

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 26, 2021**

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

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton and Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers and Neil Scarlett by teleconference. Councillor Bart Wood was absent with notice. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Scarlett. Staff scheduled Fire Chief Risto Maki by teleconference.

Guests observing by teleconference: John Mowat, Marvin Nolan, Pearl Ivens and Rod McLean.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Apr 12, 2021 minutes, Resolution

71-21 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt Apr 12 and 15, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

2. Rates of Taxation By-Law - Budget, Resolution

Per Council direction, 2021 levy set at \$2,068,222. Budget reduced from an increase of 5.3% to 2.6% by cutting \$125,000 from the Road Dept budget. The effect on an individual's property tax will be 2.6%. The 2021 Tax Impact on a Median/Typical Property – Single Family Home is \$35.18. In a comparison of our 2021 Tax Rate to the 2020 Tax Rates for our immediate 4 comparators, the Township of Machar is less than \$236.43 to \$1,648.04 in total annual taxes.

72-21 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 8-21; to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and to strike the rates of taxation for the year 2021. CARRIED

73-21 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we approve 2021 Budget Information release. CARRIED

3. Concern 4-263-20 Application for Lakeshore Road Allowance – Land Cost Update

Comparators were reviewed. The property owner provided Chisholm, Nipissing, letter says Armour but McDougall was provided, and Carling. Nipissing is dated 2015 and Chisholm advised today that their rates were enacted in 2003. We used Sundridge, Perry, Strong, Magnetawan, Whitestone, Algonquin Highlands and Muskoka Lakes, reflecting a range of .55 to \$1.40 sq foot. The land cost had not been increased since 2010. The last 3 processed were in 2020 (partial purchase), 2017 and 2015 (full purchases) and cost information was provided for each. The lakeshore road allowance is known as the ribbon of life for the lake and we have several policies to consider in protecting its natural environment, while also balancing a property owners' possible wish to develop the lakeshore road allowance due to a building encroachment or desire for a boathouse(s). Council feel the \$1 sq ft is fair and we can work with the property owner to find a solution.

COMMITTEES

4. Shared Services Reports for Mar; Arena and Fire/Reply on Draft Agreements

Fire Chief presented his monthly report detailing calls for service, vehicle and equipment maintenance, building maintenance, equipment replacement, training, prevention and inspection, and tasks completed. AP Ledger and Income Statement reviewed. New online Fire Permits discussed. Citizens can also do call-in. South River Public Works are using the new online system. Fire Chief referred a fire at the Landfill on the weekend. Mayor Carleton inquired on dry hydrants.

Discussion ensued. Fire Chief provided information previously. Superintendent of Public Works needs specific quote to approve. Superintendent doesn't know Fire Dept spec requirements.

Arena Manager's Report, AP and Income Statement provided. Machar's share of annual expenses still hasn't been input into the Income Statement. We've followed up to point it out again.

South River reply on the Shared Services draft by-law agreements was reviewed. It seems like a reversal on their part. South River has suggested the governance structure be negotiated before reviewing the funding arrangements and proposed quarterly Committee meetings to include reviewing the agreements. The draft by-law agreements governance structure was updated based on the agreement in principle achieved with South River. The proposal to change the funding formula for the Arena is in response to Mayor Coleman's statement of Feb 11, 2021. The draft by-law agreements establish the Committees and Cost Sharing Agreements. There are currently no by-laws to permit these Committees or guide their operation. We'll work with South River to get the draft by-law agreements completed. We've made too much progress, we need to move forward.

5. Machar Public Works minutes of Apr 15, 2021, Resolution

74-21 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Apr 15, 2021,
FURTHER THAT we amend One Time Dumping Fee to \$10. CARRIED

6. By-Law Enforcement; Wildlife Inquiries to Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

AVWS provides not-for-profit services and encourages citizens to direct wildlife inquiries to their attention. They're dedicated to the rescue of injured, sick and orphaned wildlife. They respond to hundreds of inquiries and animal intakes each year. Whether the animal is in distress, orphaned, injured, or considered a nuisance, concerned citizens are encouraged to contact them at 705-644-4122 for expert wildlife advice and a solution to the issue at hand. www.aspenvalley.ca

7. Explore South River Project status update

Joyful news celebrating the launch of their new Explore South River brand. Post cards will be distributed by mail to all local residents in the coming weeks. Wendy MacCrimmon will be contacting members to arrange taking a professional photo to adorn your business listing. Interpretive story panels are being printed and distributing throughout the community in coming weeks. New website and handheld app have been in design phase, public launch May 1.

8. Emergency Management; NBPSDHU Vaccination Clinics

The Health Unit has scheduled more clinics and stated there will be many more in the future. Strong is reaching out asking municipalities for staff volunteers as parking lot attendants to manage the vehicle traffic starting at 9 am to 3 pm on each of the clinic days. We're sending a staff person.

9. Almaguin OPP Detachment Board Survey, Resolution

Discussion ensued. The Province implemented the formation of OPP Detachment Boards under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019. This mandates that each OPP detachment must establish a board that will provide civilian governance with local perspectives, needs and priorities and provides the opportunity for municipalities to collaborate on efforts to improve overall community safety. A municipality can opt out of participating. Councillor Scarlett volunteered for the Board.

75-21 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we respond to Almaguin OPP Detachment Board Survey with 5, 7 and 9 member Boards ranked 1, 2 and 3 respectively. CARRIED

10. Community Safety and Well Being Plan; Nurse Practitioner Feedback

Almaguin Clerks Group has been working on this plan mandated by the Province. Survey conducted identified top 2 priorities from the community point of view were access to physical health services and access to services. 3 task forces have been developed (top 3 priorities); one is Health Care. The Health Task Force spoke of nurse practitioners and a possible clinic within Almaguin. Work to research this opportunity is ongoing and they're now looking for the community's comments through the Almaguin Highlands Nurse Practitioner Survey. Posted on our website; Events page.

11. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Vaccination Resolution reply from MPP

Reply indicates our region is actually ahead of the provincial average at the moment. Ontario has the capacity to administer 150,000 vaccines every day, but supply from the Federal government has not kept up. We can assist by continuing to advocate with the Federal government for more vaccines, and for certainty of delivery. Rapid testing kits, free of charge, to any business.

12. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board CAO Quarterly Report Apr 2021

Several interesting items; Parry Sound DSSAB will receive an additional \$949,103 in provincial funding through a 3rd phase of Ontario's Social Service Relief Fund intended to mitigate the continued impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the homelessness sector, they've been contacted by Public Health to support them in collecting the information necessary for those staff wishing to be vaccinated against Covid-19, they've collected the requested information and consent forms and are not aware of the number of staff who receive the vaccine, NOAH Project Update currently on schedule, 50 unit seniors' complex in Powassan expected to be open in late fall, rental rates have not yet been set for the units, 2021 rent freeze at 2020 levels, the Hotel Project rented 18 rooms at the Midtown Hotel in Parry Sound, rented 4 rooms/4 cabins at the Caswell Resort in Sundridge. Five Year Strategic Plan Project Introduction and Engagement Strategy Apr 8, 2021 also provided.

INFORMATION

13. Township of Muskoka Lakes Resolution – Safe quiet Lakes has established the national “Decibel Coalition” of like-minded stakeholders called “The Decibel Coalition”, the objective of the Decibel Coalition is to have the Transport Canada Small Vessel Regulation SOR-2010-91 enhanced by the Federal Government/Transport Canada to include decibel limits on the amount of noise from boat motors and provisions for effective and easy enforcement procedures. The excessive noise from boat motor noise on our waterways is a pervasive, persistent and a growing problem in the Township of Muskoka Lakes, the Township of Muskoka Lakes will:

1. Officially and publicly join as a member and support the Decibel Coalition, and
2. Allow the Decibel Coalition to use the Township of Muskoka Lakes name and logo and reference the Township's membership in any of their communications with other levels of government, government agencies and committees, other Decibel Coalition members and promotion of the Decibel Coalition's objectives in social media and the press, subject to the prior approval of the township, and
3. Communicate about the decibel Coalition with the Township Community and encourage their support of the Decibel Coalition, and
4. Encourage other municipalities to join the Decibel Coalition.
5. **Township of Carling Resolution** – The monarch butterfly population has declined by nearly 90% over the past 20 years, due to habitat loss from industrial agricultural practices in Canada and the US and deforestation in Mexico. The committee of the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada updated the monarch butterfly's status from special concern to endangered in 2016. Municipalities have a critical role to play in helping to save the monarch butterfly, the Council of the Township of Carling calls upon all Parry Sound District municipalities to join them in signing the Mayors Monarch Pledge and take action to restore the habitat for the monarch, and encouraging other citizens to do the same so that this iconic species may once again flourish across the continent.
6. **AMO Communications, Policy Update, Federal Budget Highlights, Revised COVID-19 Measures, and Red Tape Bill** – Budget 2021 includes significant new spending on policies of interest to Ontario municipal governments including: affordable childcare and housing; broadband internet expansion; support for the tourism sector; and climate change, greenhouse gas reduction and the circular economy. It also makes new commitments to extend sickness benefits through Employment

