

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 11, 2019**

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 Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Scarlett.

Guest scheduled: Amy MacFarlane. Guests observing: John Mowat, Christina Schenk, Wendy Sohm, Fay Boyd, Mike Mitchell and Lynn Loney.

Bloom Buster; blue green algae

Ms. MacFarlane gave a presentation on her Bloom Buster project for which she won a regional gold medal, researching and taking water samples with respect to blue green algae, also known as cyanobacteria. Blue-green algae are microscopic, plant-like organisms that occur naturally in ponds, rivers, lakes and streams. Blue-green algal blooms can be caused by agricultural and stormwater runoff as well as leaching from septic systems. Blue-green algae are not normally visible in the water, but populations can rapidly increase to form a large mass or scum called a bloom when conditions are favourable. Ms. MacFarlane's solution is an idea to place native types of vegetation in planters/floating islands to absorb the excess phosphates and nitrates in the water through their root systems. Because the plants need it to grow and prosper, they extract the nutrients causing the algae from the water. A question and answer session followed with Council and invited guests observing in the gallery.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Jan 28, 2019 minutes, Resolution

24-19 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we adopt Jan 28, 2019 minutes. CARRIED

2. 2019 Spring Newsletter

Reviewed and amended. Draft 2 to come forward next meeting.

3. Pay List by Fund for Jan 31, 2019, Resolution

25-19 Wood, Flowers

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Jan 31, 2019: \$232,782.86 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

4. South River Machar Fire minutes of Feb 5, 2019, Resolution

Councillor Flowers requested direction on an acceptable percentage increase for proposed 2019 budget; eg. 3% on \$171,495 or 6% on \$166,344. It was suggested a reasonable value based budget be put forward, rather than focusing on a percentage target, due to the 2018 variables. Special Trust Fund is \$100,000, Reserve Account Balance is \$33,564.35 plus the surplus from 2018.

26-19 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we support motions 13-19 in Fire minutes of Feb 5, 2019 as follows: adopt the minutes, Income Statement/AP Ledger, Fire Chief's Report, close the meeting, adjourn from closed, appoint Stephen Morrison as new volunteer firefighter, meet again on Mar 5, 2019... CARRIED

5. Almaguin Clerks minutes of Jan 14, 2019, Resolution

Landfill Recycling and Promotional Material Sub-Committee to be formed.

27-19 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Almaguin Clerks Group minutes of Jan 14, 2019. CARRIED

a. Council Training Integrity Commissioner

A refresher on the roles of Council along with the new rules effective Mar 1, 2019; includes MPAC, MMAH and Integrity Commissioner. 4 of 5 Council members confirmed to attend.

6. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Jan 16, 2019, Resolution

28-19 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Jan 16, 2019. CARRIED

7. District of Parry Sound Municipal Association confirm appointments to Wards 1, 4, and 5

Ted Collins, Norm Hofstetter, and Lynda Carleton respectively. Ward 2, 3 and 6 outstanding.

8. Joint Building Committee permit summaries for Jan, Resolution

29-19 Wood, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge JBC permit summaries for Jan 2019. CARRIED

9. N Bay Parry Sound Board of Health minutes from Nov 28, 2018 now posted on website

INFORMATION

10. **Employment North – Building Business Across Ontario’s North; Experts in Employment, Experts in Northern Ontario Business, Keeping the North Open for Business, Reducing Long-Term Unemployment, Addressing the Labour Shortage, The HR Department of the North, Efficient and Cost Effective**
11. **MPAC – Carla Y. Nell, Vice President, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, will be leaving MPAC February 8, 2019; Municipal and Stakeholder team has implemented service improvements including the new Municipal Connect, the Service Level Agreements and a number of other significant operation initiatives; Municipal and Stakeholder Relations will be led by Carmelo Lipsi, COO and VP of Valuation and Customer Relations**
12. **MPAC – InTouch – January 2019; Continuing the conversation in 2019, Connect with MPAC at the 2019 ROMA Annual Conference, 2018 year-end assessment report**
13. **AMO Communications – AMO Partners with Meeting Management & Livestreaming Solution Provider eScribe, January 30, 2019 – Toronto and Markham, Ontario**
14. **AMO – AMO Annual Conference Updates, August 18-21, 2019 in Ottawa for the 2019 AMO AGM and Annual Conference, Some of the topics include: What has a change of provincial government meant for municipal governments in Ontario?, What is the latest in waste diversion, economic development and human services?, How will multi-year infrastructure programming unfold in Ontario?, Engaging youth in municipal government; <http://www.amo.on.ca/Events/AMOCongress>**
15. **AMO Communications – Details on the nature and timing of this review and its accompanying public consultation are expected shortly, joint and several liability obliges a municipal government (which could be only 1% at fault) to pay a claimant’s entire judgment in cases where other respondents are unable to pay a court ordered award, key considerations are the inequity of how much “deep pocket” defendants are paying and the need to find a reasonable balance**
16. **AMO Watchfile Jan 24, 2019 In This Issue**
 - AMO wraps up electronic and digital signature pilot.
 - February 13 Municipal Waste Diversion Forum.
 - Government providing more options to fundraise through online raffles.
 - A digital meeting management and livestreaming solution for municipalities.
 - AMO/Frank Cowan Company Risk Management Symposium returns!
 - RETScreen Workshops - Your 5-year Energy Plan assistant.
 - Conversations with ONE Investment - “Meet and Greet.”
 - 2019 PRO Educational Forum and Trade Show - March 26-29.
 - Careers with Simcoe County and Muskoka Lakes.
17. **AMO Watchfile Jan 31, 2019 In This Issue**
 - February 13 Municipal Waste Diversion Forum.
 - Updates to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

- A digital meeting management and livestreaming solution for municipalities.
 - Federal Carbon Pricing System - How will it impact municipalities?
 - RETScreen Energy Workshops now available in your area!
 - Conversations with ONE Investment - "Meet and Greet."
 - LAS Blog: Four ways LAS can support your Energy Plan!
 - Career Opportunities.
18. **AMO Watchfile Feb 7, 2019 In This Issue**
 - Digitally transforming the municipal meeting lifecycle.
 - AMO's Development Charge submission.
 - Online Municipal Risk Management Institute launched.
 - February 13 Municipal Waste Diversion Forum.
 - Health Canada seeking input on Edible Cannabis Product Rules.
 - A digital meeting management and livestreaming solution for municipalities.
 - Energy Reporting made easy with RETScreen Expert!
 - Federal Carbon Pricing System - Free webinar next week.
 - 7 Steps to updating your 5-year Energy Plan.
 - ONE Investment - new section added to the WatchFile!
 - Careers with Toronto, Lennox-Addington and Orangeville.
 19. **ROMA Communications – 2019-2023 ROMA Board of Directors**
 20. **2019 FONOM Conference May 8 -10, Sudbury, theme for this year's conference is Leadership, Resilience, Innovation**
 21. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – ROMA Conference, Premier Doug Ford announced the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of the Attorney General intend to launch a consultation on the long-standing issues surrounding joint and several liability**
 22. **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre – February Calendar 2019, Bus details, poster January to June 2019**
 23. **Communities in Bloom Ontario – Please consider adding one of the proven programs at Communities in Bloom Ontario to your Community tool box, new web site at cibontario.ca**
 24. **Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs – North Bay Seed Exchange and Eco-Fair 2019, Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 12:30pm-4:00p, at St. Andrew's United Church, 399 Cassells Street, North Bay ON**
 25. **Municipal World February 2019 – Protecting Canada's Rural Heritage Legacy; City of Westmount Wins the Prince of Wales Prize for 2018; Bringing the Past to Life with Oral History; Rediscovering and Revitalizing "Place" in Sudbury, Ontario; Volunteer Engagement in Whitby; Mastering the Leadership Labyrinth within Local Government; Ontario Experiences Collecting the Votes in 2018; It's time to take back our National and Provincial Politics; Applying "Good to Great" in the Municipal Sector; A word from the Editor; Governance Zone; Civic Academy; Curmudgeon's Corner; Connecting the Dots; Coming Events**

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Powassan Resolution requests letter of support from neighbouring communities in relation to development plans for a Long Term Care facility in the Town of Trout Creek, Municipality of Powassan

Considered, refers to Wilsondale Asset Management's plan and application to the Ministry of Health and the Northeast LHIN for the development of a 96 bed Long Term Care license. Caution expressed due to legislated costs apportioned in accordance with Ontario Regulation. **Eastholme \$75,537 2018 levy.

CLOSED SESSION

30-19 Wood, Flowers

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; security of the municipality or local board, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Time 7:43 pm. CARRIED

31-19 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:13 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

32-19 Scarlett, 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 25, 2019 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT