

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 23, 2021**

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

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

Guests scheduled: Carl Pahapill and Maryanne Pahapill, Chartered Professional Accountants. Guests observing: Pearl Ivens and Marvin Nolan. \*\*Guests attend by teleconference due to Covid-19 protocols.

**Auditors for presentation of 2020 Year End Financial Information Returns, Resolution**

Year end audit report and results presented. We received a clean audit report with no concerns. The financial statements are consolidated and include various boards (District of Parry Sound Social Services, North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, District of Parry Sound East Home for the Aged – Eastholme). Surplus Analysis for Dec 31, 2020 was reviewed. Revenue surplus \$226,000 (Budget 1,688,798 = 13.4% better). Expenditures under \$127,000 (Budget 3,683,626 = 3.4% less). Our financial health is good, we're fiscally prudent. Cash and cash equivalents fully fund our reserves. Municipal Debt is our share of Fire Dept loans. Tangible Capital Assets reviewed. Auditor indicated they were fortunate to come on site to complete our audit as separate space was provided to them per Covid-19 protocols. Auditors expressed thanks to Clerk Administrator Paul and her team as our staff make the audit seamless.

**129-21 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to sign the Post-Audit and Management Representation letters. CARRIED

**130-21 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we accept the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Trust Funds Financial Statements for Dec 31, 2020. CARRIED

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Jun 26, 2021 minutes, Resolution**

**124-21 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we adopt Jul 26, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

**2. Pay List by Fund for Jul 2021, Resolution**

**125-21 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Jul 31, 2021: \$414,432.58 Grand Total. CARRIED

Cemeteries capacities was queried. Administration will review for specifics and provide information.

**COMMITTEES**

**3. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Jul; Fire & Arena, Arena Kitchen Layout**

Reviewed AP Ledgers, Income Statements, Fire Chief and Arena Manager's Monthly Reports. Income Statements reflect: Arena revenue 10.53% and Expenses 26.83%, Fire revenue 53.09% and Expenses 38.33%. Several items of information sent regarding the upgrades to the Arena that will be made possible through our joint ICIP Covid-19 funding. Additionally, there is information in the Arena Manager's Report. Kitchen layout provided as requested. Equipment quote information provided. Council requested an updated, itemized cost estimate and timeframe. Is it now 1 generator proposed, or is it still 2, equipment/cabinets/counters are included, but are sinks and

faucets? Clerk Administrator will contact South River Clerk Administrator to update and clarify the details, encompass the expenditures included, and indicate costs are still within the funding amount approved. Turf areas discussed. We have confirmation Tebby Park maintenance costs will be removed from Arena costs. Updated boiler quote provided has increased from \$13,000 to \$16,000 (Arena capital 2021). Fire Chief's Report indicates 1 remote rescue call for service. Councillor Wood advised this was to Algonquin Park. Payment of our costs for responding to the Park were discussed. The Province has no plan in place for payment. There is also no plan in place for payment of unorganized townships use of municipal services. Mayor Carleton advised FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities) is reviewing this for Fire Dept response. Clerk Administrator reported on response from Fire Chief regarding OFMEM, Laurier Fire Chief and Powassan Fire Chief regarding Highway responses. Fire Chief Maki can't discuss the details of that meeting in open session but can say it will not have any impacts on our responses to Hwy 11 or 124.

#### **4. Machar Public Works minutes of Aug 12, 2021, Resolution**

Reviewed. Machar Mall is very busy and has been difficult to keep tidily arranged due to patrons going through merchandise. Filming of the Amazon series The Lake is currently in progress. By-law to regulate fireworks scheduled for Council on Sep 13. Airbnb rentals discussed. Resources are available on our website and By-law Enforcement can be contacted. Solar Decorative Street Light Project proposed for Eagle Lake Rd intersections. Meeting at Mikisew Provincial Park discussed. Signs will be posted that the land and islands on Eagle Lake outside the park are private property. Councillor Wood referred a request for 1 of these signs at the Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park.

##### **126-21 Wood, Flowers**

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Aug 12, 2021. CARRIED

#### **5. South River Machar Medical minutes of Aug 3, 2021, Resolution**

Reviewed. Another letter sent out to Lower Level tenant regarding garbage. The Board is looking at security systems further to a request received on behalf of an upper tenant in the building.

##### **127-21 Flowers, Scarlett**

THAT we support motions 1-6 in Medical Centre minutes as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, close the meeting, open session, adjourned until Sep 21, 2021... CARRIED

#### **6. Explore South River map and interpretive story sign location, app getting great reviews**

Success of the Explore South River project discussed. Report is also an award nomination. Interpretive signs for Machar and South River have been put in locations to encourage people to explore; in Machar – Mikisew story near the park, Eagle Lake Narrows story at Eagle Lake Narrows Park, Ghost town story at Bray Lake Park. The Explore South River collaborators and app were commended for their great work. Free Event Listings available. Send your event in the South River area with a few photos and a brief description and Explore South River will take it from there.

#### **7. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Jul 21, 2021, Resolution**

Planning Board and Machar remain very busy with various planning and development applications.

##### **128-21 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Jul 21, 2021. CARRIED

#### **8. JBC Permit Summaries for Jul, JBC Report – Tiny Homes, Resolution**

Reviewed. Permit activity and revenues are much higher in 2021, even though 2020 was high. Chief Building Official Tiny Home Report discussed in detail. The first requirement of any building permit application is the compliance with all other "applicable law" such as planning (zoning/general standards by-laws). None of the JBC municipalities address tiny homes as they are only now becoming more researched as an affordable home ownership option. The minimum size per the ON Building Code is 188 sq ft with combined rooms and require laundry facilities or space for laundry

facilities. Any tiny home would have to comply with all OBC requirements: plumbing, HVAC, foundations, framing, room sizes, window sizes, energy efficiency, ceiling heights, etc. The design would have to be by a qualified designer in some cases or a professional engineer typically for the foundation if a slab on grade is used to support the structure. We have 15 zones in the Township each with its own requirements. The overall general standard in our by-law is 700 sq ft. The Municipal Office doesn't receive many inquiries regarding tiny homes. We receive more inquiries about trailers, which specifically and purposely aren't permitted for more than 30 days each year. It was noted that affordable housing is an issue, there is a tiny home movement currently occurring, and Machar has the lowest tax rate in the area, helping with affordability for home owners. A Zoning By-law general amendment would be required to permit tiny homes in our municipality.

**131-21 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Jul 2021. CARRIED

**INFORMATION**

9. **City of Stratford Resolution** – strongly appeals to the Government of Ontario to immediately take steps to replace gas powered electrical generation with non-carbon-based sustainable alternatives.
10. **Village of Sundridge Resolution** – to convey to Ontario Northland, Metrolinx and the provincial and federal ministries, what a significant economic impact it would have on our rural and northern communities, to once again have a passenger rail train stop in the Almaguin area, more specifically the Village of South River.
11. **Northumberland County Resolution** – recommend that County Council request the Ministry of Transportation in consultation with Municipalities consider suspending (temporarily) the imposition of demerit point for persons who pay their ticket in cases where they have no previous relevant convictions.
12. **City of Toronto Resolution** – The Government of Canada has recognized that investment in child care is urgently needed, and of national importance, for families and the economy. As part of the Budget 2021, it has committed to build a Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system that is affordable, high-quality and accessible for all families. City of Toronto's Council must reinforce the urgency, and express their willingness to be partners with all levels of governments, and to act now, with urgency, to ensure this promise becomes a reality for Toronto children and families.
13. **City of Toronto Resolution** –
  1. City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177, Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act.
  2. City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to review the Early Resolution provisions of the Provincial Offences Act and take action to streamline and modernize this section with a view to making it easier for the public and prosecutors to engage in resolution discussions, and to administer early resolution proceedings in Provincial Offences Court.
  3. City Council requests that the Attorney General of Ontario to enact changes to the Provincial Offences Act and any related regulations, to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding, to a resolution in writing for proceedings commenced under Part 1 of the Provincial Offences Act and to permit the Clerk of the Court to register the court outcome immediately upon receipt of the written agreement without requiring and appearance before a Justice of the Peace.
14. **Township of Huron-Kinloss Resolution** – supports Chatham Kent and the City of Kitchener in endorsing MP Peter Julian's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill, Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act and directs Staff to circulate as appropriate.
15. **Municipality of Chatham-Kent Resolution** – Internet connectivity is a basic necessity and essential utility for the vast majority of Canadians, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent call on the Federal Cabinet, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and ISED Minister Francois-Phillippe Champagne to overrule the CRTC's reversal and immediately implement the evidence-based 2019 Rates Order.
16. **Perth County Resolution** – acknowledges that an evaluation of MPAC is warranted given there have been a number of performance and level of service concerns that need to be addressed. Perth is requesting there be given direction to research and prepare a report in anticipation of the Provinces request for input.
17. **Township of Strong Resolution** – would like to endorse the Village of South River's efforts and urge all levels of government to focus on the creation of this important local initiative. In support the

Township of Strong will draft a letter to reflect this motion and issue it to the Provincial and Federal ministers, CN Rail and representatives from the area, that are involved with future planning for Ontario Northland future passengers stops.

- 18. Municipality of Leamington Resolution** – supports the recommendation proposed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (“AMO”) to address joint and several liability reform and rising insurance costs more generally.
- 19. AMO Events, Conference Registration Deadline, Thu, Aug 12, 2021** – Days away from the Amo 2021 Conference, registration for the Conference is open until noon on Thu, Aug 12.
- 20. AMO Events, Local Media and Social Media Engagement at the 2021 AMO Conference** – The 2021 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference runs from Mon, Aug 16 to Wed, Aug 18, and the entire program will once again be offered online.
- 21. eSCRIBE Team, Join Us Virtually at the 2021 AMO Conference** – 2021 Virtual AMO Conference, Aug 15-18, 2021.
- 22. AMO Communications, 2020 Annual Report** – On behalf of the AMO Board of Directors, AMO is pleased to provide the Association’s most current annual Report. The Report includes messages from the AMO President and the Secretary-Treasurer the Executive Director’s Report, along with information on the activities of the Associations during the year and the audited financial statements. It will form part of Secretary Treasure’s report at the AMO AGM on Mon, Aug 16, 2021.
- 23. AMO Events, Thank You for Participating in AMO 2021** – AMO’s 2021 Conference, more than 400 delegation meetings and three Ministers’ Forums provided a direct dialogue with government that will continue through the year. More than \$400 million in additional provincial funding for housing and homelessness, public health and municipal modernization was announced. Stable OMPF funding for 2022 was confirmed.
- 24. AMO Communication, WatchFile, Jul 22, 2021, In This Issue** –
  - 2021 AMO Virtual Conference Sessions.
  - Office of the Chief Coroner releases verdict on Wright Inquest Q2021-02.
  - AMO 2021 training: Human Rights and Equity.
  - AMO membership training: Leading Through Crisis.
  - AMO 2021 – Program Bonuses.
  - Deadline to submit your questions for the Ministers’ Forums is Fri, Aug 6.
  - AMO-OFIFC Indigenous Cultural Competency Training – new dates added.
  - New AMO Training – Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official.
  - Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
  - 2021 Virtual Risk Management Symposium.
  - LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment.
  - Canoe New Vendor Spotlight: Sharp Electronics.
  - LED upgrades contribute to big savings!
  - Book your custom Energy Workshop & Treasure Hunt.
  - eSolutions Group Survey – feedback request.
  - Careers: Ministry of Health, Kincardine, CreateTO.
- 25. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Jul 29, 2021, In This Issue** –
  - Final reminder – Land Use comments due Aug 6.
  - AMO 2021 Training AMO is working to bring members what they need.
  - Deadline to submit your questions for the Ministers’ Forums is Aug 6.
  - Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
  - Risk Management Symposium – (em) Powering Change.
  - Canoe vendor spotlight: Roth IAMS.
  - Careers: Kelowna and Credit Valley Conservation Authority.
- 26. AMO Communication, WatchFile, Aug 5, 2021, In This Issue** –
  - Consultations ongoing for Notice of Project Requirements / Head Protection.
  - AMO 2021 Training: AMO is working to bring members what they need.
  - The countdown to AMO 2021 – 5 days left to register.
  - Only one day left to submit your Ministers’ Forum questions!
  - Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
  - Risk management Symposium – (em)Powering Change.
  - Canoe Vendor Spotlight: Doosan Industrial.
  - New High Interest Savings Account (HISA) with National Bank.
- 27. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Aug 12, 2021, In This Issue** –
  - 2021 annual emergency exercises requirements.

- Consultations ongoing for Notice of Project Requirements/Head Protection.
- You are registered for AMO 2021!? Now what?
- AMO Caucus Meet Ups – Mon, Aug 16.
- AMO Blue Box webinar on Aug 24, 2021.
- Virtual risk management: Shore erosion.
- Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: New Way Trucks, ReCollect.
- New High Interest Savings Account (HISA) with National Bank.
- 28. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Aug 19, 2021, In This Issue –**
  - 2021 AMO federal Gas Tax/Canada Community-Building Fund award.
  - PJ Marshall Award recipients at 2021 AMO Conference.
  - AMO Blue Box update webinar on Aug 24, 2021.
  - The road ahead for climate adaptation.
  - Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
  - Technology and workplace health and safety.
  - Technology and workplace health and safety.
  - Canoe Vendor Open House: Sharp Canada.
  - New High Interest Saving Account (HISA) with National Bank.
  - Careers: Windsor, North Dundas and Haliburton.
- 29. MPAC, InTouch, Jul 2021 –** Reflecting on our Municipal Engagement Survey results. Collaboration with our municipal partners has become more important than ever. Survey results showed that any recollection of an interaction with MPAC, or frequent engagements with MPAC, left respondents with a positive impression of the organization. Satisfaction with local Account Managers shone through, with 95% of respondents reporting a positive relationship with their MPAC representatives. With the survey active for just over a week they received a total of 346 responses and the responses showed that they have continued to strengthen local relationships and in return, consistently receive positive feedback. MPAC partners with TRREB and CREA on event for Ontario REALTORS®. How the pandemic is impacting property sectors in Ontario, join MPACs subject matter experts for an overview and discussion on Mon, Aug 30, from 1 to 2. MPAC at AMO 2021 conference, update s scheduled for Mon, Aug 16 from 10:15 to 11:30 am and features remarks by:
  - Al Spacek, Chair, MPAC Board of Directors
  - Nicole McNeill, MPAC President and Chief Administrative Office
  - Carmelo Lipsi, MPAC Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
  - Allan Doheny, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance
- 30. ENDM, Ontario Funding for Food Companies, Deadline Sep 2 and Oct 18 –** Canadian Agricultural Partnership Ontario programs are currently open for applications, you can submit your application between Aug 5 and Sep 2, 2021.
- 31. ENDM, Government of Canada Taking Action to Support Farmers Facing Extreme Weather, News Release –** The Government of Canada is taking to deliver the necessary support and resources for producers in areas affected by extreme weather. Minister Bibeau made the announcement at a press conference at The Forks, having spent the day meeting with drought-impacted farmers in Manitoba’s Interlake Region to see first-hand how drought conditions are creating crop losses, affecting crop quality and reducing forage and water supplies available to livestock. The Minister was accompanied by representatives from Manitoba Beef Producers, the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association and Keystone Agricultural Producers. In addition, Minister Bibeau announced federal support to all Prairie provinces for immediate bilateral adjustments to the cost-shared Agrilnsurance program to make drought-damaged crop available for feed.
- 32. ENDM, Ontario Providing Additional Drought Support to Farmers –** The Ontario government is delivering immediate assistance for livestock farmers impacted by drought conditions in northwestern Ontario by committing provincial funding for AgriRecovery. This funding is in addition to the \$2 million already announced for feed, water and fencing.
- 33. ENDM, Funding to Help Ontario Food and Beverages Processors During COVID-19 –**
  - The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$6 million in projects to help Ontario food and beverage processors improve their operations, increase their competitive edge and adapt to challenges as we move beyond the pandemic.
  - The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the agriculture and agri-food sector, ensuring continued innovation, growth and prosperity. This commitment includes \$2 billion for programs that are cost-

shared by the federal and provincial and territorial governments and are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

- Application or phase one of the intake will be accepted starting on Aug 5, 2021 until Sep 2, 2021.
  - As of Aug 5, program materials including the application form and program guide will be available online through OMAFRA: [www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/index/htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/index/htm).
- 34. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre Calendar, AALC August Calendar 2021** – Learning Centres are open again! Back in classrooms and hitting the ground running! Over the next little while they will be reaching out to their partners and supporters – sharing their experiences over the last year and a half and letting everyone know what they have planned going forward. They want to thank you for your support for their communities, programs and learners!
- 35. FONOM, 6t GoNorth Promotional Video** – This time from the Manitoulin District. The Campaign includes eight Videos showcasing Northern Ontario a healthy place to operate a business. Visit [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1\\_q0PBPCPZQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_q0PBPCPZQ).
- 36. FONOM, Learning Morning** – Learning Mornings Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities channel – YouTube. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1\\_q0PBPCPZQ&authuser=0.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_q0PBPCPZQ&authuser=0.com).
- 37. FONOM, Joint Media Release, FONOM/NOMA/NOSDA** –The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipality Association, and the Northern Ontario Service Delivers Association jointly discussed the crisis of Homelessness, Mental Health, and the Opioid Crisis with the Provincial Government. “This was the first time our three organizations have collaborated on any issue,” and “with the impact these issues are having our communities, working together is imperative.” Mayor Dumas shared, “The province must apply a rural and northern lens and work in collaboration with ministries to construct a plan for adorable and supportive housing” and asked, “for the province to develop a housing strategy for the North and capital funding to address the shortage of affordable housing.” Organizations called on the Province to take an all of government approach, to manage and find made in the North solutions to the Mental Health and Addictions Crisis. Called on the Premier to establish a Northern Ontario Joint Partnership table to manage the Mental Health and Addictions Crisis in Northern Ontario. Want to work with this government to ensure the right resources are put in the right communities to reach people who need the resources where they live.”
- 38. FONOM Media Release, Aug 16** – FONOM has a productive meeting with members of Premier Ford’s Cabinet during the AMO Conference. Second year that the Annual AMO Municipal Conference has been held virtually. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Board shared three policy positions, including creating Mutual Aid agreements with Municipal Fire Departments for the help provided in unincorporated areas. As well, we shared out thoughts on the Transpiration issues facing the five large Municipal airports. Raised the issue of add Municipal finance tools, specifically Land Transfer tax.
- 39. FCM Communique, FCM Voice: Federal Gas Tax Fund Transfer: Call for Testimonials, FCM’s Pledge to Fight Antisemitism and Islamophobia** – Federal Gas Tax Fund transfer: call for testimonials, FCM is launching an online national campaign to showcase how directly empowering municipal leaders builds better lives for Canadians. Let them know how your CCBF-funded projects are improving your community, and the quality of life of your residents. Your community’s story could be featured in their national social media campaign. FCM’s pledge to fight Antisemitism and Islamophobia, FCM’s CEO Carole Saab facilitated two panel discussions last week, as part of the Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat’s National Anti-Racism Summit Series aimed at finding community-based solutions to Antisemitism and Islamophobia. Video: Why invest in assets management? Like most municipalities, you’re probably facing challenges related to climate change and aging infrastructure like roads and buildings, adopting asset management [practices can help your municipality make better infrastructure investment decisions to ensure you can best meet the needs of your citizens. Green Municipal Fund headlines, on Jul 16, they announced \$9.74 million to lower greenhouse gas emissions and drive cost savings in communities in Nova Scotia. Saltwire covered the press conference we organized with local mayors as well as federal representative. Reduce your GHG emissions and carbon footprint! FCM’s basic streetlight controls benefit both you and the environment. Want to increase energy savings, reduced GHG emission and light pollution, and mitigated your overall impact on the natural environment.
- 40. FCM Communique, FCM is Standing Up for rural Communities** – FCM is standing up for rural communities. Strathroy-Caradoc is full of kind, hard-working people, farmers and teachers, entrepreneurs and small business owners. Just like you’d find in common communities across the county. As FCM president, she gets to see how integral small communities are to Canada’s economy, and to the quality of life. When COVID-19 exposed the urgency of closing Canada’s digital divide,

FCM stepped up and secured \$2.75 billion for the Universal Broadband Fund. This was a big win for rural and remote communities, and it wouldn't have happened without the advocacy of FCM.

41. **FCM Communiqué, FCM Voice: FCM Announces Funding for Home Energy Retrofit Financing Program, President Vanderheyden highlights FCM's Rural Advocacy, Video: Why Invest in Asset Management?** – Cities and communities are taking advantage of funding to study, design or implement home energy retrofit financing programs offered through the Green Municipal Fund's Community Efficient Financing (CEF) initiative. FCM President Joanne Vanderheyden, joined by Minister Bernadette Jordan, announced funding to Clean Foundation to help extend the Clean Energy Financing program to support energy retrofits in rural Nova Scotia communities. FCM President has highlighted how FCM is standing up for Canada's rural communities, from securing federal investments in universal broadband to advocating for a (rural lens". Video: Why invest in asset management? Adopting asset management practices can help your municipality make better infrastructure investment decisions to ensure you can best meet the needs of your citizens. Green Municipal Fund headline in British Columbia, \$1.76 million Green Municipal Fund investment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve water quality in communities across British Columbia. Tree Canada is looking for planting partners, Municipalities and other organizations are invited to express their interest in being part of Tree Canada's National Greening Program (NGP) for 2023 and in Quebec for 2022.
42. **FCM Communiqué, It's On: Seizing the Federal Election Opportunity** – Canadians will head to the polls on Sep 20. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asked the Governor General to dissolve Parliament early, sending Canadians into a federal election campaign.
43. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, NEWS RELEASE, CEO Blog: Gearing Up for Accreditation 2022, Our "Journey to Excellence"** – Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare has voluntarily participated in the Accreditation Canada Program to constantly improve the quality of care they provide to patients. "Qmentum Accreditation" is a tool that ensures we they are meeting the best standards of care while also identifying recommendations on how we can improve.
44. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, NEWS RELEASE, MAHC Introduces Orthopedic-Related Surgery** – After months of planning, they are excited to increase specialization within Muskoka's surgical program, providing communities with access to some elective and urgent orthopedic care closer to home reduces out-of-region travel for patients and also ensures an efficient use of their Operating Rooms. On their surgical days, these orthopedic surgeons are also available for in-house Emergency Dept. consults.
45. **Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Job Grant** – Eligible employers can receive a grant to train existing or new employees, for further information on eligibility, the application process or general inquiries, please contact the office at 705-384-1110 or email [info@employmentnorth.com](mailto:info@employmentnorth.com).
46. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Community Members Sought for Inaugural "IDEA" Committee** – Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) is committed to advancing equity and inclusion, addressing bias and discrimination, and celebrating diversity in order to achieve better health outcomes for patients and families, and a positive work environment for staff and other providers.
47. **BAO, Notice: OCC Announces the Continuing Deployment of its New Electronic Case Management System** – Starting Mon, electronic Warrants for Post-mortem and Warrants to Bury will start to be used for Death Investigations in:
  1. The Central West Region,
  2. The London Region,
  3. The Thunder Bay Region.
48. **BAO, Reminder: Government Memo Re. Consultation Paper on Ontario's Regulatory Registry – FBCSA – Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002** – The consultation paper seeks feedback to inform potential proposals for changed to the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA) and/or its regulations to address recommendations made by the Auditor General as well as concerns raised by stakeholders.
49. **Ontario Heritage Trust, Aug Addition** –
  - Expanding The Narrative: Protecting Intangible Heritage
  - Celebrating The Intangible Through The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards
  - Heritage Matters: Exploring Our Intangible Heritage
  - Empowering Indigenous Youth
50. **Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Letter from the Honourable Lisa Thompson** – Pleased to announce the next application intake for the Rural Economic Development (RED) program will be from Aug 30, 2021 to Oct 1, 2021. You can find all program

information, including how to apply, on my ministry's website at [www.Ontario.ca/REDprogram.com](http://www.Ontario.ca/REDprogram.com) on Aug 30, 2021.

51. **IJC Commission, The International Joint Commission Great Lakes Water Levels Boards to Host a Webinar Fri, Aug 27** – From 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. It will provide an overview of the current and forecast conditions of the Great Lakes and discuss water levels throughout the system. Please register in advance to participate at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3969585938405448463>.
52. **Ombudsman, Ontario's Watchdog** – Pleased to send two hard copies of the latest Annual Report, this report covers the 2020-2021 fiscal year. You can find the entire report, media materials and backgrounders, and statistics on their website: <https://www.ombudsman.on.ca/resources/reports-and-case-summaries/annual-reports.com>.

#### INFORMATION – COVID-19

53. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Protect Our Children, Assess the Risks When Planning Activities Says Health Unit** – By getting vaccinated you can help to protect children who are not yet able to immunized. The North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit is experiencing an increase in cases in the Nipissing District, with a confirmed case of the Delta Variant. The Health Unit urges everyone to use good judgement and evaluate the risk before attending events with individuals from other households especially when children who are not yet eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19 are involved.
54. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Don't Let COVID-19 Join Your Long Weekend Plans** – Health Unit is reminding the public to not invite COVID-19 to their long weekend plans – consider the risk before gathering. To learn more about step three visit the provincial website at [www.ontario.ca/reopening](http://www.ontario.ca/reopening).
55. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Health Unit Announces Changes to COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule** – In response to a decrease in booked appointments at large COVID-19 vaccine clinics, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has cancelled the following clinics:
  - Mon, Jul 26 at Memorial Gardens in North Bay
  - Tue, Jul 27 at Memorial Gardens in North Bay
  - Tue, Jul 27 at Bobby Orr Community Centre in Parry Sound
56. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Offering Free Hepatitis A Vaccines Related to Recall On Frozen Mangoes** – As a result of the recall on various mango products associated with a possible Hepatitis A contamination, the Health Unit is offering eligible individuals a free Hepatitis A vaccine. The recall has been issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). Hepatitis A symptoms include:
  - Sudden onset of fever;
  - Loss of appetite;
  - Nausea and/or vomiting;
  - Abdominal pain;
  - Dark urine;
  - Clay-coloured stool;
  - Itchiness, tiredness and not feeling well. This is usually followed by jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes).
57. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Bring the COVID-19 Vaccine to You with the Mobile Clinic Request Form** – Workplaces, community organizations, places of worship and other groups can now request a COVID-19 vaccine clinic through the Health Unit's Mobile Clinic Request Form. The form allows eligible groups to submit a request for a mobile vaccination team to come to their site and provide first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
58. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Units Applauds Community Efforts in Slowing the Spread of COVID-19** – Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health and Staff at the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit extended a huge thank you to our district for their work helping to keep COVID-19 case numbers low. Our Health Unit has the second lowest cumulative rate of COVID-19 at 506.5 per 100,000, the Ontario-wide rate is 3,754.1 per 100,000.
59. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Walk-ins Welcome at Tomorrow's COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic West Nipissing** – COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Sturgeon Falls Arena in West Nipissing will be accepting roughly 200 walk-in appointments from 10 am to 12 pm. If you plan to walk in there may be wait to be vaccinated, as walk-ins are first come first serve.



- 60. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Walk-ins Welcome at Tomorrow's COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic in North Bay** – COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Memorial Gardens in North Bay will be accepting roughly 200 walk-in appointments from 10 am to 12 pm. If you plan to walk in there may be a wait to be vaccinated.
- 61. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, La Niche Des Lionceaux Child Care Centre Set to Reopen Tomorrow Confirms Health Unit** – Set to open Jul 27, after the entire child care centre population was dismissed on Jul 14, 2021, as one of its members tested positive for COVID-19. High-risk contacts have completed their self-isolation period, and no additional individuals from the child care centre have tested positive for COVID-19.
- 62. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Walk-ins Welcome at COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week** –
- Mattawa – Wed, Jul 28 at Mike Rodden Arena from 1 pm to 4 pm.
  - North Bay – Thu, Jul 29 at Memorial Gardens 11 am to 3 pm
  - Parry Sound – Sat, Jul at Bobby Orr Community Centre from 9 am to 1 pm.
  - Sundridge – Wed, Jul 28 at Sundridge Strong Joly (SSJ) Arena from 12 pm to 6 pm.
  - West Nipissing – Fri, Jul 30 at Sturgeon Falls Arena from 9 am to 1 pm.
- 63. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Pop-Up Clinics to be Held this Week** –
- Powassan: Aug 3 at Powassan Arena (433 Main St) from 4 pm to 7 pm.
  - West Nipissing: Aug 4 at Verner Arena (80 Principal St E, Verner) from 2 pm to 4 pm and Aug 7 at the Farmer's Market Parking Lot (204 King St, Sturgeon Falls) from 10 am to 2 pm.
  - North Bay: Aug 6 at Memorial Gardens (100 Chippewa St W, North Bay) from 10 am to 2 pm.
- 64. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Cancelled at Sturgeon Falls Farmer's Market Location and Omischl Field in North Bay** – Health Unit wishes to inform the public that the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics scheduled for Sat, Aug 7 at the Farmer's Market Parking Lot in Sturgeon Falls and at Omischl Field in North Bay has been cancelled.
- 65. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be Held Aug 10 to 14, Walk-Ins Welcome** – Health Unit in collaboration with community partners, will be holding COVID-19 vaccine clinics this week throughout the Health Unit district. Individuals may walk in without booking an appointment. Clinics will offer both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.
- 66. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be held Aug 16 to 22, Walk-ins Welcome** – Clinics include:
- North Bay
  - West Nipissing
  - Parry Sound
  - Sundridge
- For a complete list of upcoming clinics, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca](http://www.myhealthunit.ca).
- 67. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Health Unit Reports Increase of Lyme Disease in District** – Advising caution for residents as an increase in Lyme disease has been detected in the district. Between Apr and Jul 2021, there have been two confirmed and two probable cases of Lyme disease amongst individuals residing in the Health Unit's district. Two of these reported cases were likely tick exposures within the district.
- 68. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Dr. Chirico Revokes Class Order Under Section 22 of the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act** – Effective immediately, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Jim Chirico, is revoking the Class Order under Section 22 of the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act. The Class Order came into effect on Dec 24, 2020.
- 69. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, MAHC Implements Second Phase of Visiting** – MAHC is pleased to expand limited visitation for inpatients as pandemic-related restrictions loosen across Ontario. Effective Mon, Jul 26, eligible inpatients may receive two (2) visitors each day during set visiting hours of 10 am to 8 pm while adhering to strict visiting requirements. Visiting may commence after the inpatient has received a negative COVID-19 swab result, if it has been required on admission.
- 70. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, COVID-19 Update** – To date 4,000 local cases have tested positive for the COVID-19 variant of concern B.1.1.7 (alpha), 166 cases have been tested positive for the P.1 (gamma) variant of concern, 34 cases have tested positive for the B.1.351 (beta) variant of concern, 105 cases have tested positive for the B.1.617.2 (delta) variant of concern, and an additional 674 cases have screened positive (awaiting confirmatory testing). There are currently no COVID-19

positive inpatients receiving care at MAHC. This figure continues to be updated weekdays on their website at [www.mahc.ca/COVID-19](http://www.mahc.ca/COVID-19).

- 71. In a Flash, Ius Laboris Canada Global HR Lawyers, Federal Government Announces Mandatory Vaccinations for the Federal Public Service and Federally Regulated Sectors** – The Federal Government announced its intent to require all federal public servants to be vaccinated as early as the end of Sep. also, by no later than the end of Oct, the Federal Government will require employees in the federally regulated air, rail, and marine transportation sectors to be vaccinated.
- 72. In a Flash, Federal Government “Looking Into” Mandatory Vaccinations for Federal Workers** – Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that he has asked the Clerk of the Privy Council to consider mandatory vaccinations for federal employees.
- 73. MMAH, Letter from Deputy Minister Kate Manson-Smith** – In fall 2020, the government introduced amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 and City of Toronto Act, 2006 through Bill 215, Main Street Recovery Act, 2020. This letter is being written to update you that these legislative changes are scheduled to come into force on Sep 19, 2021. From Sep 9, 2021 onwards, municipalities will not be able to regulate noise related to the delivery of goods to the following destinations:
1. Retail business establishments;
  2. Restaurants, including cafes and bars;
  3. Hotels and motels; and
  4. Goods distribution facilities.
- 74. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Authorization for Stages 2-3 Archaeological Fieldwork (assessments and investigations) on Cemetery Lands** – The BAO required that a professionally licensed archaeologist retained to conduct any Stages 2-4 archaeological licences archaeologist retained to conduct any Stages 2-4 archaeological fieldwork (invasive ground disturbances) within a cemetery or within lands adjacent to a cemetery, where the boundaries cannot be conclusively determined based on record, maps and plans of the cemetery, apply for and receive a Cemetery Investigation Authorization (CIA) prior to conducting this fieldwork.

**132-21 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we support Village of Sundridge to convey to Ontario Northland, Metrolinx and the provincial and federal ministries, what a significant economic impact it would have on our rural and northern communities, to once again have a passenger rail train stop in the Almaguin area, more specifically the Village of South River. CARRIED

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

**Speed Enforcement**

Council members referred citizen complaints and individual concerns regarding excessive speed of vehicles travelling on various roads. Councillor Wood queried an electronic speed sign as it helps citizens check and realize their speed. The Clerk Administrator advised the Superintendent of Public Works had made mention of this previously. Clerk Administrator will follow up with Superintendent.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**133-21 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; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. Time 7:50 pm. CARRIED

**134-21 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:35 pm. CARRIED

**135-21 Wood, Scarlett**

WHEREAS South River passed a Resolution on Dec 10, 2018 to remove itself from Shared Services Committees effective Dec 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS the consequence of the Resolution from South River was the termination of Agreements respecting the joint operation of the Arena and the Fire Department, and

WHEREAS Machar secured an agreement in principle dated Mar 17, 2020 that South River had no issue with updating the 1996 Fire Board Agreement and the 1997 Arena Board Agreement, and

WHEREAS Machar provided the original By-law Agreements in digital format to South River on Feb 12, 2021 and the updated By-law Agreements on Mar 23, 2021, and

WHEREAS there has been no success in South River signing the updated By-law Agreements, and

WHEREAS South River provides monthly Shared Services Reports, Accounts Payable Ledgers, and Income Statements for Fire and Arena to Machar by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, and

WHEREAS the By-law Agreements pertain to Committee structure, budget and cost sharing,

NOW THEREFORE THAT Machar agrees to cost sharing for Fire at 50-50, for Arena at 1/3 Machar and 2/3 South River for Arena operations, and 50-50 for Arena capital, subject to the following:

- budget amounts agreed to by Resolution of the Township of Machar by Apr 1 of each year,
- payments up to the annual budget amounts approved,
- providing that the costs are for Fire and Arena only,
- that services continue to be provided per status quo,
- that the Arena be available to Machar citizens, and
- that the Arena be available to the municipality for Emergency purposes.

#### **ADJOURN**

#### **136-21 Flowers, 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, Sep 13, 2021. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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