

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 12, 2019**

**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. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul.

Guests observing: John Mowat, Cindy Ord.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Jul 22, 2019 minutes, Resolution**

**143-19 Flowers, McLaren**

THAT we adopt Jul 22, 2019 minutes as amended. CARRIED

**2. Consent Application 4-043/44, Resolution**

Reviewed. It was noted the road name on the sketch submitted is incorrect, and has been corrected in our planner's report.

**144-19 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we support Consent Application 4-044/4-043 for boundary adjustment per planner report and redesign dated Aug 7, 2019 as it conforms to policies in the Official Plan and requirements of the Zoning By-Law 45-12,

FURTHER THAT the standard conditions of Consent apply; all taxes paid up to date, 3 copies of the registered survey, cash in lieu or parkland \$847.50 required, and a copy of the Notice of Decision from Planning Board. CARRIED

**3. Pay List by Fund for Jul, Resolution**

Mayor Carleton noted 4 new sets of steps at the Narrows Beach, and suggested maybe another 1.

**145-19 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund for Jul 2019; \$264,219.90. CARRIED

**COMMITTEES**

**4. South River inquiry on Shared Service Agreement/Committees**

South River has extended (per their intent to remove themselves from Shared Services Committees effective Dec 31, 2019) an invitation to Machar inviting members to participate in drafting an amended agreement. Council indicated we're not interested as we don't support the change to Committees and remain concerned about the programs and events offered to the community through the Committees, such as Soccer, Halloween Party, Christmas in the Village, etc.

**5. South River Machar Fire Establishing and Regulating By-Law**

Reviewed, but not passed. It implements the changes to Committee as proposed by South River, and not supported by Machar. Also, as the Fire Chief indicated to Committee, there are many changes from the existing by-law to the proposed, legal review was queried. Clerk to reply.

**6. South River Machar Medical minutes of Jul 16, 2019, Resolution**

Reviewed. New tenant coming to the Lower Level, some space becoming available on the Main Level. Council suggested the Main Level space be advertised as available.

**146-19 Flowers, McLaren**

THAT we support motions 1-8 in Medical Centre minutes of Jul 16, 2019 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay List/Budgetary Control, Infrastructure and Overhead Quarterly Report 2019/20 for Apr/Jun, Tender Advertisement for the Medical Centre Renovations Suite 2/3 and Waiting Area, close the meeting, return to open session, now adjourned until Aug 20, 2019... CARRIED

**7. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Jul 17, 2019, Resolution**

Reviewed. Several citizens from the unorganized townships are attending, concerned about amalgamation. Planning Board has assured them amalgamation isn't within it's jurisdiction.

**147-19 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Jul 17, 2019. CARRIED

**8. District of Parry Sound Mun Assoc Fall Meeting; Township of Carling in Nobel Fri, Sep 27, 2019**

Round table talk at the Spring meeting was well liked and deemed successful, so may go forward again. Recycling, blue green algae, phragmites are on the radar for the agenda. Mayor Carleton had discussions with a representative of the Sundridge Phrag Fighters regarding their effort.

**9. District of Parry Sound Social Serv Admin Bd new Digital Lab will assist citizens in accessing resources to seek employment, academic upgrading, job preparation and job searching**

Reviewed. A lab is being placed in South River as well, opening date in South River to be queried.

**INFORMATION**

- 10. City of Stratford – Resolution: Opposition to Changes in 2019 Provincial Budget and Planning Act; this shift in priorities will put disproportionate pressure on municipal governments to either fully fund Provincially discontinued programs or partially supplement programs and services at current service levels**
- 11. Town of Halton Hills – Resolution regarding Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities; Town of Halton Hills call upon the Province of Ontario, through the discussion paper entitled Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities, to review and implement a deposit/return program for all single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers**
- 12. Township of McKellar – Resolution regarding Municipal Amalgamation; Township of McKellar has expressed their concern with the potential for forced municipal amalgamation, under the current provincial government**
- 13. North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit – Reduction of Emergency Department Oral Health-Related visits in North Bay since the Health Unit opened an Oral Health clinic for low income adults in February 2018; North Bay adults made 630 dental related visits to the emergency department in 2018, down from 800 previous year, resulting in a reduction of 170 dental related visits, this represents a 21.3 per cent decrease in the rate from 2017 to 2018, and about \$87,210 in averted spending towards non-traumatic oral health-related emergency department visits**
- 14. MPAC –Intouch – AMO 2019: Continuing the Conversation; Supporting municipalities when weather strikes; Assessment of non-profit child care centres; Post-Enumeration Results**
- 15. Blue Sky Net - Tech-Talk July 2019; Canadian Broadband: Funding announcements, broadband plans and what that means for us in Northern Ontario, in a relatively short amount of time we have had the Federal Government of Canada announce their renewed commitment to broadband in their 2019 budget, the Government of Ontario announced their Up to Speed Broadband and Cellular Action Plan and the CRTC announced the Broadband Improvement Fund**
- 16. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steven Clark Minister – Provincial Policy Statement Review – Draft Policies; ministry is launching a consultation on proposed policy changes to the Provincial Policy Statement, PPS is an important part of Ontario's land use planning system, setting out the provincial land use policy direction; The government is consulting on draft policy changes to: Encourage the development of an increased mix and supply of housing, Protect the environment and public safety, Reduce barriers and costs for development and provide greater predictability, Support rural, northern and Indigenous communities, Support the economy and job creation**

- 17. AMO Communications – Seeking Municipal Government Initiatives You Want to Brag About; We want to hear about your municipal government initiatives whether labelled efficiency, or innovation, a best practice or something else; Here are a few project examples to give you an idea; Several rural municipal governments share a by-law enforcement officer because on their own it wasn't affordable; An upper tier is providing IT service to the lower tiers – saving them contracting dollars and offering faster service; Another upper tier has instituted digital/electronic signature solutions reducing contract signing from weeks to hours improving productivity for all; A Region is using Ontario Justice Video Network to support POA Court Remote Testimony which is making better use of police services and cost savings**
- 18. AMO Watchfile Jul 25, 2019 In This Issue**
- The top questions about digital signatures.
  - Save 15% off Deluxe Canada products.
  - Government eliminating unnecessary fundraising fees.
  - Broadband and cellular expansion in rural and remote communities.
  - Updating the Provincial Policy Statement.
  - Does your Local Distribution Company deal with Distributed Generation?
  - Special Advisor's report on recycling & plastic waste.
  - Pre-Conference: Explore Ottawa by bike.
  - Pre-Conference: Clinics at the 2019 AMO Conference.
  - 2019 AMO Conference just a few weeks away!
  - Risk Management Symposium this fall.
  - IESO's SaveONenergy Incentives are changing.
  - Use technology to reduce energy costs!
  - Still time for a 2019 road/sidewalk assessment.
  - Careers with York Region, King Township and Windsor.
- 19. AMO Watchfile Aug 1, 2019 In This Issue**
- In memoriam - Anne M. Johnston.
  - New Intake for OMAFRA's RED Program.
  - Ontario strengthens fire protection rules.
  - Francophone Community Grants Program.
  - Toward Parity in Municipal Politics program.
  - Consultation: Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes.
  - Pre-Conference: Explore Ottawa by bike.
  - Pre-Conference: Clinics at the 2019 AMO Conference.
  - 2019 AMO Conference just a few weeks away!
  - ONE Investment fall workshops across Ontario.
  - LAS Blog: Coming soon! NEW Municipal Group Buying Program.
  - Partnering with Communities program.
  - Careers with Guelph, Durham Region and Toronto.
- 20. AMO Watchfile Aug 8, 2019 In This Issue**
- AMO Youth Engagement Initiative.
  - Special Advisor's Report on Blue Box released.
  - Consultation: Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes.
  - Pre-Conference: Explore Ottawa by bike.
  - Pre-Conference: Clinics at the 2019 AMO Conference.
  - AMO's Fall Policy Forum: London, October 24 + 25.
  - ONE Investment fall workshops across Ontario.
  - Careers with Kingston, Burlington, Lakeshore and Orangeville.
- 21. Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – Letter from the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, on behalf of the Ontario Government, pleased to announce the launch of the revitalized Rural Economic Development (RED) program; RED program – to focus on projects that will bring real benefits to communities and help attract investment and create jobs, while also providing greater value for taxpayer dollars; The program will offer two new project categories: Economic Diversification and Competitiveness Stream; Strategic Economic Infrastructure Stream**
- 22. AAFC Agri-Info – New – Local Food Infrastructure Fund – stream 1 intake opens August 15, 2019; Space: The newest frontier in agriculture; Everyone at the table: Launch of the Food Policy for Canada; Share your thoughts on proposed changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program; What the Federal Regulatory Review means for you; Higher limits for the Advance Payments Program; Visit to Japan boosts Canada's agriculture profile**
- 23. OMAFRA – Verner International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (Sept. 17 to 21, 2019) looking for volunteers to act as Steppers and Greeters to safely and effectively assist moving guests from the parking lots to the Tented City, and back again; Steppers and Greeters will be assisting and greeting guests as they board and disembark from wagons and will also move steps to and from the arriving wagons; Each volunteer will receive 1 day pass to enjoy the IPM before/after their**

shift; If you would like to register as a volunteer for Wagon Tours (Steppers and Greeters), or for more information, please contact Jerome Courchesne by phone at 705-845-0507 or by e-mail at [jeromecourchesne@hotmail.com](mailto:jeromecourchesne@hotmail.com)

24. The Friends Summer 2019 – Inside this issue, From the CEO’s desk pool noodle tourney; Making a difference; Across the Districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka; Beach reads pitching in; Pentecostal Kids’ Camp fondly remembered; Fun trivia resources; Through experience Bill of Rights; Please provide us with your friendly feedback [www.thefriends.on.ca](http://www.thefriends.on.ca)
25. Blue Sky Net- Share Initiative to Inform Government of Canada National Broadband Strategy – Take the Internet Speed Test and Internet Access Survey
26. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre – August Calendar and Good Food Box poster, What is the Good Food Box Program? The Good is a non-profit community initiative that helps individuals and families access affordable fresh fruit and vegetables year round, Each month, customers pre-pay \$10 (small) or \$20 (large) for a Good Food Box, order & pay in person before the first Wednesday of each month at a Good Food Box order site in your neighbourhood and pick up the following week, Thursday at the Highlander Brew Co, for more information, call Peggy Parent at 705 386 0093 or Kathleen Smith at 705 386 9744

#### CLOSED SESSION

##### 148-19 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; security of the municipality or local board, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. Time 7:20 pm. CARRIED

##### 149-19 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:50 pm. CARRIED

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

Councillor Scarlett reported on this year’s soccer program identifying some concerns with incidents that occurred. It was suggested a code of conduct be included on the registration, for parent signature in the future. Future of the program next year is unknown due to South River proposal to change Committees.

#### ADJOURN

##### 150-19 Scarlett, Flowers

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, Aug 26, 2019. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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