Insurance and extension of rent supplements and hiring benefits; increasing Old Age Security for seniors over 75. Items of interest to Ontario municipal governments include:

- Childcare and Early Learning
- Housing and Homelessness Prevention
- Broadband
- Long-Term Care
- Tourism
- Transit
- Climate Change/Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction

Provincial Stay-at-Home Order revisions on Fri, Apr, 16, 2021 the province announced additional enforcement, travel restriction, and public health measures. Additional enforcement tools came into force at 12:01 am on Sat, Apr 17, 2021. Since then, provincial amendments to regulations were made to clarify that playgrounds will remain open and that police officers and other provincial offences officers, including municipal bylaw officers, will not have as much enforcement authority as announced on Apr 16 to support enforcement under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*. Reducing Red Tape Bill, from a municipal government perspective, the following schedules are of interest:

- Schedule 9 Changes to Designate Long-Term Homes: French Language Services Act
- Schedule 21 Changes to Delivery Roles: Ontario Works Act, 1997
- Schedule 23 Energy Transmission Projects: Planning Act
- Schedule 24 Changes to Consents and Subdivisions: Planning Act

7. AMO Communications, Policy Update, Back to Remote Learning, Connecting Links Funding, and Funeral Burial and Cremation Services Act Regulation Changes – Schools move to remote learning and reintroduction of emergency child care, effective Apr 19, 2021. A decision about when it is safe again to resume in-person learning will be made as the situation requires. 2020-21 Connecting Links Funding, Ontario is providing \$30 million for eligible capital costs on successful connecting links funding application as previously announced. Connecting links are municipal roads and bridges that connect provincial roads, forming an important part of Province's transportation network. Municipalities are eligible for up to \$3 million in funding for these projects, increasing to \$5 million in 2021-22. Changes to Ontario Reg 30/11 under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, license display requirements and the price list and consumer information guide will come into force Jul 1, 2021, while additional changes to the cemetery care and maintenance funds and accounts will come into force on Jan 1, 2022.

8. AMO Communications Policy Update, Municipal Code of Conduct Consultation Launched – The Ontario government has now launched a 90-day consultation to obtain feedback on strengthening municipal codes of conduct. AMO is supportive of this public consultation as it will help to make sure that the municipal codes of conduct continue to evolve appropriately. As part of this consultation, the Province is including collecting feedback on AMO Board of Directors' recommendations for holding municipal councillors accountable, including increased financial penalties, suspension for certain violations, removal from office in certain circumstances, and better training and standards for integrity commissioners. The AMO Board of Directors provided these recommendations for the Province's consideration earlier this year. Comments to the provincial consultation should be provided through the online survey by Jul 15, 2021.

9. AMO Communications WatchFile, Apr 8, 2021, In This Issue –

- PJ Marshall Awards – Call for submissions for 2021.
- AMO's webinar on long-term care posted.
- AMO 2021 Early Bird registration ends soon.
- Sponsorship and Exhibit Hall information now available.
- Accessibility & your municipality: Meeting your legal and ethical obligations.
- LAS webinar: NEW! Aggregates category.
- Careers: Brantford Police Service, East Gwillimbury and Simcoe County.

10. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Apr 15, 2021, In This Issue –

- AMO 2021 Conference program update.
- AMO webinar on City of Brampton's modernized work from home model.
- AMO training – *Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience*.
- AMO 2021 Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities.
- AMO 2021 Early Bird registration – Ending very soon!
- How is COVID affecting the Ontario electricity market?
- NEW! Group Buying Program aggregates solution.
- Culvert prices protected under Group Buying Program.

- Energy Reporting Portal now open.
 - Training on delegation of planning decisions – Apr 23.
 - Careers: York Region DSB, Durham Region, Malahide and Grey County.
11. **FCM Communique, FCM Voice: FCM’s GMF Announces \$23 million for Zibi District Energy, AC 2021: early-bird registration, Celebrating FCM’s Work in Ukraine** – The Zibi Development, located in the National Capital Region, is transforming decades-old brownfield lands into a carbon-neutral development that will house over 5,000 residents and provide prime commercial space. GMF is a \$1.65 billion endowment from the Government of Canada that helps municipalities implement sustainability projects and emission-reducing policies. AC 2021: 2 weeks left for early bird rate, register by Apr 23 for FORWARD, this year’s conference runs from May 31 to Jun 4. Celebrating FCM’s work in Ukraine, FCM’s Partnership for Local Economic Development and Democratic Governance (PLEDDG) in Ukraine is coming to an end. Help shape Federal Budget 2021, with the next federal budget coming next Mon, FCM is keeping municipal priorities front-and-centre and you can help. Webinar recording: Rural Strength and Innovation, watch the recording of their latest collective webinar on rural Canada’s leadership in innovation and collaboration. Upcoming webinar: Linkable Open Data Environment, Apr 15 at 11:00 am.
 12. **FCM Communique, Your Special Invitation to FCM’s Annual Conference** – This year’s theme is FORWARD. Municipalities from coast to coast are gathering to focus on moving forward through the COVID-19 pandemic – and to imagine the cities, communities and country we’ll build after COVID. This conference is where we’ll plan how to get there. Register by Apr 23 to get your early bird rate.
 13. **FCM Communique, FCM Voice: AC 2021: Fri Early-Bird Deadline, Community Building retrofit Webinar, New Funding to Upgrade Community Facilities** – Workshop details now online for FCM’s 2021 Annual Conference! Don’t miss this year’s best opportunity to learn and connect with peers from all over the country. The early-bird rate ends Apr 23, Register now for FORWARD! How to get started with Community Buildings Retrofit, join an info session on Apr 28 to learn about the Green Municipal Fund’s new Community Buildings Retrofit initiative and how it can help your municipality repair and preserve important community hubs (e.g., arena, pools, libraries), lowers operating costs and reduce greenhouse gas emission. New Funding to upgrade community facilities and lower GHG’s, the Green Municipal Fund launched its new \$167 million Community Buildings Retrofit initiative to help Canadian municipalities of all sizes. FCM gets results for members, with their strong and united voice, they’re securing vital support for cities and communities on the front lines of COVID-19 – from the Safe Restart Agreement to the expanded Universal Broadband Fund to the recent doubling to the federal Gas Tax Fund transfer for one year. Guide: Climate action in small and rural communities, check out the Small and Rural Communities Climate Action Guidebook, produced by the Partners for Climate Protection program, delivered by FCM and ICLEI. Capacity building: Online data boot camp starting May 4, sharing updates and opportunities for you to learn more about relevant data and tools, including tailored webinars on key products and capabilities that support local, evidence-based policy decisions.
 14. **FCM Communique, Budget 2021: Significant News for Rural Communities** – Federal Budget 2021 Includes:
 - Major Broadband Funding: \$1 billion over six years for the Universal Broadband Fund, for a new total of \$2.75 billion in direct funding to improve rural and remote Internet access.
 - Climate Adaptation Funding: \$1.4 billion in over 12 years for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund – setting aside \$670 million for small projects (\$1 – 20 million) to ease access for rural and remote communities (responding to FCM recommendation).
 - Community Infrastructure Funding: \$500 million for local projects to be administered by the regional development agencies.
 - Compensation for Farmers: \$100 million in support for farmers in provinces where the federal carbon tax applied (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario).
 - Employer Supports: \$57.6 million in 2021-22 to expand the Mandatory Isolation Support for Temporary Foreign Workers Program to help employers offset costs associated with temporary foreign workers fulfilling isolations requirements upon entering Canada.
 - Community Workforce Development Program: \$55 million over three years in this new program, serving local and regional economic priorities as well as national priorities like de-carbonization and supporting workers in transforming sectors, with a focus on under-represented groups.
 15. **FCM Communique, NEW: Exciting AC2021 Workshop Details: FCM’s 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show** will be an event like no other. There truly is something for everyone.
 16. **FONOM, Flyer for 2021, Conference Promotion, Apr 20** – FONOM Conference, GoNorth taking place on Tue, May 18, 2021 from 8:30 – 4:00 pm

- 17. MMAH, News Release, Ontario Now Accepting Public Feedback to Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct** – The Ontario government has launched a 90-day consultation to obtain feedback on how to strengthen municipal codes of conduct.
- 18. ENDM, Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program, Coming Soon** – The Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program will provide close to \$630 million over ten years to support poultry and egg farmers through on-farm investments.
- 19. ENDM, The Countdown Is On! Invitation to Join Free Greenhouse Production & Vertical Farming Webinars** – The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs have partners with the Northern Food Distribution Network, Northern Food Distribution Network, Bioenterprise and the Rural Agri-Innovation Network to host these Webinars: Greenhouse Production Workshop – Thu, May 6, 2021 from 11:00 to 4:30, Vertical Farming Workshop – Thu, May 13, 2021 from 11:00 to 4:00.
- 20. ENDM, Infrastructure Canada, Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program (GICB) – Now Open!** – Currently accepting applications for retrofits and new building projects for community buildings.
- The GICB program support retrofits, repairs, or upgrades of existing publicly-accessible community buildings and the construction of new publicly-accessible community buildings that serve underserved and high-needs communities across Canada. Community buildings are non-commercial community-oriented structure and spaces that provide open, available, and accessible community services to the public.
 - Infrastructure Canada invited municipal or regional governments, public sector bodies, not-for-profit organizations, provincial or territorial governments and Indigenous recipients to apply for funding for eligible projects.
 - Applicants with small and medium retrofit projects to existing community buildings ranging in total eligible cost from \$100,000 to \$3 million will be accepted on a continuous basis and funded on a rolling intake basis.
 - Applications are being accepted until Jul 6, 2021 at 23:599 PDT for projects from \$3 million to \$25 million.
 - For any questions, please contacts: infcgicbp-pbcvi.inf@canada.ca.
- 21. ENDM, Lemonade Day & Summer Company Programs, Summer Youth Business Programs LD & SC Poster** – The Business Centre is organizing two youth programs this year the Summer Company program and Lemonade Day North Day! Summer Company is a program for students between the ages of 15-29 who are interested in starting a business over the course of the summer. For more information on eligibility and registration please visit, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-summer-company-students.com>. Lemonade Day is a strategic lesson-based program that walks youth from a dream to a business plan while teaching them the same principles required to start any company. The program focuses on children ages 8 to 12 years (but is not restrictive), by providing fun, educational tools, training and mentorship. For more information, visit: <http://lemonadeday.org/north-bay> and to register, please visit: <https://my.lemonadeday.org/register>.
- 22. PSDSSAB, District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board, List of Eligible Workers, Emergency Child Care, Apr 2021** – The following sites have been approved by the Ministry of Education to operate Emergency Child Care for School Age Children within the District of Parry Sound:
- YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka – Parry Sound Public School – Contact Valene 705-746-0511 ext. 2
 - Fairview (PSDSSAB) – St. Gregory Catholic School (Powassan) – Contact Jane 705-742-5462 ext. 2
 - YMCA of Northeastern Ontario - St. Theresa Catholic School (Callander) – Contact Kayla 705-752-3277
 - Home Child Care Program (PSDSSAB) – District Wide – Contact Cindy 746-9522 ext. 4361
- <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/61164/ontario-announces-emergency-child-care-for-critical-frontline-workers.com>.
- 23. Board Chair, MPAC Annual Report 2020** – MPAC is pleased to provide you with their Annual Report, <https://annualreport.mpac.ca/2020-annual-report.ca> for your information. This report provides an overview of MPAC’s operational and financial performance over the year, it has been prepared as required by the *Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act*, and is also being provided to the Premier, Minister of Finance, Members of Provincial Parliament and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

INFORMATION – COVID-19

- 24. City of Cambridge Resolution, Paid Sick Leave** – As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increase in cases in Ontario, our hospitals and Intensive Care Units are overrun with people sick with the virus. According to the Provincial Science Advisory Table on COVID-19 we need to protect essential workers and support them with paid sick leave. It is being reported that the drivers of

transmission are indoor work places, particularly industrial workplaces, warehouses, and distribution centres. Workers who are denied paid sick days do not avoid illness, they bring the infections to work with them, and they transmit them to their coworkers, employees without paid sick leave. Cambridge Council urge the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier to require Ontario employers to provide no less than five paid sick days annually to workers – after three months of employment – by amending the Employment Standards Act, 2000.

25. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, In Person Learning a Priority for Health Unit – Health Unit continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation in schools closely, to help continue in-person learning during the Stay-at-Home Order. Peel Public Health and Toronto Public Health both issued Section 22 orders under the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act to close schools for in-person learning. Both health unit districts saw significant increases in case counts and the spread of variants in the community. The public is reminded to continue to follow public health measures including:

- Everyone is required to remain at home except for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely;
- Practicing 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 distancing from anyone outside your exclusive close contact home;
- Wearing a face covering indoors and outdoors as required and whenever physical distancing is difficult;
- Washing or sanitizing your hands often;
- Coughing and sneezing into your sleeve;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth;
- Cleaning high touch objects and surfaces often.

26. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Launches COVID-19 Dashboard – The COVID-19 Status Report is a one-stop location for the most up-to-date COVID-19 data for the Health Unit’s district. Data includes:

- COVID-19 cases overview including variant of concern information;
- Cases by age and exposure;
- Number of confirmed cases by reporting date;
- Number of confirmed cases by month;
- Outbreaks in child care centres, long-term care homes/retirement homes and schools;
- COVID-19 testing numbers;
- Vaccination rates and numbers.

27. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, More Than a Quarter of Adults Received Vaccine Dose in District – The Health Unit has reached a new milestone in the fight against COVID-19. Over 25 per cent of individuals 18 years and older in our Health Unit’s district have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. More than 29,697 doses have been administered as of Apr 14, which represents 26.85 per cent of adults in the district. The Health Unit is currently offering vaccination clinics for individuals born in 1961 or before, Very High Priority Health Care workers, High Priority Health Care Workers, and Special Education Workers. The Health Unit continues to vaccinate individuals included in Phase 1 of the provincial ethical framework for COVID-19 vaccine distribution who have not yet been vaccinated. Individuals in these eligible groups 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.

28. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, UPDATE: COVID-19 Vaccine appointments Available for Highest-Risk Individuals with Health Conditions and Their Essential Caregiver – On Sat, Apr 17, 2021, the Health unit was informed of a change from the Ministry of Health to the eligibility of highest-risk individuals with health conditions and their essential caregivers. As second dose intervals vary depending on the vaccine product, the second dose will be discussed at the first vaccine appointment. For those eligible for the second dose of interval exception, a letter of confirmation from the health care provider treating the individual for the high-risk condition is required at the time of the first vaccine appointment. Individuals who are receiving cancer treatment at Northeast Cancer Centre on or before Apr 16, 2021 will not be required to obtain a letter, as a list of eligible individuals has been provided to the Health Unit. Individuals starting care after Apr 16, 2021 will need to obtain a letter.

29. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Special Education Workers Eligible to Book COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Through Health Unit Call Centre – Special education workers 18 years of age and older who receive notice from their school board, are now able to book an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine by calling the North Bay Parry Sound District

Health Unit (Health Unit) Call Centre at 1-800-563-2808. At this time, online booking is not yet available to special education workers and appointments are based on the availability of the mass immunization clinics.

- 30. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service announcement, Health Unit Confirms Individual from Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Elementary School Community Tests Positive for COVID-19** – At this time, the Grade 7 and 8 cohort as well as individuals who boarded the #52 Allouette Bus Lines route are being asked to self-isolate. Bus route #52 also serves other students from White Woods Public School and Northern Secondary School. The Health Unit is working with the school and Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board to ensure all high-risk contacts are contacted. The current situation does not meet the criteria to declare an outbreak.
- 31. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Rosseau Lake College Return to Learning After Member of the School Community Tested Positive for COVID-19** – Self-isolating of school community members deemed as high-risk contacts ends on Apr 14. Since the first case associated with the school was announced, no other individuals tested positive for COVID-19 at Rosseau Lake College the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit (Health Unit) confirms.
- 32. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Individual from White Woods Public School Tests Positive for COVID-19** – The individual was at school during their infectious period. Members of the Grade 8 cohort are asked to self-isolate. The individual boarded the #52 Alouette Bus Lines route on Apr 8, which also serves students from Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Elementary School and Northern Secondary School. The individuals from bus route #52 are already required to self-isolate due to a case at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Elementary School. However, at this time there is no confirmed link between the cases and they travelled on the bus on different days. Case management and contact tracing are ongoing. For more information, please visit www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19.com.
- 33. MAHC, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, MINUTES, Leaders Teleconference, Apr 9, 2021, Quarterly Political Leaders Forum** –
- Round Table Introductions
 - COVID-19 Updates
 - 2021-2022 Operations Update
 - 2020-2021 Operating Position
 - Capital Planning Local Share
 - Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team
 - Affordable Housing & Transportation
 - Round Table/Discussion
- 34. MAHC, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Update for Leaders & Partners** – In the Simcoe Muskoka region as of Wed, Apr 14, the Health Unit has reported 8,937 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Simcoe Muskoka, of which 313 are reported in Muskoka with 264 recovered and three deceased. Wave 3 of the pandemic continues to escalate at an alarming rate and is presenting capacity issues in Ontario that are different from the previous waves. There is currently one COVID-19 positive inpatient receiving care at MAHC. This figure continues to be updated weekdays on our website at www.mahc.ca/COVID-19/. Information regarding vaccination of the public is frequently changing as the Province of Ontario moves through the phases of its vaccination program. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at www.smdhu.org is the best source for timely information.
- 35. Mathews Dinsdale, in a Flash, Peel Public Health Releases Section 22 Order to Close Workplaces with 5 or More COVID-19 Cases** – Peel Public Health has published its Section 22 Order (the “Order”) under the Health Protection and Promotion Act for workplaces with cases of COVID-19. The new order required full or partial closure of workplaces when a workplace have five or more confirmed COVID-19 cases within a 14-calendar day period where the workers could reasonably have acquired their infection in the workplace premises, or where no obvious source of infection has been identified outside the workplace premises.
- 36. AMO Communications, Policy Update, New COVID-19 Enforcement Measures and Two-Week Extension of Emergency Declaration, and Emergency Child Care** – As of 12:01 am on Apr 18, the new restrictions will apply province-wide:
- Outdoor gatherings will be strictly limited to members of the same household only, or with one other household if that individual lives alone.
 - In-person shopping at stores that primarily sell food and pharmaceutical goods, grocery, and “big box” stores will be restricted to 25% occupancy.
 - Only essential construction will be able to continue (e.g., assessment centres, hospitals, long-term care homes). Non-essential construction (e.g., shopping malls, office towers, and hotels) is not allowed.
 - All outdoor amenities will be closed (e.g., playgrounds, basketball courts).

