

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 12, 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 and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Scarlett.

Guest scheduled: John Mowat. Guest attending: Dave Taylor.

**Thoughts on the Long Term Care and Management of Eagle Lake**

A presentation was given with thoughts on the many contributing factors possibly impacting Eagle Lake; septic systems, climate change, geese, etc. Roles of Council and citizens discussed. Mayor Carleton expressed Council continues on a proactive approach through our planning documents, newsletters, discussions, etc. Councillor Wood emphasized the need for community involvement. We're hopeful the Phragmites Public Information Session scheduled for the Spring in co-ordination with the Eagle Lake Conservation Association will receive good attendance and lead to further citizen engagement. The gentlemen in attendance this evening were thanked for their input and encouraged to participate.

Mayor Carleton inquired about extending invitations to neighbouring municipalities for the Phragmites Public Information Session. We're aware Sundridge has made some efforts with respect to phragmites. Clerk Admin to extend an invitation to a Public Works meeting for discussion and then invites thereafter.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Jan 22, 2018 minutes, Resolution**

**24-18 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we adopt minutes of Jan 22, 2018. CARRIED

A link to the Forgotten Trails is available on our website About Us page.

**2. 2018 Newsletter draft 2, Resolution**

Changes made further to previous draft, so you want to run for Council amended and Local Feature added. Highlights the Phragmites Public Information Session, fertilizer by-law forthcoming, geese and restore your shore. Septic system pamphlet and Day Camp insert.

**25-18 McLaren, Flowers**

THAT we approve 2018 Spring Newsletter. CARRIED

**3. Update on Phragmites Public Information Session scheduled for Sat, Apr 28, 2018**

ELCA President has secured 2 speakers. Clerk Admin to extend an invitation to attend Council for further discussions to finalize details for the Public Information Session.

**4. Administration Update & Financial Indicator Review**

We currently have 1 tax sale proceeding from Jan 4, 2017. We forwarded 4 to start on Jan 11, 2018 and provided notice to the owners; 2 have been paid. We're preparing for the 2018 Interim tax billing. Financial Indicator Review indicates a low level of challenge across the board, except for Asset Consumption Ratio which reflects a moderate level of challenge.

**a. Pre Audit Statements from South River for 2017 shared service costs, Resolution**

**26-18 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we acknowledge Pre Audit Statements from South River for 2017 shared service costs: Fire \$23,134.02 Transfer to Reserve pending final audit, Arena amount owing \$692.54 pending final audit, Culture and Recreation balance owing \$858.74 pending final audit. CARRIED

We request the year end statements well in advance and as part of our Audit preparation. Our auditors were in office for 2017 on Feb 8, 2018. The day was hectic, but went well.

**5. Pay List by Fund for Jan, Resolution**

Several inquiries were put forward and answered.

**27-18 Flowers, McLaren**

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Jan 31, 2018: \$191,461.53. CARRIED

**a. Don Ivens Memorial Community Volunteer Award contribution to cash award**

Reviewed. Several names put forward. Nomination to be sent for Morley Lymburner.

**b. 10% Holdback Dec 31, 2017 AP**

Further discussed. Superintendent of Public Works will advise contractor.

**COMMITTEES**

**6. South River Machar Fire minutes of Feb 6, 2018, Resolution**

**28-18 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we support motions 9-14 as contained in Fire minutes of Feb 6, 2018; adopt the minutes, recommend that the Fire Chief enroll the Fire Dept into the Ontario Naloxide Program, Fire Chief's Report, declare the International Pumper surplus and dispose of it in accordance with the Village of South River procurement by-law as soon as possible after the delivery of the replacement unit, meet again on Mar 6... CARRIED

**7. South River Machar Library minutes of Jan 18, 2018, Resolution**

**29-18 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Jan 18, 2018. CARRIED

**8. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Jan 17, 2018, Resolution**

**30-18 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Jan 17, 2018. CARRIED

**9. Joint Building Committee permit summaries for Jan, Resolution**

**31-18 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge JBC Permit Summaries for Jan 2018. CARRIED

**10. District of Parry Sound EMS (Emergency Med Serv) immediate changes to response policies for medics responding onto ice, there are organizations who do have appropriate training and equip as well as the required local knowledge to safely function in an ice water environment**

