

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 10, 2020**

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

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers and Bart Wood. Councillor Neil Scarlett was absent with notice due to sickness. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul.

Guest observing: Marvin Nolan.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Jan 27, 2020 minutes, Resolution

24-20 Flowers, Wood

THAT we adopt Jan 27, 2020 minutes. CARRIED

2. 2020 Spring Newsletter, Resolution

Reviewed. Council pleased with the items included. Hazmat date updated.

25-20 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we approve 2020 Spring Newsletter with 2 amendments. CARRIED

3. Purchase of limited non-abutting Lakeshore Road Allowance, Resolution

Reviewed. Applicant wishes to rebuild and will modify application to a small portion where the current footprint exists, as the common boundary line for the lakeshore road allowance isn't agreed.

26-20 Wood, Flowers

THAT we accept Lakeshore Road Closing Application 4-238 for processing, subject to all costs to the applicant including any potential legal. CARRIED

4. Pay List by Fund for Jan 2020, Resolution

Reviewed. Meridian Fuels invoice \$9,613.28 to be checked for additional description quantities.

27-20 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Jan 31, 2020: \$338,739.05 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

5. South River Machar Arena; Lions Club request regarding benefit dinner

Councillor Wood expressed gratitude to Steve Scarlett, Angela Loney, Skye Dell and Pat London for work in the kitchen on Sat evening, ensuring the success of the dinner, fantastic turnout and overwhelming community support. The Ord family is extremely grateful.

a. South River Christian Assembly Youth Program regarding a skating or shinny hockey night

Requests would normally go to Arena Committee for consideration and be reviewed per policy with the Manager. With South River's withdrawal from Committees, we currently have no agreement in place for the Arena and no mechanism nor authority to approve or deny.

6. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Jan 21, 2020, Resolution

Discussed; renovation quote, LED lights, Lower Level washrooms/tenant, elevator, accessibility requirements, etc. Hydro costs queried; *have increased substantially with tenant in Lower Level.

28-20 Flowers, Wood

THAT we support motions 1-5 in Medical minutes of Jan 21, 2020 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay List/Budgetary Control/Infrastructure and Quarterly Report, replace both entrance way light bulbs to LED, request that the toilets in the lower level be replaced, adjourned until Feb 18, 2020...
CARRIED

7. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Jan 15, 2020, Resolution

29-20 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Jan 15, 2020. CARRIED

8. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Jan 2020, Resolution

30-20 Wood, McLaren

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Jan 2020. CARRIED

9. ARI Hazmat minutes Jan 29, 2020

Discussed; MOE visit to Hazmat, 2020 Hazmat dates changed to Sat, May 30 & Sat, Aug 22, Hazmat is for residential users only (not commercial), expenses are coming for additional pick up/manual, etc, another meeting is now scheduled Feb 19, hoping \$5 per household in 2020 will be sufficient.

31-20 Wood, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge ARI minutes of Jan 29, 2020. CARRIED

10. Almaguin Saving Huntsville Hospital notes of Jan 27, 2020

Information. AHSS is continuing with their application to have a Health Team for the whole Parry Sound area, recommended the best way to help the area would be to form a sub-committee through AHHC and send this sub-committee to meet with Norm Miller, MP for Parry Sound Muskoka, to present the needs of our area and see if we can get help in getting better health services. After the meeting takes place, report from sub-committee will be distributed.

