

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR**  
**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022**

**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. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney.

Guest scheduled: Liz Bradley. Guests registered to observe: Kathleen Anderson, Faye Oei, Jodi Bennett, Verna Sohm, Linda McKenzie and Dave Jensen, Jane Broxup, Lynn and Brian Kennedy, Pearl Ivens, Carolyn and Douglas Edwards, Dale D’Allaire, Sandy Zurbrigg, Paul Rabinovitch, John Mowat.

\*All guests are teleconferenced per Covid-19 protocols.

**GUESTS**

**Presentation on Short Term Rentals**

A presentation was given as follows: 1) Introduction to Short Term Rental Accommodations, 2) Issues as related to unregulated Short Term Rental Accommodations; commercial operations in shoreline residential zones, overcapacity of rental units and septic systems, noise, excessive garbage in landfill, unsafe boating behaviour and increased boat traffic, violation of covid measures, increased stress on the maintenance of municipal roads (snowplowing and increased gravel), potentially unsafe operation of short term rentals, residents’ feelings of powerlessness and frustration, increased property values, who really benefits, 3) Commercialization of Eagle Lake, 4) Municipalities which have regulated Short Term Rentals or are considering it, Conclusion and Recommendations. The presentation was well received. The Mayor queried North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority (septic authority) stance on over capacity of Short Term Rentals. The presenter will further inquire and report back to Council at another meeting.

**Inquiry on new Fireworks By-law**

The Quick Reference Guide for Property Owners/Renters has been updated. It’s featured on the website Events page. The Fireworks By-law is on the By-laws page and featured in the 2022 Spring Newsletter.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Jan 24, 2022 minutes, Resolution**

**13-22 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we adopt minutes of Jan 24, 2022. CARRIED

**2. 2022 Spring Newsletter**

Reviewed. Revisions made to page 1 and 2. Revised copy will come back to Council.

**3. Minor Variances 3/21 – Part Lot 28, Con 7, 315 Scarlett Rd, 4/21 – Plan 196, Lot 5, Hawthorne Dr Updates**

3/21: Some questions received, answered by planner. No appeal received. Information request received. 4/21: Memo of non-compliance done.

**4. OPP Almaguin Highlands Detachment 2020 Progress Report, Police Board stats 2021**

Reviewed. Stats provided are Jan to Dec 2021 compared to 2020 for Almaguin Highlands.

**5. Ontario Housing Affordability**

Feedback on what has worked well and other opportunities to increase the supply and affordability of market housing is requested by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by Tue, Feb 15.

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

**14-22 McLaren, Flowers**

THAT we approve Pay List by Fund as of Jan 31, 2022; \$148,486.50 Grand Total. CARRIED

**a. South River Good Happenings Food Bank request for funds**

Reviewed. Approved \$500.

**COMMITTEES**

**7. Machar Recreation; Family Fund Day – Eagle Lake Narrows 3-7 pm**

Discussed. Rink preparations are underway, upcoming weather is mild (rain) and then cold. Councillor Flowers will get the hot chocolate canteens (2 x 150 cups). South River Lions Club have offered assistance. Superintendent of Public Works has sourced some seating and donation of hot chocolate. Eagle Lake Narrows Country Store are donating/doing hot dogs, Rick Vaillancourt has donated porta potty, Kidd's Home Hardware are donating paper cups. Clerk Administrator spoke to Fire Chief to extend invitations to Firefighters to attend personally and possibly volunteer for traffic control. Support for the event has again been fantastic (very much like the Halloween Walk event).

**8. South River Machar Medical minutes of Jan 18, 2022, Resolution**

**15-22 Wood, Flowers**

THAT we support motions as contained in Medical minutes of Jan 18, 2022 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, accept the quotation from TK Elevator at the South River Machar Medical Centre in the amount of \$43,801 plus applicable taxes, accept the service agreement in the amount of \$95 a month for 5 years, adjourned... CARRIED

**9. Joint Building minutes of Jan 20, 2022, Resolution**

**16-22 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Jan 20, 2022; including that the Building Inspector's wage be increased by \$1 per hour effective Jan 2, 2022 with an additional \$1 per hour upon successful completion of the Large Building Exam. CARRIED

**a. Year End Reports, Resolution**

**17-22 Flowers, McLaren**

THAT we acknowledge Joint Building Year End Reports reflecting 167 Building Permits and Total Permit Fees Collected \$345,733.75 for 2021. CARRIED

**b. Permit Summaries for Jan, Resolution**

**18-22 McLaren, Wood**

THAT we acknowledge Building Permit Summaries for Jan 2022. CARRIED

**10. FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic); NOMA, FONOM and NOSDA met jointly with government at ROMA to discuss the Mental Health, Addictions, and Homelessness Crisis in the North**

**a. Online presentations; Thu, Feb 24 – 2+1 Road Description, Solving the Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions Crisis in the North**

**b. Northern Leaders Debate, Call for Debate Questions**

**c. My Main Street Local Business Accelerator**

## 11. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board 2022 approved Budget

The 2022 budget for the DSSAB was approved on Jan 13, 2022 with a 1% increase to the municipal levy from the prior year. Machar's share for 2022 is up 1.8% to \$114,141.

### INFORMATION

12. **City of Brantford Resolution** – Experiencing substantial increase in criminal activity leaving residents fearful for their personal safety and losing confidence in the criminal justice system. Therefore, requesting the necessary steps be taken:
  - Provide additional judicial resources dedicated to Brantford to allow for matters to move as expeditiously through the court system as possible.
  - Provide such additional space and/or technological resources for the local court to ensure there is adequate space and technological resources to most efficiently address to significant local caseload and consequently decrease the time a matter takes to be fully resolve.
  - Dedicated the required resources to collect the forfeited surety monies and reinvest that money back into the provincial judicial system.
13. **City of Brantford Resolution** – Requesting imposing more demanding and stringent surety and supervision requirements and imposing more substantive and effective consequences for continued breaches of a judicial interim release order (as known as “bail”) resulting in pre-trial incarceration, which changes are required to safeguard law abiding citizens and to restore the citizens faith in the criminal justice system.
14. **City of Brantford Resolution** – Requesting necessary steps above be taken due to a substantial increase in criminal activity leaving residents fearful for their personal safety and losing confidence in the criminal justice system.
15. **Town of Halton Hills Resolution** – Requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve to OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario.
16. **Village of Sundridge, Notice of Passing of a Zoning By-Law Amendment** – The purpose of the amendment is to zone the lands to the Residential Multiple Exception (R2\*1) to permit a residential apartment building together with regulations addressing items including but not limited to the total number of units, maximum occupancy, building setbacks and parking. It is noted that an existing restaurant is also located on the subject lands and the zoning amendment would continue to recognize this use.
17. **Township of Aurora Ontario Land Tribunal, Dissolve OLT Motion** – Successive provincial governments of all political stripes have failed to have due regard for municipal authority in local land use planning decisions. If municipalities had the authority to enforce their provincially approved Official Plans, then thousands of units of housing could be built in York Region alone without any further delay. This Motion requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT and recognize the authority of municipal councils in local land use planning decisions.
18. **Town of Aurora, Dissolve OLT Motion** – Requests that municipalities request that the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario.
19. **MPAC, AMO LAS E-Permitting RFP Selection and Municipal Pilot Project Opportunity** – AMO and MPAC launched a search for a preferred digital provider of electronic building permits. On Jan 17, 2022 Cloudpermit was announced as the successful candidate in this search for e-permitting partner through a competitive RFP process. AMO, its business services arm Local Authority and MPAC are now seeking municipalities to participate in a pilot of the platform. The pilot will evaluate the broad benefits of e-permitting solutions for the municipal sector and will share all findings with Ontario municipalities in order to demonstrate the benefits of e-permitting in Ontario.
20. **MPAC, InTouch, Jan 2022** – AMO partners with electronic permitting system provider Cloudpermit. MPAC update at the 2022 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference. Upcoming webinar, Enumeration Update – VoterLookup Toolkit, Feb 3, 2022 from 1-2 pm.
21. **MPAC, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Update** – Upcoming departure of Christ Rickett, Director of our Municipal and Stakeholder Relations (MSR) team at MPAC, effective Feb 17. Chris is leaving to assume a new role as Director of Economic Growth, Culture and Entrepreneurship with the City of Markham.
22. **Solicitor General, Summary of Program Review** – The Ministry of the Solicitor General is committed to keeping communities across Ontario safe, supported and protected. The ministry is taking a phased approach in response to the program review to ensure a pathway for future planning and continuous improvement predicated on good evidence that addresses gaps in the program review. It is important to note that there will be no changes to the overall funding envelope of the CSPT TP Program, subject to the regular fiscal process.
23. **AMO Events, Municipal Energy Symposium, Registration is Open** – The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Local Authority Services (LAS) Municipal Energy Symposium will be held virtually Mar 31 and Apr 1, 2022. This in demand event will bring thought leaders, municipal experts and key stakeholders together for action on energy, climate change and planning in a post-COP 26 world. The deadline to submit proposals is Feb 4, 2022.

- 24. AMO Communications, AMO WatchFile, Jan 20, 2022, In This Issue –**
- Community housing regulatory posting.
  - ROMA Conference 2022: Information you need to know to participate.
  - AMO/LAS Municipal Energy symposium Mar 31 – Apr 1, registration open now.
  - Managing your Occupational Health and Safety Program with 4SafeCom.
  - Blog: Does your municipality use safety technology?
  - New Year’s Resolution: Help staff performance with LED lighting.
  - Canoe vendor spotlight: Siemens Canada.
  - Canoe webinar: Sharp Technology.
  - Careers: Brampton and the Ontario Securities Commission.
- 25. AMO Communications, AMO WatchFile, Jan 27, 2022, In This Issue –**
- Proposed updated Standards of Care under PAWS Act.
  - Inclusive Communities Grant.
  - AMO/LAS Municipal Energy Symposium Mar 31 – Apr 1. Registration Open.
  - AMO/LAS Municipal Energy Symposium – Call for Proposals.
  - Keynote confirmed for AMO-LAS Energy Symposium.
  - ROMA’s action plan Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a Post-Covid World launched.
  - Canoe webinar: Doosan & Bobcat.
  - Canoe vendor spotlight: FLO.
  - Careers: Georgian Bay Vaughan.
- 26. AMO Communications, AMO WatchFile Feb 3, 2022, In This Issue –**
- Inclusive Communities Grant.
  - Webinars announced for Subwatershed Planning Guide Consultation.
  - Webinars announced for Conservation Authorities Act Phase 2 Regulations.
  - Factsheets available for Excess Soil Registry.
  - AMO/LAS Municipal Energy Symposium Mar 31 – Apr 1, Registration Open.
  - AMO/LAS Municipal Energy Symposium – Call for Proposals.
  - Webinar: eScribe election webinar series.
  - Canoe vendor spotlight: Geotab.
  - Canoe webinar: Doosan & Bobcat.
  - Blog: Citizen Insights to Boost Your Community Engagement.
  - Sponsored message from NWMO.
  - Careers: Simcoe and Toronto.
- 27. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update, Firefighter Certification Consultation, Water Infrastructure Funding, Subwatershed Planning Guide Consultation –** The consultation document is now posted to Ontario’s Regulatory Registry and will be open for feedback until Feb 28, 2022.
- 28. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update, Firefighter Certification Model Consultations, Water Infrastructure Funding, Subwatershed Planning Guide Consultation –** The province released a consultation document on proposed firefighter certification model that would introduce mandatory minimum certification requirements for specific fire protection services in Ontario. The consultation document is now posted to Ontario’s Regulatory Registry and will be open for feedback until Feb 28, 2022.
- 29. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update, Housing Affordability Takes Force Report and Call to Re-examine Hospital Capital Funding –** The Task Force reports recommendations include five main areas to quickly increase the supply of marketing housing, to meet a goal of adding 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. These areas include:
- Making changes to planning policies and zoning to allow for greater density and increase the variety of housing;
  - Reduce and streamline urban design rules to lower costs of development;
  - Depoliticize the approvals process to address NIMBYism and cut red tape to speed up housing;
  - Prevent abuse of the appeal process and address the backlog at the Ontario Land Tribunal by prioritizing cases that increase housing; and
  - Align efforts between all levels of government to incentivize more housing.
- 30. AMCTO, The Municipal Experts, Advocacy Update: Inventory of Required Municipal Reports –** On Fri, Jan 21, 2022, AMCTO was notified that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has made this information available online via the Municipal Finance Officers’ Association of Ontario (MFOA) website. While AMCTO welcomes the long-overdue release of information. They have several significant concerns with this inventory and the way it is being presented. Mainly, they want to be clear that:
- AMCTO was not provided an opportunity to review the inventory and therefore we are not in a position to stand-by its validity.
  - Other than the four reports highlighted on the MFOA site, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing continues to refuse to account for the reports it claims to have eliminated, consolidated, or simplified.
  - There has been no commitment from the current Government to engage our Association and members in a future dialogue about addressing the municipal reporting burden in a real, meaningful, measurable and transparent manner.

- 31. AMCTO, AMCTO At The 2022 ROMA Conference** – Advocacy Update: Moving out Local Government Priorities Forward at the 2022 ROMA Conference, proud to participate in the 2022 ROMA conference which took place from Jan 24-25.
- 32. AMCTO, Issue at a Glance: Municipal Financial Sustainability** – The issue at a Glance is a briefing note series that provides local government professionals with quick, digestible information on a range of key policy matters. When it comes to these issues, members would like to see:
- Predictable long-term funding supports that are reflective of the value and cost for the services municipalities are expected to deliver.
  - Grants and other funding envelope timelines that respect local decision-making processes including but not limited to municipal budget cycles and fiscal year-end; and
  - No transferring of responsibilities without consultation and consideration of municipal revenue streams and long-term costs.
- 33. FCM Communique, FCM Voice: Factsheets to Help Achieve Your 2050 Climate Goals, What FCM Has Achieved for its Members, Asset Management Case Study** –
- Factsheets to help your community achieve its 2050 climate goals.
  - What FCM has achieved for its members.
  - Update to grade crossing regulations.
  - Case study: How asset management planning leads to sustainable futures.
  - Report: How council can better evaluate infrastructure investment priorities.
  - Roadmap to connectivity: a community guide to high-speed internet.
  - LC3 initiatives making headlines.
- 34. MECP, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Regulatory and Policy Proposals Under the conservation Authorities Act** – Building off 2021 to progress and to support a smooth transition by conservation authorities to the new funding framework by Jan 1, 2024, the second phase of regulatory and policy proposals have been posted for consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. The government is making these proposals to improve overall governance, oversight, transparency, and accountability of conservation authority operations, and the proposals include municipal levy provisions, proposed budget process, and classes of programs and services for which conservation authorities can charge a fee. The ministry will be hosting a webinar focused for municipalities and municipal associations, as well as general webinars, to provide an overview of the proposals and answer my technical questions you may have about the proposals.
- Municipalities Focused Webinar: Feb 8, 2022 at 2:00 – 3:30 pm.
  - Webinar Session 1: Feb 4, 2022 from 10:00 to 11:30 am.
  - Webinar Session 2: Feb 10, 2022 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.
- 35. MECP Land Policy, Proposed Subwatershed Planning Guide** – The proposed guide provides a general framework for subwatershed planning and include:
- Roles and responsibilities.
  - Relationship between watershed planning and land use and infrastructure planning.
  - Purpose and principals of subwatershed planning.
  - Steps, best practices and approaches applicable to subwatershed planning.
  - Best practices for Indigenous community and stakeholder engagement in the subwatershed planning process.
  - Some key technical tools and considerations.
- The proposed guide has been posted to the Environmental Registry for a 45-day public consultation from Jan 27, 2022 to Mar 13, 2022. To review and comment on the proposed document, please see the Environmental Registry proposal notice at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4978>.
- 36. OMAFRA, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Letter from OMAFRA and AAFC** – Strengthening the agriculture and agri-food sector is critical to Canada’s economic growth. In partnership, the Governments of Canada and Ontario are working to deliver the greatest benefits for farmers, food processors and Canadian families. In recognition of the crucial role municipalities play, the payment amount provided to municipalities will increase to \$50 per application, from the previous \$30, for any application with an injury/kill date of Feb 1, 2022 onwards. This increase recognized that municipalities’ incremental costs of program delivery have increase because of changes made over the past few years to strengthen the program. To ensure a smooth transition date, Feb 1, 2022, municipalities will be able to begin accessing the increased payment amount through OWDCP. This coming into force date will also ensure a smooth transition, as well as minimize any potential errors in payments or financial reporting. Updated program guidelines are available at [www.ontario.ca/repredation](http://www.ontario.ca/repredation).
- 37. CN, North America’s Railroad, CN Announces Appointment of Tracy Robinson as President and Chief Executive Officer CN CEO Press Release-Final** – This appointment follows the previously announced retirement of current CEO Jean-Jacques Ruest. Tracy joins CN from TC Energy, where she is currently the Executive Vice-President and President, Canadian Natural Gas Pipelines and President, Coastal GasLink. Prior to joining TC Energy, Ms. Robinson previously spent almost three decades at Canadian Pacific.
- 38. Blue Sky Net, Tech-Talk Feb 2022: Online Security, Resources for Business and Tech-Tips** – In Feb’s Tech-Talk they provide information and resources that will help in keeping technology assets safe and secure from

potential threats. The Business Technology Improvement Fund is still accepting applications, if you're a full-time business seeking an e-business technology upgrade, please visit [www.bluesky.net.ca/btif](http://www.bluesky.net.ca/btif).

- 39. Tribunals Ontario, Assessment Review Board, Appeals Resolution Strategy Update** – As of Jan 1, 2022, the Board has total of 22,340 outstanding appeals against 6,175 properties, broken down follows:
- 7,505 original assessment appeals
  - 14,835 deemed assessment appeals
  - 742 tax appeals
- The Board continues to evaluate its caseload and improve processes that were established at the beginning of 2017. Building on the Board's successes to date, with a continued focus on our digital-first approach to providing services.
- 40. NDMNRF, Updates on Rural Housing Summit and Initiatives** – The government recently held their first Housing Summit and is working with municipalities to ensure they have the tools they need to unlock housing through this Summit as well as at a Rural Housing Affordability Roundtable with rural, remote and northern municipalities on Jan 23. Ontario Municipal Summit seeks solutions to build more homes, province announces more than \$45 million to help the streamline development approvals and increase housing supply.
- 41. NDMNRF, Safer and Vital Communities Grant Now Open to Mar 3, 2022** – The Safer and Vital Communities Grant provides time-limited funding to community-based, not for-profit organizations, and First Nations communities and organizations to address local risks to safety and well-being in the community. The theme of the 2022-2023 grant is "Preventing Cybercrime through Community Collaboration". The program aims to create safer communities in Ontario that will support community and public safety organizations to work collaboratively to create awareness about and reduce the risk of crimes that are committed online with a focus on:
- Hate crimes
  - Human trafficking
  - Fraud
- You must submit your application by Mar 4, 2022 by 4:00 pm.
- 42. NDMNRF, Species at Risk Partnership on Agricultural Lands (SARPAL) 2022 Intake Opens Feb 14, 2022 – Program highlights:**
- 50% cost-sharing level, to a maximum of \$20,000 per farm business.
  - First come, first served (the program will close as soon as funds are fully allocated).
  - Up to \$50/acre for delayed haying projects.
  - Up to \$50/tree for tree planting projects.
  - Up to \$11.50/m of permanent fence and \$2.45/m for temporary fence.
  - Up to maximum of \$2,000 in in-kind.
  - Tree Service Agreements for spring 2023 tree planting.
  - Conservation Agreements must be signed between the producer and environment and Climate Change Canada. These agreements will ensure habitat protection for SAR.
- To apply and access the SARPAL details and brochure: <https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs-sarpal/>.
- 43. NDMNRF, New! Labour Attraction and Retention Targeted Intake of the RED Program – Opens Feb 7, 2022** – The guidelines and application for the new Labour Attraction and Retention targeted intake of the RED program will be available on Feb 7, 2022. This funding will support initiatives that address barriers to economic development and position rural communities for economic growth and job creation, such as:
- Marketing and outreach campaigns to grow rural Ontario's workforce.
  - Connecting youth and apprentices to job opportunities and placements.
  - Creating dedicated spaces such as innovation hubs and youth centres to develop partnerships and foster innovations.
- 44. NDMNRF, Inclusive Community Grants Program, Open Now** – These grants provide successful municipalities, non-profit community organizations, and Indigenous communities with up to \$60,000 for a local project that will help older residents and people with disabilities participate in community life. This year, Ontario will prioritize projects that support under-served communities and those that address COVID-19-related challenges. The Inclusive Community Grant (ICG) Program helps ensure local governments and community organizations consider Ontarians of all ages and abilities at every stage of community planning and development inclusive communities respond to both the opportunities and challenge of an aging population by:
- Creating physical and social environments that support independent and active living.
  - Enabling older adults and people with disabilities to continue contributing to all aspects of community life.
- 45. NDMNRF, Registration Open! Northern Agriculture Conference on Feb 17 & 18, 2022** – Registration and details are available here: <https://www.nofia-agri.com/northern-ontario-ag-conference>.
- 46. NDMNRF, Expanded ConnectON Economic Development Tool, The North and Tourism Sectors** – Heads up that the ConnectON tool has now been expanded to include the North and the Tourism Sector. Link to the website: <https://www.connecton.ca/ConnectON/login.home>.
- 47. NDMNRF, Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund for Indigenous Communities and**
- 48. Organizations, Now Open!** – Deadline, you must submit your application by Feb 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

- 49. NFMNRF, Skill Development Fund Round 2** – Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, The Skills Development Fund Round 2 is non-competitive continuous intake program. Application must be submitted by Feb 7, 2022 at 11:59 pm.
- 50. NDMNRF, Municipal Energy Plan Program, Open** – Application are accepted on an ongoing basic, through the Municipal Energy Plan Program, you can get funding to develop a plan that will help your community:
- Improve energy efficiency.
  - Reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Study the impact of future growth on energy needs.
  - Foster renewable energy production and economic development.
- 51. NDMNRF, Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program, Open Now** – Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, applications are due by Feb 18, 2022.
- 52. NDMNRF, Join Judith Tait on Mar 8 at TBC's International Women's Day Event – Register Now!** – Mar 8, 2022 from 7 to 8 pm, celebrating entrepreneurship, business management and leadership in the small businesses space, we will be hosting a webinar with Judith Tait, to RSVP to attend the free event visit <https://bit.ly/3rhMnQG>.
- 53. NDMNRF, Ontario Publishes Housing Affordability Task Force Report** – The Task Force report's recommendations include l've main areas to quickly increase the supply of market housing, to meet a goal of adding 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years:
- Make changes to planning policies and zoning to allow for greater density and increase the variety of housing.
  - Reduce and streamline urban design rules to lower costs of development.
  - Depoliticize the approvals process to address NIMBYism and cut red tape to speed up housing.
  - Prevent abuse of the appeal process and address the backlog at the Ontario Land Tribunal by prioritizing cases that increase housing.
  - Align efforts between all levels of government to incentivize more housing.
- 54. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre, Feb Calendar, Workshops and More!** – Continues to be closed to in person service through Jan but expect to be able to reopen Feb 1 as had been announced. Food & Finance combines food security and financial literacy, as well as certifications which improve both personal and employment outcomes. This workshop is weekly on Wed from 1:00 to 3:30 for 7 weeks beginning Feb 2. They are filling up fast! Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World looks at the causes and solutions to poverty, both personally and socioeconomically. Its aim is to allow those participating to identify and leverage the assets they currently possess, or have access to, as a way to reach their goals. This workshop is weekly on Thu from 1:00 to 3:30 for 9 weeks beginning Feb 17.
- Link to website: <https://www.almaguinadultlearning.org/workshopsignup.html>.
- 55. BAO, Lifeline: 2 New BAO Board Directors, ALR Reminder** – The recent additions of Lucy Becker and Andrew Roy bring the board to its full complement of 10 members, welcome to the both of them! Reminder, Submit your Annual Licensure Renewal ALR Form by Mar 31, 2022.

#### **INFORMATION-COVID-19**

- 56. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Help Protect Your Children, Have Them Vaccinated against COVID-19** – The North Bay Health Unit is encouraging parents to have their five to eleven-years-old children vaccinated against COVID-19. As of Feb 2, 2022, at 3 pm 4,365 individuals aged five to eleven years have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This represents 51 per cent of the five to eleven-year old's in our Health Unit district.
- 57. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Locations with Available Appointments:**
- Mattawa, North Bay, Parry Sound, Sturgeon Falls, Sundridge  
For more information, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated).
- 58. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in North Bay and Sturgeon Falls Accepting Walk-ins** – Walk-ins 12 years of age and older are welcome at the following COVID-19 vaccine clinic locations today (Jan 26)
- Best Western, 700 Lakeshore Dr, North Bay.
  - Maracel Noel Hall, 219 O'Hara St, Sturgeon Falls.
- 59. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in Parry Sound Accepting Walk-ins** – Walk-ins are welcome at up coming COVID-19 vaccine clinics taking place at the Parry Sound Mall Jan 28 & 29. For more information, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated) or call the Health Unit Call Centre at 1-844-478-1400.
- 60. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Children's COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic in North Bay Accepting Walk-ins** – Parents and guardians with questions or concerns please visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/KidsCOVIDVaccine](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/KidsCOVIDVaccine).
- 61. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Book and Appointment or Walk-in to COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week** – The following clinics are taking place in the Health Unit district this week:
- North Bay, Parry Sound, Sturgeon Falls, Sundridge
  - Children must be at least five years of age to receive a vaccine at a children's clinic.



- 62. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week, By Appointment or Walk-in** – Individuals should bring a health card or another form of identification. Individuals can book an appointment at [www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine.com](http://www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine.com) at the following locations:
- Astorville, Mattawa, North Bay, Parry Sound, Sturgeon Falls
- 63. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, RELEASE, CEP Blog, Weathering the Pandemic Storm as the Pandemic Drags On** – The current COVID-19 landscape with Omicron is likely the biggest test of the hospitals’ response with rising case numbers in a relatively short period of time from a highly contagious variant amidst a shrinking workforce. For previous blogs by Natalie Bubela, visit <http://muskokaalgonquinhealthcare.blogspot.com/>.
- 64. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, COVID-19 Outbreak Status Declared at SMMH, News Release** – Outbreak status has been declared in consultation with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) after four patients and one staff member on a medical inpatient unit at the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Site tested positive for COVID-19. The COVID-positive patients along with high-risk contact patients have been placed in isolation and only those patients at SMMH are not permitted to have visitors.
- 65. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, News Release, HDMH South Wing in COVID-19 Outbreak** – Testing of patients and staff is occurring as part of outbreak management protocols, and enhanced cleaning practices are underway to limit spread.
- 66. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, News Release, COVID-19 Outbreak at SMMH Declared Over** – The outbreak, originally declared on Jan 26, was lifted on Feb 7 and included four patient cases and two staff cases in total.
- 67. MMAH, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steps to Cautiously and Gradually Ease Public Health Measures While Protecting Hospital and Health Care Capacity** – On Jan 20, 2022, the government announced that province will exit Modified Stage Two and return all public health units to Step Three on Jan 31, 2022.
- Jan 31, 2022: Ontario begins the process of gradually easing restrictions, while maintaining protective measures.
  - Feb 21, 2022: Ontario intends to lift public health measures, increasing social gatherings to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
  - Mar 14, 2022, Ontario intends to take additional steps to ease public health measures, lifting capacity limits in all indoor public settings, proof of vaccination will be maintained in existing settings in addition to other regular measures.
- 68. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Notice to the Profession: Current Registrar’s Directives Remain in Place** – Changes to the COVID-19 restrictions were announced today for several sectors, but no changes have been made to the bereavement sector of funeral homes, transfer services, crematoriums, cemeteries and hydrolysis facilities at this time. The BAO’s public website provides easy reference to the two recent Registrar’s Directives:
- Jan 7 – Crematoriums must prevent backlogs
  - Jan 4 – New temporary rules for funeral services
- The BAO also issued a Notice to the Professions:
- Jan 6 – Registrar authorizes colleges to make students available to work.
- 69. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Registrar’s Directive: Updated COVID-19 Measures** –
- New temporary rules for funeral services extended until further notice.
  - Requirement for crematoriums to prevent accumulations of decedents beyond two days is rescinded.
- 70. BAO, Bereavement of Authority of Ontario, LifeLine: Hold Tight, New Directive, 2 C&M Calculators, BAO & You In The News** – The Jan 28 Registrar’s Directive provides updates on these subjects:
- New temporary rules for funeral services extended until further notice.
  - Directive requirement for crematoriums to prevent accumulations of decedents beyond two days is rescinded.

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

**19-22 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; labour relations or employee negotiations; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Time 7:40 pm. CARRIED

**20-22 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:55 pm. CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

**21-22 Flowers, McLaren**

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 28, 2022. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton  
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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT