perform, as set out in the level of service determined by a municipal council. The MSG OFM indicate with a long implementation window, they are confident the certification is achievable and look forward to working with firefighters across Ontario as this regulation is operationalized.

**6. Machar Public Works minutes of Apr 14, 2022, Resolution**

Reviewed. Quote for Capacity Assessment Update is plus survey required. Cost for planner review of Eagle Lake Narrows Retaining Wall Project to ensure compatibility with our planning documents, ribbon of life, etc is estimated at approximately \$200. We currently have 14 planning applications in queue. Council authorized that we put forward the inquiry to our planner.

**62-22 Flowers, Scarlett**

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Apr 14, 2022. CARRIED

**7. South River Machar Library minutes of Apr 13, 2022, Resolution**

Librarian has applied to Canada Post Community Fund to purchase iPads and new bean bag chairs for the children's section, and asked the Lions for a donation so the Reptile Camp can come to do a special program in the summer. Several events and other programs are ongoing at the Library.

**63-22 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Apr 13, 2022. CARRIED

**8. ARI (Almaguin Recycling Initiative) minutes of May 19, Jul 7 and Oct 20, 2021, Feb 9, 2022, Resolution**

Reviewed. Admin requested minutes in order to cross balance 2022 costs and invoice. As indicated last year, minutes are not received on a timely basis. ARI Secretary indicates Machar is the only municipality to request them. Most Committees will release minutes in draft so that municipalities have current relevant information. Hazmat is upcoming on May 28 from 10 am – 2 pm. Usually Councillor Wood and our Waste Management Co-ordinator attend. We'd like to request that Committee member Wood request draft minutes be provided from the Secretary to the municipalities for their information. Last minutes provided are Feb 9, 2022, meeting held Apr 20, 2022. We don't know next meeting date.

**64-22 Flowers, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Almaguin Recycling Initiative minutes of May 19, Jul 7, Oct 20, 2021 and Feb 9, 2022. CARRIED

**a. Hazmat May 28 and Aug 27, 2022 from 10 am – 2 pm, info on our website Events page**

9. **FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic) provincial announcement; Bringing Passenger Rail Back to Northeastern Ontario, reinstating service between Timmins and Toronto, Four weeks until the start of the FONOM Conference; Big Data Means Big Ideas May 9-11, 2022, FONOM is organizing a passenger train to bring the delegates of the north to the FONOM conference in May, FONOM Conference is sold out for delegate registration, exhibitors, and the annual banquet**

10. **District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd; CAO Report Apr 2022 AVAILABLE**

#### INFORMATION

11. **Short Term Rentals 4-083 and 5-125** – Ontario lakeside towns push to regulate short term rentals to preserve their way of life ATTACHED

12. **County of Peterborough Resolution** – Provincial Request for Comments on Floating Accommodations, MNDMNR (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry) is not so much concerned with navigation as they are about other matters that have been raised, Analysis...It is believed that, if floating accommodations of this nature are to be permitted, there needs to be a permit and location registry system together with a fee structure that is robust enough to finance the administration and on-water enforcement of such activities. Similar to land camping in Provincial Parks, the responsibility should rest with the Province. ATTACHED

13. **Lake of Bays Resolution** – Floating Accommodations requests Transport Canada amend the Canada Shipping Act 2001 by adding: all vessel greywater be discharged into a holding tank and disposed of as per Provincial regulations for new vessels, all floating accommodations are required to conform to all Provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws, requests NDMNR to amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to include: post signs to restrict floating accommodation/camping on water in southern Ontario (Muskoka south) and that a permit from the NDMNR is required and a permit will not be granted without consent of the local municipality, camping is reduced from 21 to 7 days, not permit any camping on the water within 300m of a developed lot or within a narrow water body of 150m, and should a municipality have more restrictive by-laws related to camping, these by-laws would apply. ATTACHED

14. **FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Assoc** – Responsible Cottage Rental. What FOCA sees: FOCA recognizes that occasional rental of our cottage properties has become a financial reality for some cottage owners. We hear from members interested in finding out about how to rent (and how to insure for rental), and also from those who have been frustrated by experiences with poorly-managed rental properties in their vicinity. FOCA supports a philosophy of responsible use, that encourages cottage owners to: educate and inform guests about cottage country living and etiquette, work with neighbours to promote harmonious relationships, be environmental stewards by ensuring the sustainable use of cottage properties, recognizing the limits of the existing septic system, road capacity and other community considerations. ATTACHED

15. **FOCA Elert Apr 2022** – Short Term Rental: municipal consideration, FOCA continues to post information on this important topic. ATTACHED

16. **Township of Mulmur Resolution** – Supports removing red tape and expediting the creation of affordable housing through the proper review and approval.

17. **Municipality of Grey Highlands Resolution** – Request that the Federal government remove or increase the \$450,000; and the average fair market value of a new home in Ontario is well above the \$450,000 threshold.

18. **Town of Halton Hills Resolution** – Requests the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change.

19. **World Ocean Day, Jun 8, Motion for Ocean Protection Motion for Resolution** – Nature Canada's ocean protection team with an opportunity to help create positive change for your community, and the natural world we rely on. The ocean is home to hundreds of species at risk, vulnerable ecosystems, and is a crucial carbon sink shielding us from the worst of climate change. Requests that the Municipality of X recognizes the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Oceans Day on Jun 8, 2022 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030.

20. **Response to Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations** – Correspondence from St. Catherine's City Council regarding St Catherine's' Response to the Ontario Housing Affordability Task for Recommendations, 99 pages.

- 21. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Climate Change Affecting Canadians' Health Says New Federal Report** – The report builds on previous scientific studies that includes information on health risks so that government decision makers, health practitioners, researchers, and individual Canadians can take measures to protect Canadians' health now and in the future. The full report can be found on the Publications and Reports page of the Natural Resources Canada Website or at [www.changingclimate.ca](http://www.changingclimate.ca).
- 22. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Accessing Inspection Results Just Got Easier!** – The public can access the Check Then Go portal by going to [www.myhealthunit.ca/CheckThenGo](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/CheckThenGo), or by scanning the QR code on the Health Unit's inspection disclosure signage located at the entrance of inspected businesses and settings.
- 23. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Political Leaders Forum with MAHC Apr 1, 2022** – On behalf of Board Chair Cameron Renwick and Interim President & CEO Vickie Kaminski, please find attached the minutes of the Apr virtual forum. Reminder next meeting is Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 9 am.
- 24. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update, Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF), Federal Budget Announced, Ukrainian Families Supports, and More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022** – Fifth round of social services relief fund, federal government to provide a combined \$127 million through a fifth round off Social Services Relief Fund. Federal budget announced, the budget makes substation housing related investments and allocated further resources to climate change and infrastructure. Supports for Ukrainian Families Arriving in Ontario. Initial analysis of the More Home for Everyone Act, 2022.
- 25. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update – Remarks to SC on More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022, Status Update on Blue Box Regulations** – AMO's Director of Policy, Monika Turner, presented to the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly regarding Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act today. AMO's remarks can be found on their website.
- 26. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update: Fire Certification Regulations, Provincial Investment in Next Generation 911, More Homes for Everyone receives Royal Assent, Long Term Care Regulations, and Municipal Cyber Security Resources** –
- Fire Certification Regulation Released.
  - NG-911 Investment.
  - More Homes for Everyone Act Receives Royal Assent.
  - Long-Term Care Regulation in Force.
  - Cyber Security Resources.
- 27. AMO Communications, AMO Watchfile, Apr 7, 2022, In This Issue** –
- AMO's guide to running for municipal election.
  - Food waste reduction in-kind ads on RPRA website.
  - ROMA survey on attainable housing.
  - ROMA Zone meetings – Briefing on Board advocacy priorities.
  - Community Engagement IESO Long-Term RFP.
  - New Call for Nominations to IESO Stakeholder Advisory Committee.
  - AMO 2022 Conference registration launch and hotel information.
  - Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
  - Annual energy reporting window is now open.
  - Workshops to reduce operating costs in your buildings.
  - Improve your assets with LED lighting upgrade.
  - Canoe vendor spotlight: Labrie Enviroquip, Toter.
  - Canoe procurement update webinar.
  - Road & Sidewalk Assessment info session.
  - ONE Investment Spring 2022 webinar: Why Proxy Votes Are Important for ESG.
  - Ontario Association of Chiefs of Policy Ukrainian fund-raiser.
  - Attend OMSSA's 2022 Exchange Conference – May 2-4.
  - Free webinar on recruitment and retaining staff – Apr 13.
  - Ontario Association of Fire Chief AGM – May 5-7.
  - Blocked sewer? Call Ontario One Call.
  - Careers: TTC, Simcoe, Central Manitoulin, Guelph, Halton, Orangeville and Durham.
- 28. AMO Communications, AMO Watchfile, Apr 14, 2022, In This Issue** –
- AMO is preparing for elections.
  - ROMA Zone meetings – Briefing on Board advocacy priorities.
  - AMO Conference registration – early bird available until May 13.
  - Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities for Amo 2022 – Live and in-person.

- Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
  - It's time to report your annual energy consumption.
  - Canoe vendor spotlight: Bomford Turner, Bush Hog.
  - Canoe procurement update webinar.
  - Road & Sidewalk Assessment info session.
  - Blog: Top Five Inclusive Playground Design Considerations.
  - Achieve design excellence in public innovation.
  - Careers: Greater Sudbury, New Market and Toronto.
- 29. AMO Communication, AMO Watchfile, Apr 21, 2022, In This Issue –**
- Minister's Order issue in response to avian influence in Ontario.
  - AMO Conference registration – early bird available until May 31.
  - Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities for AMO 2022 – Live and in-person.
  - Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
  - It's time to report your annual energy consumption.
  - Canoe vendor spotlight: Yokohama and Fountain Tire.
  - Road & Sidewalk Assessment info session.
  - 2022 is the Year of the Garden.
  - Careers: Greater Sudbury and Brampton.
- 30. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre, AALC, Posters and Links for Upcoming Workshops with AALC, Standard First Aid & CPR – C with AED Training –**
- First Aid – Burks Falls, May 9 and 10 from 8-4 – visit:  
<https://form.jotform.com/AlmaguinAdultLearning/aalc-first-aidcpr-sign-up>.
  - Getting Ahead – Powassan, May 5 to Jun 23, Thu from 9:30 to 3 – Visit:  
<https://form.jotform.com/AlmaguinAdultLearning/GettingAheadSignUp>.
  - Food & Finance – Online, May 18 to Jun 22, Wed from 1 to 3 – Visit:  
<https://form.jotform.com/AlmaguinAdultLearning/FoodandFinanceSignUp>.
- 31. Ius Laboris Canada Global Hr Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, High Stakes Become Higher Ontario OHSa Amendments Create Historic Director and Officer Fines and Even More Corporate Risk – On**  
Apr 7, 2022, the Government of Ontario passed Bill 88, the Working for Workers Act, 2022, which, among other things, contains various amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Items 11-15 reviewed. Mayor Carleton expressed Short Term Rentals are an issue province wide. Mayor Carleton would like a question drafted to bring forward for the Leader's Debate at FONOM.

#### INFORMATION – COVID-19

- 32. RELEASE, Bracebridge Assessment Centre Follows Changes to Testing Apr 20, 2022 –** PCR testing for symptomatic and asymptomatic people with defined criteria that has been updated on the Bracebridge Assessment Centre webpage at [www.mahc.ca/COVID-19testing/](http://www.mahc.ca/COVID-19testing/). The Bracebridge Assessment Centre is Muskoka's only testing facility and operates by-appointment only for testing and for clinical assessment Mon to Fri, except for statutory hospitals. Appointments can be made by calling 1-888-383-7009 where eligibility criteria are also provided.
- 33. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Layer Your Protection Against COVID-19 – Eligibility has expanded for those wishing to receive their fourth dose, or second booster dose, of the COVID-19 vaccine to include:**
- People 60 year of age or older who received a third dose (first booster) 5 months (140 days) ago.
  - First Nations, Inuit and Metis adults and their non-Indigenous household members (18+) who received a third dose (first booster) 5 months (140 days) ago. For more information on vaccine clinics, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated).
- 34. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week, By Appointment or Walk-in –** The following clinics taking place this week:
- Burk's Falls, North Bay, Parry Sound, Rosseau.
- 35. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week, By Appointment or Walk-in –** The following clinics are taking place this week:
- Mattawa, North Bay, Parry Sound, Sturgeon Falls, Sundridge
- 36. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Release, CEO Blog: Staying Afloat Through the Pandemic's Tidal Wave –** Apr 1 marks the start of new fiscal year for Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare and a new operating budget for 2022-2023. Through additional government financial support, the organization's financial health has never been better.

**37. Ius Laboris Canada Global Hr Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, Recent COVID-19 Vaccination Policy Decisions** – Arbitrators have released several new decisions related to COVID-19 vaccination policies implemented by employers. These include decisions upholding such policies, and decision regarding who should bear the cost of testing and whether employees should be compensated for the time they take to test. A decision was also released upholding the termination of an employee who refused to get vaccinated as required by a Public Health Order for health care workers.

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**65-22 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. Time 7:17 pm. CARRIED

**66-22 Flowers, McLaren**

THAT we come out of Closed Session with agreement as follows: the Municipal Office be closed on Wed to the public in person on a trial basis for May-Jun due to volume of workload. Time 8:07 pm. CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

**67-22 McLaren, Scarlett**

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 9, 2022. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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