INFORMATION

- 11. Township of Madoc** – Resolution support the Town of Spring Water resolution regarding Joint and Several Liability Consultation
- 12. Township of Chapple** – Rainy River District Municipal Association, Resolution to Address Fair and Equitable Property Taxation Revenue on Railway Right-of-Ways Collected by Municipalities in Ontario
- 13. Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc** – Approval of Resolution LTVC – Watershed Management Programs
- 14. Town of Collingwood** – Resolution supports Conservation Authority regulations under Bill 108 being completed in consultation with municipalities, the NVCA and Conservation Ontario; supports continuations of the critical programs and services included in the mandate of Conservation Authorities
- 15. City of Sarnia** – Resolution support the halting of the construction of the Deep Geological Repository, in the Bruce Peninsular, so that less dangerous solutions can be found for the longer storage of nuclear waste
- 16. Village of Merrickville-Wolford** – requesting supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of Provincially Significant Wetlands and that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re-evaluate the subject properties without delay
- 17. Muskoka Algonquin HealthCare** – Get involved in your local hospital by submitting your application to join the skills-based, community-oriented team of volunteer directors at Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare as a board member or advisory member of a standing board committee, application deadline Fri, Feb 21, 2020 at 4 pm, apply online www.mahc.ca

- 18. MPAC** – Property Assessment Notice schedule, Nipissing/Parry Sound Districts will be the first out of the gate! Starting in May, residential PANs will be delivered over a 22-week mailing period, Farm and Business Notices will be mailed in October and any amended Notices will be mailed in November, RfR deadline Tue, Sep 1, 2020
- 19. MPAC – Intouch January 2020** – Connecting with rural Ontario municipal partners at ROMA; Municipal Connect update; Upcoming webinar: Update on the proposed changes to the 2020 Property Assessment Notice and AboutMyProperty; Adapting to change; MPAC featured on AMO podcast; Reports on new assessment, New assessment report – year-end, Processing of supplementary and omitted assessments, Updated 2020 new assessment forecast report
- 20. Ministry of Children Community and Social Services** – To support the development of new Poverty Reduction Strategy, residents of Ontario are to take a 30 minutes and answer survey on new ideas on how to: Encourage job creation and connect people to employment; Provide people with the right supports and services; Lower the cost of living and make life more affordable; The survey can be accessed at <https://engage.ontario.ca/en/engagement-initiatives/developing-new-poverty-reduction-strategy-ontario>
- 21. AMO Communications** – January 31, AMO Board Highlights; AMO Youth Fellow AMO is pleased to announce the three candidates of the inaugural Youth Fellows Program, Raghed Al-Areibi, Graham Taylor, Emilie Leneveu; Youth Engagement Strategy that is committed to engaging youth and inspiring participation in Ontario’s vibrant and important municipal sector; Public Health and EMS Modernization – AMO will bring forward practical solutions that work best for municipal residents and municipal governments to preserve what works well and fix what needs fixing; Human Sex Trafficking, The board discussed the need for better provincial-municipal and non-government coordination, resources for intervention in areas of municipal responsibilities (e.g. emergency + transitional housing), and public education and awareness; AMO’s Pre-Budget Submission, The pre-budget submission is available on the AMO website for your information and distribution; LAS Board Appointments, The LAS Board of Directors has new appointees, Aina DeViet, Lealand Sibbick Patient Care Models Consultation, AMO is looking for enhanced provincial support to the municipal paramedic services that have applied to implement the 1 year Phase 1 pilots; Flood Advisor’s response, AMO supports avoiding allowing development in flood prone areas as appropriate rather than engineering mitigation and requiring low impact development, promoting green infrastructure and increasing wetlands, although this is a major shift in approach; Climate Change Work update, AMO staff provided an update on upcoming climate change work, AMO’s 2020 Strategic Objectives includes the theme of “positioning municipal interests on the urgency of climate change; Streamlining the Municipal Development Review Process BMP, AMO has released a best practices guide, This document has ideas on how to improve the processes and timelines by providing tools and municipal case studies
- 22. AMO Communications** – OPP Detachment Board Regional Discussions
- 23. AMO Communications** – AMO’s 2020 Pre-Budget Submission, available on the AMO website
- 24. AMO Watchfile Feb 6, 2020 In This Issue**
- Coronavirus update - Keep informed.
 - Provincial Government developing new poverty reduction strategy.
 - Excess soil and brownfield webinar.
 - OSUM's 67th Conference & Trade Show to be held in beautiful Brant County.
 - 2020 AMO Conference - Early Bird Registration open until March 2.
 - AMO’s Social Media webinar series is back by popular demand!
 - Free asset management on-demand webinar series for staff and elected officials.
 - LTC homes save tens of thousands with LED upgrades.
 - Culvert webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Ground engagement tools webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Careers.
- 25. AMO Watchfile Jan 30, 2020 In This Issue**
- Meet AMO’s 2020 Youth Fellows.
 - AMO On Topic podcast from ROMA Conference.
 - A Digital Citizen Relationship Management solution for AMO members.
 - Learn about the Wuhan novel coronavirus in Ontario.
 - Webinar on school bus stop arm cameras.
 - Free Asset Management webinar series for staff and elected officials.
 - OSUM 67th Conference & Trade Show to be hosted by the County of Brant.
 - AMO Conference 2020 Exhibit Hall Early Bird registration ends January 31!

- AMO's Social Media webinar series is back by popular demand!
- Culverts webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
- Ground engagements tools webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
- Careers with Halton Hills, Toronto, Simcoe County, and Great Sudbury.

26. AMO Watchfile Jan 23, 2020 In This Issue

- Municipalities' Best Practices - Streamlining the Development Review Process.
- New online course on Asset Management for elected officials.
- A Digital Citizen Relationship Management solution for AMO members.
- Webinar on school bus stop arm cameras.
- Free Asset Management webinar series for staff and elected officials.
- OSUM 67th Conference & Trade Show hosted by the County of Brant.
- 2020 AMO Conference Exhibit Hall Early Bird registration available until January 31.
- Municipal Social Media Use webinar - January 29.
- LAS Blog: Understanding Rising Insurance Rates.
- New offerings available through Municipal Group Buying Program!
- Traffic Supplies webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
- Careers.

27. AMCTO/The Municipal Experts – AMCTO Legislative Express, In this issue: Policy Spotlight; Invest in Municipal Internships, Reduce the Burden on Municipalities, Promote Municipal Fiscal Sustainability, Policy Updates; Highlights from ROMA's 2020 Annual Conference, Government Announces \$200 Million for Small, Rural, and Northern Communities, New Regulations on Excess Soils Finalized, Government Establishes Cross-Ministry Framework for Advancing Accessibility, Government Announces Consultations on OPP Detachment Boards Compositions, City of Toronto to Collect 20 Year Old Traffic Fines in New Debt Collection Strategy, Ontario Launching Job Site Challenge, Ontario Opening Cannabis Stores to Market, Ontario Investing in Sport Events to Boost Local Economics, Resources; Chief Drinking Water Inspector Releases Annual Report, Paper Calls for a Review on Provincial-Municipal Responsibilities in Ontario, Maytree Releases Report on Ontario's Social Assistance Reforms, Northern Policy Institute Releases Paper on Automation Impact, Ontario Releases Third Quarter Fiscal Report

28. FMC Communiqué – FMC Voice – International Development Week 2020 - #GoForTheGoals; Better transit builds better lives, Apply for FCM's 2020 Sustainable Communities Awards, Canadian Energy Regulator and local governments, New funding to reduce plastic waste, New funding to reduce plastic waste, Big week ahead for cities, Webinar series: Best practices in municipal sustainability, The Canada Post Delivery Accommodation Program

29. FCM President – President's Corner/2020: how we can build on our gains; This new government's first budget is a key moment to show where its priorities are – and how it plans on working with municipalities to get results for Canadians; Celebrating 20 years of the Green Municipal Fund, Since 2000, GMF has become a leader in driving local green innovation, it has helped bring to life more than 1,300 municipal sustainability projects across the country

30. FCM Communiqué – Public transit: the key to fighting climate change, Transportation accounts for nearly 25 percent of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions and transit use is already reducing those emissions by 4.7 million tonnes each year; From February 2-8, learn how Canadian municipalities #GoForTheGoals; New municipal survey; #ChangingCities: The Mobile Administrator in Zaporizh, Ukraine; No time to waste: Canadian technical advisors reflect on their work in Japan; Enhance asset management skills and knowledge in your municipality

31. Ontario Heritage Trust – Heritage Week 2020 call for local event submissions; Ontario Heritage Week celebrates heritage in all its forms – cultural and natural, tangible and intangible, In 2020, Heritage Week runs from Monday, February 17 to Sunday February 23,; Deadline for submitting your listing: February 5, 2020

32. Ontario Heritage Trust – Feb 2020, Heritage Matters...more! Up front/Beth Hanna, CEO of the Ontario Heritage Trust, Black History Month, Celebrating our heritage, Explore our calendar of events, Make your next event spectacular, Did you know?

33. CN Public Inquiry Line – CN is committed to maintaining positive and proactive communications with the communities in which we operate; for questions or non-emergency concerns, such as: Condition of property and crossings (e.g. grade crossings, rail ties, etc.), Environment (e.g. vegetation, grass cutting, trees, etc.), Permits and/or flag persons, Noise (e.g. whistling), General operations (e.g. train speeds, hours of operation, etc.); Contact CN's Public Inquiry Line either by phone at 1-888-888-5909 or by email at contact@cn.ca CN police staff will answer emergency calls and dispatch officers when appropriate; There are many reasons to call CN Police, such as:

Trespassing on tracks, Unlawful activity, Crossing signal defect, Etc. To contact CN Police Emergencies: 1-800-465-9239 (24/7) Non-urgent suspicious activities: CNPoliceTipLine@cn.ca

- 34. The Labour Market Group** – LMG Newsletter January 2020, December 2019 Jobs Report
- 35. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre** – Febr calendar; Getting Ahead in a Just Getting World program is beginning Wed, Feb 19 in Powassan at 250 Clark Street and Thu, Feb 20 in Burk’s Falls at Agilec Employment on Ontario Street; This workshop runs once a week for 7 weeks and includes lunch, learning materials and attendance bonuses; Computer Workshops at Ontario Works in South River, these 2 hour, targeted workshops introduce people to basic computer and program concepts, and are held Mon mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 at 16 Toronto St
- 36. Ontario Farmland Trust** - 2020 Farmland Forum, The shifting Landscapes of Farmland Protection, The Agricultural System in Ontario, March 26, 2020 The Grand Banquet & Event Centre in Guelph 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
- 37. Kate Middleton** – Leap into food security at Burk’s Falls seedy Saturday at the Food Bank; February 29 will be the sixth year for Almaguin Highlands Seedy Saturday from 9 am to 1pm, this year at the Burk’s Falls Food Bank, 205 Yonge St, lower entrance; Theme this year is “Leap into Food Security”
- 38. Township of Joly** – Notice of Public Meeting for February 11, 2020 Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment; The purpose of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to add provisions to the Joly Township Zoning By-law to address Canada Bill C-45: An Act Respecting Cannabis (marijuana) It is the intent of the Zoning By-law Amendment to prohibit production of cannabis anywhere in Joly Township except by Zoning By-law Amendment

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Modernization of Public Health Transformation

Area representative Flowers reported on cost sharing implications referred from Dr. Chirico; the Province is moving from a 75-25 to a 70-30 provincial-municipal ratio, the impact is estimated to be much greater (more in the range of a 40% increase to municipalities) as the province currently funds some programs at 100% which will move to 70-30. The Board has considerable municipal reserves that could be utilized in the short term, however this option wouldn’t be a long term solution. The health consultations have stopped and been delayed due to coronavirus. AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) are actively following the financial implications and the Township of Strong are drafting a Resolution. Council queried which programs are provincially funded 100%. Representative Flowers will ask Dr. Chirico for additional information. *Machar’s 2019 annual levy paid to the Health Unit: \$28,313.

CLOSED SESSION

32-20 McLaren, Flowers

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; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Time 7:38 pm. CARRIED

33-20 Wood, Flowers

THAT we come out of Closed Session with agreement as follows: request information on a “without precedent or prejudice” basis regarding Fire Prevention Officer position and Arena proposed Capital Projects for 2020. CARRIED

ADJOURN

34-20 Wood, McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Feb 24, 2020. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT