

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 8, 2021

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

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

Guests attending/observing: Mark Bennett, John Mowat, Pearl Ivens, Almaguin News Reporter Sarah Cooke. The meeting was conducted by teleconference as the stay-at-home order remains in effect.

PUBLIC MEETING

Minor Variance Application 5-166 1/21

The purpose of the Application is to permit the development of a single detached dwelling located within the Shoreline Residential Zone that requires various variances to Zoning By-Law 45-12. Notice of the Public Hearing was given on Jan 25, 2021 by 1st class mail. The Mayor advised that should any person wish further notice, leave full name and address with the Clerk Administrator prior to leaving the Public Meeting. The application and planner's report were reviewed. There were no written or oral comments. Decision: Approved as it is in keeping with the intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law, is desirable for the appropriate development of the lands, is considered minor in nature, represents good planning. Conditions: Minor variances are approved in accordance with the specific drawing which was submitted with this application and vegetation between the dwelling and the shoreline be maintained. There is a 20 day appeal period before the decision becomes effective. Mr. Bennett thanked the Committee (Mayor/Council) and the Clerk Administrator and left the teleconference.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Adoption of Jan 25, 2020 minutes, Resolution

Update given on 33. We contacted the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit indicating Council respectfully requests consideration of re-opening the snowmobile trails to local use, and restricting non-local use if necessary. Council are concerned about the overall health and well being of our local citizens that use the trails, as well as the viability of our Local Snowmobile Club's season. The Health Unit has responded they understand that it is a difficult time for everyone and while these enhanced closures are frustrating, they are temporary. They have been ordered by the province to stay at home and leave only for essential reasons. The snowmobile trail closures are in place within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit region until the Ontario government lifts the Stay-at-Home Order in place until at least Feb 9, 2021. The trail closures will be reassessed then.

15-21 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we adopt Jan 25, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

2. 2021 Spring Newsletter & Inserts, Resolution

Reviewed. Newsletter highlights include Protecting our Lakes, Mailbox Maintenance and a number of other great information items. Quick Reference Guide and Show Your Love Guide will also be included as well as the Recyclable Items List indicating Landfill Items Requiring Drop-off Fee. There's been a lot of work go into all of the documents and we're really proud of the end results.

16-21 McLaren, Wood

THAT we approve 2021 Spring Newsletter as well as the following inserts for the Interim tax billing: Quick Reference Guide for Property Owners/Renters with thanks to Lake of Bays, Show Your Love A Guide to Treating Your Lake and Neighbours Right with thanks to the ELCA, and Recyclable Items List/Landfill Items Requiring Drop-off Fee. CARRIED

Suggestion for revision to the Quick Reference Guide to remove 11 pm for noise was discussed. As the rule is actually 11 pm, we felt it needs to be included to maintain accuracy. It was felt the Show Your Love Guide asking to watch noise after 10 pm is a nice complement to the 11 pm rule, eg watch noise after 10 pm, but no noise after 11 pm. Newsletter and inserts are now approved to print.

3. Munisoft 2021 Community Project Initiative Draw Winners

Munisoft does an annual draw for a Community Project Initiative. Some of the changes brought by 2020 resulted in cost savings for Munisoft and they used these savings to increase their Community Project Initiative Program providing their clients the opportunity to enter 4 draws. The Clerk Administrator submitted for the Community Project Draw and the Relief Fund Program Draw, which automatically entered us in the Winner's Choice Draw. We won the Relief Fund Draw prize of \$2,000 to the South River Lions Club. The South River Lions Club do an annual Food Drive and distribute food hampers/baskets as needed in the community at Christmas. 2020 posed several challenges to their ability to fundraise due to Covid-19 not permitting public functions and gatherings. The money will allow them to replenish their lower finances and ensure their ability to continue to assist the community in 2021. News release is posted to our website Events page. The South River Lions Club has been informed and thanks were expressed to the Clerk Administrator.

4. Enbridge Gas Renewal of Franchise Agreement By-Law, Resolution

Further to discussions/action at our Nov 9, 2020 meeting. Agreement term is 20 years.

17-21 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we give 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 5-21; to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Township of Machar and Enbridge Gas Inc. CARRIED

5. Pay List by Fund for Jan 2021, Resolution

Reviewed. Invoices already approved, coded and submitted by Depts for payment processes. Landfill Dept gate service call to be reviewed with Waste Management Co-ordinator for details.