As of 12:01 am on Apr 19, additional changes will include:

- Restricting indoor participation at places of worship, funerals, and weddings to 10 people.
- Checkpoints will be created to restrict mobility at interprovincial borders between Quebec and Manitoba, with exceptions for work, transportation of goods, and medical appointments.

The government announced it is, again, funding free emergency child care, available for school-aged children of health care and other frontline workers. These include many categories of municipal staff. The list published today includes occupations such as police, firefighters, paramedics, nurses in long-term care and some staff delivering transit, waste, and water services. To confirm a specific occupation and for a full list of eligible workers, see the Ontario website <https://www.amo.on.ca/advocacy/human-services/child-care-and-early-years.com>.

- 37. MMAH, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Declaration of Provincial Emergency Under the EMCPA and Amendments to the ROA** – By declaring a provincial emergency, the EMCPA provides the government with authority to make new orders to address the increasing COVID-19 transmission rates and associated system impacts. The declaration of emergency is valid for up to 14 days and can be extended once for up to another 14 days. Any further extensions must receive approval by the Legislature. Effective Apr 8, 2021, the government issued a province-wide Stay-at-Home Order (Ontario Regulation 265/21). The Stay-at-Home order requires everyone to remain at home except for essential purposes, which are set out in the order. Residential evictions, effective Apr 8, 2021, the order will temporarily suspend enforcement of residential evictions, with exceptions. On Apr 3, 2021, Ontario imposed a province-wide emergency brake to place time-limited public health and workplace safety measures into effect to help stop the rapid transmission of COVID-19 variant in communities. The emergency brake amended the Stages of Reopening Order under the ROA, by placing all public health units (PHUs) under the Shutdown zone of stage 1.
- 38. MMAH, Memorandum from Deputy Minister to Clerks and CAOs** – Both the provincial declaration of emergency and the Stay-at-Home order (O. Reg 265/21) have been extended for an additional two weeks. To increase public compliance with the Stay-at-Home Order and stop the spread of COVID-19, amendments to an emergency order (O. Reg 8/21 Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures) have been made that provide police officers and other provincial offences officers, including municipal by-law officers, with enhanced authority to provide an additional tool to support enforcement of O.Reg. 82/20 with respect to prohibited social gatherings, as follows: Effective immediately new authorities will allow a police officer or other provincial offences officers, including a municipal by-law officer, to require, in certain circumstances and with limitations, information from an individual for the purpose of determining whether they are in compliance with the prohibitions on certain gatherings set out in Schedule 4 of O.Reg. 82/20. Additionally, effective Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 12:01 am the government is restricting travel into Ontario from the provinces of Manitoba and Quebec, subject to some specific exceptions. The government has also updated a number of public health and workplace safety measures. Some of these measures are effective Apr 17, 2021 at 12:01 am, while others take effect Apr 19, 2021 at 12:01 am.
- 39. ENDM, New Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program to Help Farmers and Agri-food Operators Keep Workers Safe During COVID-19** – Opening up on Apr 22, 2021 to help farms adapt to the pandemic, <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/agrifoodprogram.htm>.
- 40. ENDM, Blue Sky's COVID-19 Tech Adoption Funding Program, Open Again!** – CTAF will provide eligible businesses, start-ups, municipalities, and Indigenous communities across Northern Ontario with access to capital grant funding to acquire digital technology and e-business and marketing solutions to ensure they can survive and adapt to the challenges presented by COVID-19. CTAF will provide:
- Capital grant funding for eligible applicants of up to \$10,000 with a minimum contribution of 25% from the applicant towards the project.
 - Guidance and assistance for applicants.
- 41. ENDM, COVID-19 Community Resilience, Ventilation Improvement Funding (Fed-Prov)** – New funding of \$120 million will be added to the provincial and territorial agreements of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to support ventilation improvement projects in public buildings. This new money will support provincial, territorial, municipal and regional governments and Indigenous organizations to fund projects whose primary purpose is to increase outdoor air intake and/or increase air cleaning in order to help reduce the transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19. Eligible projects will improve ventilation in public infrastructures assets that:
- Serve populations that are more susceptible to poor outcomes if they contract COVID-19 (e.g. long-term care homes, friendship centers, shelters)
 - With high occupancies (e.g. schools, congregate living housing)

- Where activities take place that are at higher risk of infectious aerosol particle generations (e.g. recreation or sports centers)
- Remain open through lockdown, or are the last to close when restrictions are increased, in order to continue to provide services (e.g. Libraries, buildings used as emergency shelters)
- Have been identified by public health authorities as higher risk for outbreaks based on social conditions. The following program requirements will apply to this funding:
- Project size and cost-sharing requirements will follow the COVID-19 Resilience stream, as described above.
- Projects must be completed by Mar 31, 2023
- Project costs for ventilation improvement projects are retroactively eligibility for funding and will apply to any eligible expenditures incurred after Dec 1, 2020. This is a time-limited parameter that applied to projects approved by Mar 2022.

The government of Canada and Ontario announced \$656.5 million in funding to provide critical infrastructure upgrades to protect students and staff from COVID-19 in the province's schools.

42. MAG, Memo from the ARB, Apr 1, 2021 Emergency Order – On Apr 1, 2021, the Ontario government issued a further restriction to the Emergency Order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) effective Apr 2, 2021 for 28 days and on Apr 7, a Stay-at-Home order for 28 days effective Apr 8. After a review of the Emergency Order and the Board's ability to exercise its discretion the Assessment Review Board will not be suspending any timelines.

- Timelines/practices continuing
- Hearing events before the Board

43. BAO, Notice to the Profession: Changes to the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act (FBCSA) On Cemetery Care and Maintenance Fund, Licence Display, and Price List –

- Cemetery care and maintenance funds and accounts, the changes which come into force on Jan 1, 2022
- License Display Requirement changes come into force Jul 1, 2021.
- Price List and BAO consumer Information Guide changes come into force Jul 1, 2021.

44. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Registrar's Directive: 10 Max at Funerals in Total – Indoors or Outdoors – Effective Mon, Apr 19, 2021, Attendance at all funeral services will be restricted to a maximum of 10 attendees in total, indoors or outdoors. The indoor and outdoor limits cannot be combined to allow more than 10. The maximum of 10 attendees does not include funeral or cemetery staff, as in previous COVID-19 safety restrictions. Cemeteries will also be restricted to the 10 maximum for funeral services. The measures of physical distancing of two metres between people, wearing of masks indoors and outdoors, and cleaning and disinfecting of facilities between services remain in place. Serving food is prohibited at all funerals and visitations.

45. Explorers Edge, RTO12 Regional Tourism Update: Apr 22, 2021 – Cottage Country Spirit voucher program on hold due to new provincial restrictions, this is to ensure that RTO12 is not seen to be promoting travel at this challenging time, be it local or otherwise, while strict measures and legal consequences for citizens are in place. 2nd Season of Scheduled Porter Airline Service to Muskoka Airport Now Expected in 2022, due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

46. Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, Reforms to Support Ontario Liquor Licenses – The Government of Ontario has introduced several liquor reforms to support businesses as they work to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and to offer consumers greater choice and convenience, now and into the future. These reforms impact licensed liquor manufacturers and liquor delivery services. Expansion of the Farmers' Market Program (Beer), the government's 2021 budget noted the sale of Ontario beer at farmers' markets would be permitted in the upcoming season.

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURN

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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 10, 2021. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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