**INFORMATION**

**11. Town of Lakeshore Resolution that the Government of Canada and the Government of ON be urged to immediately allocate infrastructure funding dedicated to municipalities for storm water management and drainage improvements, prioritize funding allocations according to**

the recent propensity of specific regions to flood, with a specific focus on regions that have flooded multiple times within a 1 year period

12. Town of Lakeshore Resolution that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to allocate a proportionate share of the new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana, to municipalities directly; to provide funding to municipalities for infrastructure projects
13. Township of Norwich Resolution regarding amendments to the ON Bldg Code whereas the Ministry of Housing continues to make significant changes to the scope to include provincial policy initiatives such as Environmental Protection, Resource Conservation, and Energy Conservation, whereas these expanded roles have significant impacts on local municipal Bldg Depts, requests the Province ensure the intent and regulations relevant to the ON Bldg Code continues to be principally for the protection of the public and occupant health and safety in relation to built environment and examine other avenues for other initiatives
14. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board is inviting expressions of interest for the development of new rental housing under the IAH (2014 Extension) program and the Social Infrastructure Fund Program, goal of these programs are to create affordable rental housing for households that are on, or eligible to be on, social housing waitlists. This includes, but is not limited to: seniors, person with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, victims of domestic violence, chronically homeless people, recent immigrants, working poor, single and families, available funding under the IAH program is \$748,030 and under the SIF program is \$249,185, totalling \$997,215, expression of interest must be received no later than Feb 28
15. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release – Local Data Shows Healthy Food Out of Reach for Many in our Community 2017 Cost of Healthy Eating Report, it costs a local family of four \$879 a month to eat a basic healthy diet
16. FONOM and NOMA (Northwestern ON Munic Assoc) pleased to learn that the government will soon be announcing calls for proposals for new bed developments in long term care, committed to creating 5,000 new long term care beds by 2022 and over 30,000 new beds over the next decade outlined in their recent paper; Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors, and reiterated in the Fall Economic Statement
17. 2018 FONOM/MMA Northeastern Municipal Conference hosted by the Town of Parry Sound May 9-11, 2018, keynote speaker Ken Coats-Leading thinker on Canada's future and Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation [www.parrysound.ca/fonom-mma](http://www.parrysound.ca/fonom-mma)
18. FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic) seeking Northern ON Platforms from Party Leaders, sent requests on Nov 29, 2017 to 3 main political parties, sole party to respond to date is the Progressive Conservative Party of ON, committed to bringing back the ON Northlander, reverse increases to the aviation fuel tax, invest in mobile PET scanner for N ON and repeal the Far N Act which was a sweeping price of legislation that ignored N voices and stood in the way of economic development opportunities, N ON is home to 1/3 of ON municipalities and also includes nearly 90% of the Province's landmass, require a different approach, all 3 parties should have a plan for the North, N ON needs a committed and willing Provincial partner that listens and works hard for the region and after Ontarians head to the polls on Jun 7, 2018
19. Prosperity and Growth Strategy for Northern ON; results of engagement effort now available for you to review online What We Heard; Twelve areas of action
  1. [Infrastructure \(broadband; transportation; and, energy\)](#)
  2. [Diversification and self-sufficiency](#)
  3. [Northern image](#)
  4. [Rural and remote communities](#)
  5. [Timely and effective support](#)
  6. [Shortage of human resources](#)
  7. [Indigenous participation](#)
  8. [Building on regional strengths](#)
  9. [Business supports](#)
  10. [Indigenous enterprises](#)
  11. [Technology adoption](#)
  12. [Access to support for innovation](#)
20. #CycleON Action Plan 2.0 Proposal: Open for Comment, will explore new opportunities to encourage cycling – whether for commuting or for pleasure, posted on the Environment Registry until Mar 7, 2018, invite you to review the proposal, provide your comments

- 21. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry have posted draft Watershed Planning Guidance for municipalities and planning authorities on the Environmental Registry for a 60 day review period Feb 6-Apr 7, 2018 EBR #013-1817**
- 22. AMO Communications; AMO Policy Update – Draft Fire Regulations for Municipal Comments, 2 proposed regulations under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act related to new requirements for: Mandatory training and certification for firefighters, Community risk assessments, seeking public feedback by Mar 11, 2018**
- 23. AMO Policy Update; Call to Action – Fire Medic Protection needed for Municipal Governments, only a narrow opportunity before the provincial election for municipal governments to get legislated protection from arbitrators imposing fire medic pilots or programs on unwilling municipalities, draft Resolution**
- 24. AMO Watchfile Jan 25, 2018 In This Issue**
- Main Street Revitalization announcement.
  - Ontario's proposed cannabis regulations posted for public comment.
  - Bill 68 webinar - reserve your virtual seat today.
  - AMO Conference registration is open.
  - AMO Social Media webinars begin February 14.
  - What's the Risk?
  - Digital Signatures: The Last Mile.
  - Inspire behavioural change with our March energy workshops!
  - Be prepared for the 2018 hockey season shut-down.
  - One Investment - HISA rate increase.
  - The Impact on bond pricing in a changing interest rate environment.
  - Careers with Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, Black River-Matheson and OMSSA.
- 25. AMO Watchfile Feb 1, 2018 In This Issue**
- P.J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Awards - call for submissions.
  - 2018 Rural Summit webcast.
  - Regulations expected soon for *Construction Act* (Bill 142).
  - Draft fire regulations posted for municipal comments.
  - Bill 68 webinar - reserve your virtual seat today.
  - Digital Signatures: The Last Mile.
  - AMO Conference registration is open.
  - AMO social media webinars begin February 14.
  - What's the Risk?
  - Frozen fleets: Driving EVs in winter.
  - Provide your Smart City opinions and win prizes.
  - Careers with York Region, OPS, Toronto, Waterloo and London.
- 26. AMO Watchfile Feb 8, 2018 In This Issue**
- Standard lease form.
  - Train-the-Trainer - energy savings with \$0 capital.
  - Bill 68 webinar - reserve your virtual seat today.
  - AMO Conference registration is open.
  - AMO social media webinars begin February 14.
  - What's the Risk?
  - Energy efficiency: A behavioural approach to energy savings.
  - Are you ready? Climate change & asset management.
  - Careers with Niagara Region, OPS and Brock Township.
- 27. AMCTO Legislative Express, February 5, 2018, Policy Spotlight: AMCTO Releases 2018 Pre-budget Submission, Policy Updates: Government Releases New Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation: Bill 68 Tax Sale Regulation Takes Effect: Premier Shuffles Cabinet: Federal Government, Provinces Reach Revenue Sharing Deal on Cannabis: Door-to-Door Sales Restrictions Take Effect: Federal Government Licensing New Cannabis Producers; Province Consulting on Greenbelt Expansion: StatsCan Releases Cannabis Consumption Data, Bills and Lawmaking, Bill 175, the safer Ontario Act, would introduce a broad set of reforms to policing and community safety**
- 28. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre monthly calendar of events for February – <http://www.almaguinadultlearning.org/>**
- 29. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce; Valentine's Day Social, Wed, Feb 20, 2018 at 6 pm, Michael's on Main at The Ridge, RSVP**
- 30. Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Rural Ontario Summit 2018 via an online webcast of the day's events, day-long event will include a variety of engaging speakers and panellists who will share practices and offer advice on how to generate economic development opportunities in your communities and will also feature the presentation of the Rural Ontario Leaders on Thu, Feb 15, 2018 from 10 am to 2:30 pm.**

- 31. OMAFRA Synagri Precision Agriculture workshop – Wed, Feb 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Verner; Please RSVP: [lyne.bergeron@synagri.ca](mailto:lyne.bergeron@synagri.ca) or 819-723-2007
- 32. OMAFRA Co-op Regionale’s Grow Your Margin, Shrink Your Costs, Feb 12, Sturgeon Falls
- 33. OMAFRA 2018 Farmers Symposium Sat, Feb 24, 2018, Powassan Legion Hall, E Nipissing & Parry Sound Federation of Agriculture \$10 includes lunch, doors open at 9 am
- 34. Municipal World Feb 2018; Bringing peaches back to Main St, regenerating places of faith, future of cultural planning, forging partnerships in mid-sized cities

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

Application for rezoning 1-011 received and has been sent to our planner.

**ADJOURN**

**35-18 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, Feb 26, 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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