18-21 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Jan 31, 2021: \$102,651.07 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

6. South River Machar Medical Board minutes of Jan 19, 2021, Resolution

Discussed; Lower Level Tenant Lease ends Jul 31, 2021 - there may be interest in staying longer, Elevator – repair/replacement cost plus maintenance and annual inspections, it has been problematic (and costly) to the facility in the past. Medical Centre Budgetary Control to Dec 31, 2020 pre audit is reflecting a deficit due to the number of improvements made in 2020. This is a new occurrence as the building has been generating surpluses for several years up to this point.

19-21 Flowers, Wood

THAT we support motions contained in Medical Centre minutes of Jan 19, 2021 as follows: Blair Flowers as Chair, Teri Brandt as Vice Chair, adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, now adjourned until Feb 16, 2021... CARRIED

7. ARI (Almaguin Recycling Initiative) minutes of Nov 25, 2020, Resolution

Transitioning to new Secretary, new email and working on a Facebook page to stay up to date on ARI information, minutes from Jan 20 not approved yet, and Board is meeting monthly for now.

20-21 Wood, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge ARI minutes of Nov 25, 2020. CARRIED

8. Joint Building minutes of Jan 21, 2021, Resolution

Discussed; CBO initial proposal to take over By-Law Enforcement Dept met with resistance. The Clerk Administrator confirmed she has mediated 1 situation and the Depts need to work together. The Clerk Administrator advised the new Zoning Compliance Form is initially taking up a lot of time.

21-21 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Jan 21, 2021 including Doug Sewell as Chair, Bart Wood as Vice Chair, the Building Inspector's wage be increased by \$1.00 per hour and the Chief Building Official receive an increase of 2.5% to his annual salary effective the first pay period of 2021.
CARRIED

9. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Jan, Resolution

Received from CBO; permit activity = 4 as compared to 3 at the same time last year.

22-21 McLaren, Wood

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Jan 2021. CARRIED

10. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Nov, Dec, and 2020 Year End, Resolution

The Clerk Administrator requested Year End Reports for Audit purposes as well as Nov & Dec not received. CBO had sent to correct Committee member, but the wrong municipality (Kearney). Year End Reports reviewed. Councillor Wood advised the bank balance is good, anticipate no municipal draws again this year. Councillor Wood to forward Nov & Dec reports to the Clerk Administrator.

23-21 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we accept partial Building Permit Summaries for Nov and Dec 2020 as well as 2020 Year End Reports. CARRIED

INFORMATION

11. **Town of Bracebridge Motion** – That the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
12. **City of Port Colborne Resolution** – Whereas loopholes in existing Federal legislation allow this large scale grow ops to establish and operate without any of the regulations or protocols that licensed and monitored operations need to adhere to, urges the Federal Government to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities in which they are situated are respected.
13. **Township of Asphodel-Norwood Resolution** – Now therefore, be it resolved that while these measures are imperative and necessary, they impose undue hardship on municipalities to meet provincial deadlines such as the completion and adoption of a Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) Plan prior to Jul 1, 2021. The Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood calls upon the Solicitor General to review the imposed deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt a Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) Plan in consultation with local governments to address the unique challenges facing individual regions.
14. **Lake of Bays Resolutions, Ontario Fire College, Request for Municipal Infrastructure Funding Opportunities, Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229 (Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act), Revision to the Municipal Elections Act** – The Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centres to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications. The Ontario Provincial Government has stated that universal asset management will be the foundation of its municipal infrastructure strategy because effective asset management planning helps ensure that investments are made at the right time to minimize future repair and rehabilitation costs and maintain assets. Federal and Provincial infrastructure funding models now contain requirements for recipients to demonstrate that comprehensive asset management planning principles are applied when making decisions regarding infrastructure

investment. The Crown Forest Sustainability Act is in order to exempt all forestry operations from mandatory consideration of species at risk protection and recovery as mandate by the Endangered Species Act. The Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of the Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, strong wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters list.

