

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 12, 2022

Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Councillor Flowers in item 4. as he has done work for them.

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

Guest scheduled Chris Bevan, Partner, Kennedy Insurance Brokers. Guests observing: Mark Smuck and Kathy Schoenberger.

GUESTS

2023 Insurance Renewal, Resolution

Report was presented in detail highlighting coverages and answering questions. Negotiation has taken place to secure the best possible premium rates, the marketplace has experienced increased premiums due to various factors which created a “hard market” condition, this trend is continuing through 2023. Some of these costs include increased property damage losses driven by environmental factors such as climate change and a stressed Canadian construction industry with supply chain and increased cost pressures. The overall premium increase is within the average increase indicated by other municipalities across Ontario. Report “Escalating Cost of Municipal Claims 2021” outlines the pressures observed.

188-22 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we accept Insurance Renewal for Jan 1, 2023-Jan 1, 2024 from Intact Public Entities Inc in the amount of \$56,285 representing a 19% increase. CARRIED

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Nov 28, 2022 minutes, Resolution

189-22 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we adopt Nov 28, 2022 minutes. CARRIED

2. By-Law for Development Agreement 5-170, Resolution

190-22 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we give 3rd reading and finally pass By-Law No. 21-22 to authorize the entering into of a Development Agreement 5-170. CARRIED

3. By-Law to Appoint Integrity Commissioner, Resolution

191-22 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading, pass, sign and seal By-Law No. 22-22 to appoint an Integrity Commissioner. CARRIED

4. Request to Council 272 Leighton Rd site visit, Resolution

Reviewed. Owner/proponent further advises he has subsequently been advised by multiple Councillors that a site visit would be appreciated to assist them with an in person appreciation of the proposed subdivision site. Discussed. Council indicated they haven’t requested a site visit and there was no support for a site visit. Planning account for review of inquiries to date has now expended the deposit. Amount owing and deposit replenished will need to be paid before any additional review can take place. The deposit required is \$8,000 where multiple lots are involved.

5. Auditor Communication and Engagement 2022, Resolution

Further to Interim Audit completed in Nov and Annual Audit scheduled for Feb.

192-22 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to execute the Auditor Communication and Engagement letters for the year ending Dec 31, 2022. CARRIED

6. Administration Update Council Chambers, Resolution

Concept 1 presented last meeting and Concept 2 reviewed per interior layout and space requirements for the future, as well as accessibility and updated cost comparison. Potential funding source identified which if successful could fund up to 30% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$250,000. Administration was thanked and will continue to research funding opportunities.

193-22 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we acknowledge Administration Report and select Concept 2 for Council Chambers Addition. CARRIED

7. Pay List by Fund for Nov, Resolution

194-22 Ivens, McLaren

THAT we approve Pay List by Fund as of 30 Nov 2022: \$242,793.03 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

8. Machar Public Works, Eagle Lake Narrows Beach, Resolution

Reviewed. Further to cement block proposal, discussions with MNRF and planner site visit, work proposal for the Eagle Lake Narrows Beach site received. They will complete a field review of local drainage conditions to determine the impact of surface drainage on the bank erosion, and will also field review the road crossing of the lake to determine if flow through this crossing is likely to be contributing to erosion. They'll complete a simplified wave hindcasting calculation to determine local wave conditions that should be considered in the design. They'll review potential stabilization design options and provide conceptual sketches and high-level pricing for 3 options. They'll summarize their findings in a letter report that can be used to decided on our preferred approach.

195-22 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we authorize work plan for Eagle Lake Narrows Beach retaining wall field review, potential stabilization design options and conceptual sketches and pricing for 3 options from Tatham Engineering in the amount of \$6,500 including expenses but excluding HST. CARRIED

9. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Nov 15, 2022, Resolution

Discussion ensued on tenant complaints. Request/Comment/Complaint form needs to be used. Doctor attended the Medical Board meeting and has a list of updates requested to the building.

196-22 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of Nov 15, 2022 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, MacFarlane Construction to maintain and plow the parking lots at the Medical Centre, adjourned... CARRIED

10. ARI Hazmat minutes of Jul 13, 2022 and Apr 20, 2022, Resolution

Councillor Ivens provided an update from the meeting on Dec 9: Hazmat dates for 2023 are May 27 and Aug 26, they're requesting 2 Council members from each municipality, next meeting is in Jan, 2023 cost per household is estimated between \$2.25-\$2.50, Lount and Laurier discussed.

197-22 Ivens, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge ARI Hazmat minutes of Jul 13, 2022 and Apr 20, 2022 and request draft copies of minutes as is the process of other Boards and Committees as soon as they're available.
CARRIED

11. East Parry Sound Veterinary minutes Mar 29, 2022, Resolution

Reviewed. There are 2 contract veterinarians. The program pays a portion of the veterinarian's travel costs to visit the large animal livestock and to return to their clinic, thus reducing the cost of calling the vet. 10 municipalities participate and pay annual assessment fees.

198-22 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Veterinary minutes of Mar 29, 2022. CARRIED

12. DSSAB (District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd) Area 5 representatives, Resolution

The term of the present Board members will come to an end on Dec 31, 2022.

199-22 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we support the nominations of Teri Brandt and Sharon Smith to the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board for Area 5 representing South River, Sundridge, Joly, Machar, Strong and Magnetawan. CARRIED

a. Village of Sundridge nomination, Village of South River nomination

As above: Teri Brandt and Sharon Smith.

b. Village of Sundridge regional committee nominations updates

Sundridge nominations for information: Justine Leveque to EMS (Emergency Medical Services), Fraser Williamson to North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, and Tim Bryson to District of Parry Sound Municipal Association. Majority of nomination(s) will decide appointments.

13. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Nov 2022, Resolution

Machar is still the highest with 38 Permits issued, but Strong has higher total Project Values.

200-22 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Nov 2022. CARRIED

INFORMATION

- 14. Short term Rentals 4-083 Cottage Life**, Nova Scotia adds stricter short-term rentals to its province wide registry ATTACHED
- 15. Short term Rentals Admin Cottage Life**, Common by laws that every short-term rental owner should know ATTACHED
- 16. Norfolk County Resolution**, Formally requests the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing extend the commenting period for all components of the proposed Bill 23 to at least Jan 15, 2023 to allow for a more informed consultation period
- 17. Town of Aurora Resolution**, Opposes Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act 2022, which in its current state will severely impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation, loss of farmland, and a municipality's ability to provide future services, amenities, infrastructure and negatively impact residential tax rates
- 18. Town of Aurora Resolution**, Opposes the modification by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the lands known municipally as 1289 Wellington St E in the Town of Aurora
- 19. Town of Georgina Resolution**, Expresses concerns about many aspects of Bill 23, particularly the potentially significant financial impact to local municipalities in terms of lost development charge revenue and parkland which is vital to support new growth
- 20. The County of Prince Edward County Resolution**, Advises the Provincial government that it does not support certain aspects of the More Homes Built Faster Act (Bill 23)

- 21. City of Stratford Resolution**, Looking for funding and support for VIA Rail Service, recommends to the Government of Canada to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA rail service in 2022 and successive years
- 22. Town of Orangeville Resolution**, requests the Province repeal Bill 23 in such time as further analysis, consideration of consultation feedback and meaningful engagement has occurred with municipalities and stakeholders
- 23. City of Toronto Resolution**, Update on Bill 23, Requests the Province of Ontario to extend the commenting period on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act 2022 to at least Jan 31, 2023 to enable time for consultation, consideration of alternative options and thorough analysis of both short and long-term impacts
- 24. Township of Malahide Resolution**, The purpose of this correspondence is to provide a formal response to the Federal Government's review of the Cannabis Act
- 25. Watson & Associates Economists Ltd**, Bill 23 received Royal Assent on Nov 28, 2022, the attached letter highlights the changes that were introduced
- 26. AMO Communications**, Call for applications 2022-2024 AMO Board of Directors
- 27. AMO Communications Policy Update**, Province Responds to AMO Calls for Municipal Funding
- 28. AMO Communications, Police Update, Standing Committee Appearance on Bill 39, Other Policy Updates**, AMO's Remarks on Bill 39, the Better Municipal Governance Act 2022, Bill 23 the More Homes Built Faster Act Passed, Bill 46 Less Red Tape Stronger Ontario Act 2022 Introduced, Increase in Construction Funding Subsidy for Long-Term Care Homes, Fourth Independent Review of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)
- 29. AMO Watchfile Nov 24, 2022 In This Issue**
 - AMO's Standing Committee Submission on Bill 23
 - AMO submission to Cannabis Act Review
 - Call for nominations to the ROMA Board of Directors
 - MECP Excess Soil webinars
 - Upcoming deadlines for ROMA 2023 Conference
 - AMO's iconic New Head of Council Training & New Councillor Training is back
 - AMO has your training needs covered
 - Cloudpermit webinar: An Electronic Permitting System for Municipalities
 - Blog: Municipal Insurance Renewal
 - Canoe vendor spotlight: Food Cycle Science Corporation
 - Careers: MoT, Simcoe and FCM
- 30. AMO Watchfile Dec 1, 2022 In This Issue**
 - Call for applications to fill AMO Board vacancies
 - Call for nominations to the ROMA Board of Directors
 - Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) support
 - Emerging vehicle pilot programs
 - Regulation changes – Temporary extensions of outdoor physical premises
 - MECP Excess Soil webinars
 - Upcoming early bird deadline for ROMA 2023 Conference
 - AMO's iconic New Head of Council Training & New Councillor Training is back
 - New dates for Planning and OFIFC Indigenous Community Awareness trainings
 - Cloudpermit webinar: An Electronic Permitting System for Municipalities
 - OMERS resource on non-full-time enrolment
 - Canoe vendor spotlight: Bucher
- 31. AMCTO The Municipal Minute Nov 30, 2022**, Ontario passes housing bill despite criticism from municipalities over funding, Ontario court strikes down Bill 124, saying law limiting public sector wages violates charter, NDP asks auditor general to investigate Ontario's opening up of Greenbelt lands, Despite constitutional concerns, north Ontario city seeks to limit homegrown cannabis, Canada small business confidence continues to decline: Survey, Federal and provincial governments to bring high-speed internet to over 1500 homes and businesses in Huron County
- 32. AMCTO The Municipal Minute Dec 7, 2022**, Ontario builders group calls for audit of municipal development fee earnings, What Ontario's controversial new housing legislation could mean for Thunder Bay, Niagara's three big cities to review election lawn sign bylaws, New campaign underscores impact of road salt on environment, Why Ottawa's LRT inquiry holds lessons for Metrolinx and the GTA, Smartening up a beach could save lives, City of Guelph implements smart parking solution, Province announces Phase 4 of Safe Restart Agreement, Sidestep these 4 leadership traps, Disability inclusion in the workplace is critical to building a sense of belonging for

all

33. **AMTCO**, Board and Management Committee Highlights, Nov 2022
34. **Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce**, A message to all of our valued members
35. **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre (AALC)**, December monthly calendar
36. **Muskoka Algonquin Health Care (MAHC)**, Mayoral Congratulatory Letter
37. **MAHC**, Quarterly Political Leaders Forum with MAHC, Save the Date Jan 6, 2023
38. **Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)**, ROMA Conference Closing Keynote Announcement
39. **Prime Minister's Awards**, Nominate an outstanding educator for the 2023 Prime Minister's Award today, deadline is Jan 17, 2023
40. **MPAC Nov 2022 In Touch**, 2022 Property Assessment Notices have been mailed, 2022 Property Assessment Notices by the numbers, MPAC's Legislated Notices PRANs, ANAs, TIAs, SANs and PANs what are they and why do we need them?
41. **Tribunals Ontario**, Assessment Review Boards (ARB's) Digital First Approach Update
42. **Pierrette Desrochers**, West Nipissing East Sudbury Soil and Crop Improvement Association (AGM) Dec 12, 2022
43. **Pierrette Desrochers**, Program updates, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), Claude Peloquin, Programmes AASRO OSCIA and other program news
44. **Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO)**, LifeLine, Abandoned remains, Facing the Music, Teamwork & communities at cemeteries
45. **BAO**, LifeLine extra, BAO scores 86% on Auditor General Follow Up report
46. **The Ministry of the Solicitor General**, Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Transition Funding Supports Opening of the Call for Applications

Short term Rentals

Discussion ensued on previous presentations, articles, feedback and experiences. STRs are regulated through our existing by-laws, ie. Noise, Fireworks. There is a special area on the website Events page dedicated to educational information: Guide to Treating your Lake & Neighbours Right, Reference Guide for Property Owners/Renters, Fireworks Regulation, Caring for your Septic System, Homeowner's Guide to a Healthy Septic System. Administration use this section when receiving inquiries. The information has been sent out a few times with Tax Notices. Admin is currently working on the Spring Newsletter and will look to include an excerpt to encourage distribution and posting of the information on site.

201-22 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we support 17. Town of Aurora Resolution opposes Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster 2022...
CARRIED

INFORMATION – COVID-19

47. **N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics**
This Week, the following clinics will take place this week, Mattawa Nov 28, N Bay Nov 30, Parry Sound Nov 29, Sundridge Dec 1
48. **N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics**
This Week, the following clinics will take place this week, Mattawa Dec 12, N Bay Dec 6, Parry Sound Dec 8

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Site Improvements – Bus Loop South River Public School

Email copy received from South River to Near North Schools advising they've reviewed plans and have no objections to a bus loop entrance off of Gables Rd. Inquiry sent to South River on Nov 27 and copied to us Dec 8. This portion of road is under the jurisdiction of the Township of Machar for regular maintenance and the plan will impact Maeck Subdivision residences in the Township of Machar. Reviewed. Additional information required. Administration will reach out for answers.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch scheduled for this Thu. Unfortunately, we've had a Covid outbreak in one of our departments and so it's advisable to cancel the lunch, and hopefully reschedule in Jan.

ADJOURN

202-22 Ivens, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Jan 9, 2023. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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