

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 27, 2018**

**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, Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Scarlett, Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney. Staff scheduled: Fire Chief Risto Maki. Guests observing: South River Clerk Administrator Susan Arnold, South River Mayor Jim Coleman, South River Treasurer Sherri Hawthorne, and South River Machar Deputy Fire Chief Brad Schell.

**Tax Sale 1-021 Tender Opening**

Advertising complete, several packages sent out, 1 submission received. Tender was opened by Treasurer Deputy Clerk: \$7,555. Deposit enclosed. Minimum tender amount: \$7,203.02. Information will be forwarded to legal for review and recommendation to Council.

**Council Resolution 155-18 pertaining to 2018 Fire Budget**

Fire Chief Maki requested attendance at our meeting and gave a presentation on the background to 2018 Fire Budget and the additional amount put forward, indicating: the financing for the replacement pumper is a 10 year term and figures in budget were per Infrastructure Ontario on Jul 7, 2017, financing was actually secured elsewhere at a better rate, the financing rate was known in Jan and the pumper delivered in Feb. It was explained the Dec 5, 2017 Fire motion recommending Budget indicates subject to financing, which we thought meant securing financing, not realizing the amount was proposed to change, the Jan 9 Fire Committee minutes don't indicate the additional amount was put forward, discussions with the Fire Chief at our meeting on Jan 22 didn't indicate a different amount. The Committee minutes of Apr 3 reflect financing has been secured for Pump 4 and that the municipal contribution will be \$171,495 (rather than \$166,344 approved by recorded vote on Jan 22). By the time this comes forward to Council (Apr 23), we were already too far immersed in our overall Budget process. Overall levy change is selected on Apr 23 and by-law to strike the rates of taxation passed on May 14. South River passed their tax rates on Jul 9. It was noted that we would require a public meeting per procedures to amend our overall budget. Lengthy clarifying discussions ensued. A Resolution was moved by Councillor Wood to support the Committee motion regarding the increase reflecting an increased municipal contribution of \$171,495 (to forward an additional \$5,151 for 2018 Fire Budget with public meeting required), but did not have enough support and was not seconded.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Aug 13, 2018 minutes, Resolution**

**162-18 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we adopt minutes of Aug 13, 2018 as amended. CARRIED

**COMMITTEES**

**2. Machar Public Works minutes of Aug 15, 2018, Resolution**

**163-18 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Aug 15, 2018. CARRIED

**a. Strong reply on Machar Strong Boundary Rd**

We followed up on a complaint received, wondering what the construction schedule is pertaining to this road. Strong advises per letter sent in Dec which outlines construction, nothing has changed: extensive work completed in 2017 and the work planned was

completed later in the year than expected, will continue to be maintained in 2018, with plans to complete the project in 2019. The road is a budget consideration for 2019.

**b. Pricing to remove tree at Siloam Cemetery**

Superintendent of Public Works reviewed pricing to take down and clean up as well as site logistics. It will be a difficult removal due to size of the tree, location, etc. Approved.

**3. South River Machar Fire; South River's reply on Machar not supporting motion 35**

The Village requests a Joint meeting prior to Sep 10 (or as close to that date as possible) if Machar does not approve Fire Committee motion. Discussion ensued on whether we agreed and any items for discussion, other than 2018 Fire Budget discussed this evening. Mayor Coleman indicated next year's budgets and Councillor Scarlett queried lame duck Council. Potential dates and past practice (late Oct, early Nov with Arena Manager and Fire Chief) discussed with a view to tentatively try to coordinate for Sep 10, 2018.

**a. Letter re Mandatory Certification and Response Time**

Fire Chief explained the proposed changes and impact.

**164-18 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we forward letter to MPP Norm Miller per draft from Fire Chief asking that Regulation 379-18 regarding Mandatory Firefighter Certification be rescinded or amended. CARRIED

**4. Joint Building minutes of Aug 16, 2018, Resolution**

Committee recommends pursuing a cost analysis in combining shared services of building inspector and by-law enforcement officer for municipalities that are willing to participate in by-law enforcement services.

**165-18 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Aug 16, 2018. CARRIED

**a. JBC only staffed by the CBO at this time, please let your residents/customers know to make an appointment to ensure in the office to meet with them, away Aug 28, 2018**

**5. District of Parry Sound Municipal Assoc Fall Meeting Sep 21, 2018**

Meeting hosted by the Township of Seguin at the Orrville Community Centre. Councillor Scarlett indicated he's able to attend and Councillor Wood indicated he's likely able to attend.

**a. South River Machar to host for Spring Meeting Apr 26, 2019**

The Municipal Assoc is indicating that it's South River Machar's turn to host.

**INFORMATION**

- 6. Township of N Frontenac Resolution Grandfathering of Volunteer Firefighters to NFPA Standards-Update, continue to advocate Provincial Gov't to support rural fire services and provide sufficient funding to cover additional costs associated with the certification initiative**
- 7. Town of Oakville Resolution to regulate the display of banners/signs in public places as well as the distribution of print materials to private residences that contain extremely graphic images intended to shock, alarm, or cause dismay, including the potential for prohibiting of the public display and distribution of such print materials for the purposes of addressing the potential of such displays to cause harm to members of the public, especially children...**
- 8. South River Machar Agricultural Society to express personal appreciation for generous donation towards the activities at 2018 Fall Fair, helps continue tradition of family activities,**

- gift helped to sponsor such activities as the hay scramble, bouncy castles, lumberman contest to name just a few, grateful for our commitment towards children in our community
9. Kawartha Credit Union thank you for generous donation towards BBQ and Silent Auction fundraiser used to send 26 local children for 1 week to the South River Machar Day Camp
  10. NB Parry Sound Distr Health Unit; Blue-green algae in Lake Nosbonsing, immediately follow safety measures; You can find out more about blue-green algae at [www.myhealthunit.ca](http://www.myhealthunit.ca)
  11. NB Parry Sound Distr Health Unit; Blue-green algae found in several lakes throughout the District: Rankin Lake (Seguin), Pickerel Lake (Armour), Three Mile Lake (Armour)
  12. NB Parry Sound Distr Health Unit; Harmful Algae Bloom in Callander Bay on Lake Nipissing
  13. NB Regional Health Centre; Thank you for payment of \$7,158.85 towards your \$143,173.00 pledge, to date contributions total \$85,903.80, pleased to visit in 2018 when it is convenient to add us to agenda, valuable opportunity to discuss how we might work together to address the continuing demands of the health needs for people in our communities
  14. MPAC In Touch (formerly MPAC News); August 2018 – Share your feedback; AMO 2018: Listening to Ontario municipalities; Help promote up-to-date voter information; MPAC organizational updates; Have you used the new SLA reporting tools?
  15. Distr of Parry Sound Soc Serv Admin Bd Housing and Community Services; Information session regarding the National Housing Co-Investment Fund with CMHC for the provision and development of affordable housing; Dunchurch Community Centre, RSVP by August 29<sup>th</sup>
  16. The Archaeology Program Unit, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport under the Heritage Act, archaeology in ON is carried out by archaeologists licensed by the Minister, required to notify the Ministry and provide specific information about the proposed project using what is known as a Project Information Form (PIF), for the past year has been sharing some project information upon request with staff from Indigenous communities and municipalities for the purpose of Indigenous engagement and land use planning co-ordination, has made the decision to share additional information on the monthly PIF list
  17. AMO Policy Update; Cannabis Retail Consultation to Start Soon, allow the private sector to retail recreational cannabis in Ontario by April 1, 2019; In meantime as of October 17, consumers 19 or older will be able to purchase recreational cannabis through an online retail platform operated by the Ontario Cannabis Store; consultations with municipalities over the next several months, province will operate a licensing system for private cannabis retailers centrally to standardize rules; municipalities will have the ability for a one-time opting out of having a retail store in their communities
  18. AMO Policy Update; AMO Conference 2018 In Conversation on Recreational Cannabis Retail Approach, Initial Municipal Questions generated by provincial announcement, AMO Board position on cannabis, what was announced on Aug 13, 2018, what has not changed, observations
  19. AMO Watchfile Aug 16, 2018 In This Issue
    - Municipal leaders heading to Ottawa for 2018 AMO Conference.
    - Quick rundown of 2018 AMO Conference.
    - Learn to leverage legislative changes in municipal investments.
    - Now is the perfect time to review your Group Benefits Plan.
    - Careers with King Township and Catfish Creek Conservation Authority.
  20. Town of Cochrane; Transforming Ontario's North Summit, Tim Horton Event Centre, September 11-13, 2018; This historical event will provide an opportunity for Northern Ontario to come together as both Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders to plan the future of the region first hand, engage the grassroots (both urban and rural) in the development of the region's future economic development plans

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

#### **21. Discussion items for Mikisew Provincial Park Superintendent meeting**

Items put forward: phragmites update, blue green algae, boat launch, stewardship ranger program, Arrowhead ice trail, any plans to expand Mikisew.

Mayor Carleton reintroduced tentative Sep 10 date for Joint meeting. On further thought per Mayor Coleman's indication to discuss next year budgets, Council suggested Mon, Jan 21, 2019 for new Councils, and perhaps the draft budget amounts could be presented.

**ADJOURN**

**166-18 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, Sep 10, 2018 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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