- 15. Save OFC, Closure of the Ontario Fire College** – Regarding the province’s announcement on Jan 13, 2021, of the impending closure of the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College on Mar 13, 2021. The Ontario Government says it’s plan to modernize and regionalize fire service training will be more cost-effective and accessible to municipalities. The province’s regionalization model currently has Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with a mixed bag of 20 “Regional Training Centres” (RTCs) located in various parts of Ontario. The municipalities’ cost to send one firefighter to an RTC range between \$300 and \$1,200 for the course alone. The Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College has modern facilities and equipment where subject matter experts provide training in all fire service disciplines. The cost is \$65 for a municipality to send one firefighter to the college. The cost includes onsite accommodations and three meals a day. In shifting firefighter training to RTC’s, the price for training our firefighters will shift to your municipality’s taxpayers.
- 16. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit in Collaboration with Stay on Your Feet Asks You to Clean Out Your Unused Medications** – Approximately 40 per cent of older adults take five to ten medications. Drug interactions around prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs can cause drowsiness, which can lead to a fall. SOYF recommends that you keep your medications in a secured locked cupboard or box, out of the reach of all children and visitors. Reduce the environmental impact associated with the inappropriate disposal of medications in the garbage and sewer systems. Medication cleanout bags can be picked up at participating local pharmacies or by calling the Health Unit at 1-800-563-2808 extension 5210.
- 17. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Media Advisory, Board of Health, Public Meeting Notice** – To ensure the health and safety of Board of Health members, staff and the public during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Finance and Property Committee and Board of Health meeting will be conducted electronically.
- 18. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board** – Discussed the Provincial Rent Freeze. Our Board gave direction to request funding to offset revenue losses resulting from the provincial policy change to freeze rent at 2020 levels.
- 19. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce** – Virtual job fair, Thu, Feb 18, 9 AM – 12 PM, register at www.employmentnorth.com.
- 20. MPAC InTouch, Jan 2021** – Launching the new Municipal Connect, built by MPAC’s IT team in just five months, the new Municipal Connect brings information about assessment bases to the fingertips of municipal staff. Municipal Connect users received information this week on what to expect as we transition to the new system. From mid-Feb through Mar, municipalities will move to the new system one zone at a time. In Apr and May, provincial government, school board users and municipal consultants will transition into the new system. Weekly training sessions for both administrators and users will be available in addition to online tutorial videos and FAQs. Local MPAC staff will also be on-hand to answer questions and provide support. Connecting with out partners at ROMA, pleased to meet with our municipalities and share our 2020 property insights as part of the 2021 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Virtual Conference. Safeguarding Data certification recognizes best practices for information security management systems. Upcoming webinar, MPAC’s Working-From-Home: IT Best-Practices Learned from COVID-19. Partnerships in action, last month, MPAC worked with municipal association and government partners to host a webinar to support municipalities in understanding property tax and assessment items from Ontario’s Fall 2020 budget.
- 21. MPAC’s 2020 Municipal Partnership Report** – <https://news.mpac.ca/2020-municipal-partnerships-report>. The report provides a high-level summary of MPAC’s 2020 municipal-focused activities, including how we responded to COVID-19 by shifting priorities, transforming how we share information, working differently, and by finding new ways to stay connected.
- 22. AALC Feb Calendar and 2020 Year in Review** – Almaguin Adult Learning Centre, total number of learners served: 117. Community members assisted but not registered: 268.
- 23. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing** – Announced the launch of the second intake under the Municipal Modernization Program. To apply, you must submit a completed Expression of Interest form with attached supporting documents via the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system by Mar 15, 2021. To get started, visit www.Ontario.ca/getfunding.

- 24. Ministry of Energy Northern Development and Mines** – Writing today to inform you that our government is now soliciting feedback on Ontario’s long-term energy planning framework through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO). This posting will be open to comments for a period of 90 days, closing on Apr 27, and can be found at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3007>. A desired outcome of the new planning framework would be to empower expert technical planners, such as the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), to plan the most reliable and cost-effective system. To achieve this objective, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) is considering revoking the provisions of the Electricity Act, 1998 related to Long-Term Energy Plans, implementation directives and implementation plans.
- 25. Assessment Review Board, ARB Digital-First Approach, Looking Ahead** – Writing to provide you with an update on the Board’s continued focus on digital services as we move forward. Website is the main portal to access all information about the Board.
- 26. FONOM, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Media Release** – FONOM had a productive meeting with members of Premier Ford’s Cabinet during the ROMA Conference. Board members shared three Policy Positions and Ministry staff were on the call. We discussed planned topics, including Satellites’ role in addressing the North’s Broadband deficiencies. We shared our thoughts on the Transportation issues facing communities and commerce in the North. Province on the challenge the Province is experiencing with Homelessness, Mental Health & Addiction. The board members also discussed the Ontario Vaccine distribution strategy, commenting that the Provincial Task Force is not forgetting the North. We noted that several Northern Health Units had recently received shipments of the Moderna Vaccine. The Board also discussed the release of FONOM’s third of eight “GoNorth” videos (www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkEeQSnLHnA.)
- 27. FONOM Executive Award Nomination** – Conference going virtual this year. The purpose of this award is to honour an individual member of FONOM who has contributed in a special and meaningful way toward the enrichment and betterment of the lives of the residents of northeastern Ontario and who has exerted tireless efforts over a period of years in promoting the objectives of FONOM regionally and provincially. Deadline for nominations Apr 9, 2021.
- 28. AMO Policy Update, Investments Through the Community Safety and Policing Grant Program** - \$2.8 million funding will be assigned to projects that provide police services with tools and resources that enable deployment of frontline officers as well as support police services as they implement public safety and community policing initiatives that focus on local provincial priorities, maximum of \$200,000 per project and will be allocated over the 2020-2022 period. Broadband investments in Northern Ontario announced \$10.9 million to support broadband improvements in Northern Ontario towns and First Nations communities. The funding, part of the Province’s Up To Speed strategy that includes the ICON funding program will help to:
- Build infrastructure that brings high-speed broadband to more areas in Chisholm, Marathon, Terrace Bay, rural Thunder Bay, and Oliver Paipoonge;
 - Construct a new 22-kilometre fibre backbone network that brings high-speed broadband to Seine River First Nation, Couching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation, and Big Grassy First Nation; and
 - Upgrade the speed and capacity of the K-Net network, owned by Keewaytinook Okimakanak and which serves more than 80 First Nation Communities, while supporting future upgrades.
- 29. AMO Policy Update** – A few provincial announcements occurred at the ROMA conference, which occurred on Jan 25-26, and we have put them together for your convenience. Second Intake of the Municipal Modernization Program announced at ROMA Conference, the Minister noted that government is investing \$40 million dollars to help small and rural municipalities to assist with service delivery reviews and modernization efforts. The funding is application based and targets 405 municipalities across Ontario. The first intake of the program saw 184 modernization projects funded. 2021 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Announced. OCIF supports municipal core infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. Individual formula allocations to municipal governments have been provided by the Ministry of Infrastructure. Provincial Emergency Declaration Extended, Ontario’s Declaration of Emergency, and all orders in force under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, including the Stay-at-Home order, have been extended until Feb 9, 2021.
- 30. AMO Watchfile, Jan 28, 2021, In This Issue** –
- Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS).
 - Book now for your 2021 Road/Sidewalk Assessment.
 - Our Municipal Group Buying webinars are back!
 - Peterborough County resolution concerning long-term care residents.

- AMONTario Climate Change & Asset Management Conference.
 - Kraft Hockeyville nominations open: Deadline to submit your story is Feb 14.
 - Careers: Town of Hawkesbury and City of Markham.
- 31. FCM Voice** – Available now: Asset management grants for municipalities up to \$50,000 for an initiative that will help your community make informed decisions about operating, maintaining and replacing its infrastructure. Update on the Keystone XL project. The new US government immediately issued a number of Executive Orders, including one to rescind the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline expansion project. The Canadian federal government responded to this news stating that they will continue to make the case for the project to the US administration. FCM’s current policy calls on the Canadian government to support the development of nation-building energy infrastructure projects. We heard a renewed commitment from our federal counterparts to continue to work with FCM and WEST to advance necessary energy infrastructure projects, like pipelines, within a framework of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. Webinar: Developing district energy, also known as low carbon thermal energy, district energy distributes heating and cooling via a series of underground pipes, increasing energy efficiency and reducing municipal greenhouse gas emissions. How to build a strong business case for a green municipal project. Simplify your planning with the Municipal Energy Roadmap.
 - 32. FCM, President’s Corner: Let’s Make 2021 a Year of Hope** – Growing our national voice.
 - 33. FCM Voice** – Let’s make 2021 a year of hope: President Frizzell. Webinar on building a green municipal project business case. GMF and CHRA announce new national partnership. Green Municipal Fund is proud to announce its new partnership with the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association. Partnership kicks-off Feb 2 with a webinar on applying for GMF’s Sustainable Affordable Housing Initiative, which helps municipalities and affordable housing providers retrofit existing units and build new affordable housing for higher energy performance. Black History Month in your community. It’s time to grow our national voice. Comprehensive tools for redeveloping contaminated land, 2021 Brownfield Roadmaps. The process of redeveloping brownfields can be complex, these guides simplify and clarify what you need to take the next step.
 - 34. ROMA Connecting Rural Ontario Annual Conference** – The event connected more than 1,100 participants virtually during a critical time in the pandemic.
 - 35. Assessment Review Board** – New ARB Associate Chair, Ken Bednarek.
 - 36. Trans Canada Trail, Invitation** – Excited to launch our newest campaign called *Blahs to Ahhhs* on Mon, Feb 1. The campaign is to help motivate Canadians to get outside (safely and responsibly), even if just for a few months, to boost their mental and physical health. Campaign will be in print, online and social media, help share and amplify our message by recording a short video that we can share on our social media channels.

INFORMATION – COVID-19

- 37. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, COVID-19 Vaccine Update, North Bay, ON** – The Ministry of Health announced that vaccination of residents, staff and essential caregivers of long-term care homes has begun in many parts of the province, with the goal of having the first dose administered in all homes no later than Feb 15, 2021. The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) expected to receive a shipment of vaccines on Feb 1, 2021; however, due to limited supply of vaccines throughout the province and Canada, there may be a delay receiving our first shipment of vaccine. The Health Unit is ready to start to administer vaccinations, once supply is provided. The Health Unit will be prioritizing residents of long-term care homes.
- 38. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Receives First Shipment of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine** – The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) has received the first shipment of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for the district. The shipment is small and is allotted to residents of long-term care, as prioritized in phase one of the province of Ontario’s COVID-19 vaccination program. The Health Unit has been in contact with the long-term care homes to start the immunization process. It is anticipated to have all long-term care home residents and elder care residents of First Nations communities immunized by the provincial deadline of Feb 5, 2021.
- 39. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Administers First Dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to Over 520 People** – Administered to long-term care home residents, and 16 doses was administered to front-line staff in long-term care homes. The vaccination of front-line staff at long-term care homes was done to eliminate vaccine waste. Once a vial has been opened it needs to be used within a specific timeframe and cannot be transported to a different location. The decision to prioritize front-line staff in long-term care homes over the Health Unit’s

immunization staff was based on a risk assessment completed by the Health Unit's Vaccine Preventable Disease Public Health Nurses.

- 40. North Bay Parry Sound Health District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Health Unit Working with Long-Term Care Homes to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19** – Surveillance testing of residents will be taking place at Au Chateau and Cassellholme. Testing is part of a long-term care home surveillance investigation because staff members undergoing routine screening initially tested positive for COVID-19, but upon further testing, they tested negative. As a result, of the negative tests, the Health Unit did not declare outbreaks at these long-term care homes. Even though outbreaks were not declared, outbreak precautions are in place and will continue to be monitored throughout resident testing.
- 41. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, An Individual Who Attends Ecole Secondaire Catholique Franco-Cite Tests Positive for COVID-19** – The Health Unit is working with Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord to ensure that all close contacts are contacted directly. As the individual was at Ecole Secondaire Catholique Franco-Cite during their infectious period, the Health Unit has dismissed the grade 9 cohort to self-isolate and be tested. The current situation does not meet the criteria to declare an outbreak. The individual is currently self-isolating.
- 42. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, News Release** – Muskoka Assessment Centres open on Family Day, a reminder that appointments are required by calling 1-888-383-7009.
- 43. General Hillier Memo Jan 22, 2021, Update 6, COVID-19** – Over 264,000 doses have been administered across the province. The public health units and local hospitals have played an enormous role throughout the pandemic. Vaccine distribution will be no exception. Our province will not have a one-size fits all approach to the vaccine rollout. From cities, small towns, rural communities and remote/fly-in parts of the province, we are going to rely on local implementation. On Jan 19, 2021, we were alerted by the federal government that due to work to expand its European manufacturing facility, production of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine will be impacted for a few weeks. We will hear more in the coming days from the National Operations Centre about the vaccine that Ontario will receive. This will not stop us from getting to our most vulnerable Ontarians. Operation Remote Immunity, led by Ornge, includes the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine to 31 fly-in communities in Northern Ontario and continues to be a priority with an expected start date of Feb 1, 2021.
- 44. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing** – Updates related to the revised rules for areas in stage 1 under the *Reopening Ontario Act*, the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, including the Set Fine Amounts under the *Provincial Offences Act*, and Reporting Enforcement Data. Additionally, the Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice has established the set fine amount under the *Provincial Offences Act*. These fine amounts are effective Jan 14, 2021, and apply to individuals and corporations that fail to comply with an order made during a declared emergency and for obstructing any person exercising a power or performing a duty in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency. These set fine amounts apply to orders under both the EMCPA and ROA. The updated enforcement data template for municipalities is attached. In addition, the weekly reporting is now requested each Mon at 4 pm.
- 45. MMAH, Compliance and Enforcement of the ROA** – Municipality's bylaw enforcement functions and especially as it relates to the voluntary enforcement of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)* and the *Reopening Ontario (A flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA)*. COVID safety awareness and compliance teams operate. If there is interest by your municipality to undertake a coordinated compliance campaign, I encourage you to discuss this opportunity further. Also discussed the efforts of the Ministry of the Solicitor General to collect enforcement data to help monitor and measure the impact of accelerated enforcement and compliance the activities across the province. Where applicable, we encourage you to support the Ministry of the Solicitor General's reporting document for your ease of reference.
- 46. MMAH, Information Related to Ontario Regulation 82/20, Amenities that may be open** – Ontario Regulation 82/20 – Schedule 3 – Places that must close or that are subject to conditions, recreational amenities. Ontario Regulation 82/20 – Schedule 2 – Business that may open, horse racing facilities that meet the following conditions:
 1. They are only open for training and not for racing
 2. No members of the public are permitted at the facility.

Resolution passed in support of 14. & 15. Province's intent per AMO was to save municipalities money, however the decision is having the opposite affect, already impacting us \$8,000 in 2021 Fire Budget.

24-21 Wood, Flowers

THAT we support Township of Lake of Bays and Township of Augusta requesting the Province of Ontario reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters as we have seen an immediate increase in costs for firefighter training in the 2021 Fire Budget. CARRIED

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

47. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, COVID-19 Variant of Concern Case Confirmed in District – exposure associated to recent international travel. The individual is currently self-isolating. Preliminary results of the testing showed the presence of a VOC, however, further testing is required to identify the strain of this variant. The province of Ontario is currently facing a surge of variant cases, particularly the COVID-19 variant first detected in the UK. This variant has proven to be easily transmissible, and we have seen this with long-term care homes in districts as close as the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

AMO Policy Update released this afternoon – Gradual Return to Covid-19 Response Framework, Conservation Authorities Act Update

Ontario has [announced](#) that we are moving to a regional approach and maintaining the [shutdown](#) in the majority of the public health regions in Ontario, including the [Stay-at-Home order](#) and all existing public health and workplace safety measures. The Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply to **28** public health regions until Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

**NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING WITH VILLAGE OF SOUTH RIVER
VIRTUALLY ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – 6:00 PM
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE AND ARENA 2021 BUDGETS**

Communication received from South River Clerk Administrator including Jan 26 minutes and Arena summary with a different presentation on the bottom. Discussion ensued in consideration of the meeting scheduled for Thu and the Province’s announcement today extending the lockdown. Council were disappointed and frustrated that there appears to be no change on the budgets after the considerable input given in discussions on Jan 26. Drafts presented and considered then requested 2021 Budget increases of 16.37% for Arena and 5.66% for Fire (compared to 3.16% and 2.4% respectively in 2020). Machar’s response was steadfast that these increases can’t be passed on to the taxpayers this year, many citizens have been and continue to experience financial hardships due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Machar requested the budgets be revisited and changes made to lower them. Cancelling the meeting on Thu or changing the date was considered, however alternate dates aren’t currently available. Council instructed the Clerk Administrator to inquire with South River as follows: *Is there an agenda? Can they send the Arena kitchen design plans requested by Councillor Wood at the last meeting? Also, per discussions at the last meeting and as the Province announced the extension of the shutdown/stay at home order, has immediate action be taken to reduce costs at the Arena?*

ADJOURN

25-21 McLaren, Wood

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Special meeting scheduled for Thu, Feb 11, 2021. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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