

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 22, 2021**

Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Mayor Carleton with respect to 3. as she works part time for the applicant's solicitor.

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillor Neil Scarlett and Bart Wood. Councillor Blair Flowers joined the meeting in progress. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul.

Guest attending: Fire Chief Risto Maki. Guests observing: Pearl Ivens, John Mowat and Marvin Nolan.

The meeting was conducted by teleconference as we remain under the stay-at-home order.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Feb 8, Jan 26 & Feb 11, 2021 minutes, Resolution

27-21 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt Feb 8, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

28-21 Wood, McLaren

THAT we accept Jan 26 and Feb 11, 2021 minutes from the Village of South River. CARRIED

2. Application for Lakeshore Road Allowance Fee Comparison, Resolution

Discussed comparator provided by the Village of Sundridge. Land cost varies, but ours is the lowest. Square foot amount will be changed to reflect the average, also proposed by Sundridge in 2021.

29-21 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we update our Application to Purchase Lakeshore Road Allowance land cost to \$1.00 per square foot plus HST. CARRIED

3. Application for Lakeshore Road Allowance 5-116/7, Resolution

Property owner has pre-consulted and planner has recommended 3 steps. One of the steps has already been completed, deeming by-law to merge the lots, this is another step in the process.

30-21 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we accept Application to Purchase Lakeshore Road Allowance 5-116/117 for processing. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

4. Machar Public Works minutes of Feb 11, 2021, Resolution

Pandemic Plan suggested for the Emergency Plan is under review, and meeting will be held once all the updates are done. We're planning to install a Display Sign Board at the Landfill where private businesses can put their signs, rather than in various locations spread out through the Township. No private business signs are permitted at our Parks, Beaches, Boat Launches or Cemeteries.

31-21 McLaren, Wood

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Feb 11, 2021. CARRIED

5. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Jan 2021 (no Fire Chief's Report for Dec)

Update on the Arena provided; in light of the extended shutdown for our area, the ice removal will

begin. Mar 8 does not leave enough time for a meaningful season. Thanks for all your patience through this process. Council instructed the Clerk Administrator to ask; what they're going to do about staffing? Arena Manager's Report for Jan, Income Statement and AP Ledger provided. Fire Income Statement and AP Ledger provided for Jan, Fire Chief's Report for Dec-Feb provided. Mayor Carleton inquired on training and the Fire Chief provided an update on the Ontario Fire College. Unfortunately, the physical Fire College is already closed and it doesn't appear that municipal efforts calling for reconsideration will be successful. We previously passed a Resolution on this matter.

6. Fire and Arena Budget Meeting Follow-up and Mayor Coleman's Statement, Resolution

Further to the meeting on Feb 11 with South River, South River has provided revised Budgets.

Councillor Wood reiterated his concern about using money for capital reserves. The 2021 Fire Budget reflects \$12,500 Fire Response Revenue rather than \$15,000 per 2020 Budget. Financing costs for 3 vehicles are currently approximately 25% of the expenses. Fire Chief has indicated the Remote Rescue 6 (side by side) is planned for replacement next year and the next truck planned is a Mini Pumper in 2028 at an estimated 2028 cost of \$400,000. Council reiterated we've always made sure the Fire Dept has what they need and that year end results are forecasting an approximate \$64,000 Fire Dept 2020 Budget surplus which goes into the Fire Dept Reserve for capital purposes. Fire Chief inquired if we received his revised Budget information based on the recommended 2021 budget, which we haven't. We've only received the initial Budget information, so he will provide it.

Councillor Wood expressed the Arena may be challenged with less revenues now that the stay-at-home order has been extended, however a layoff of staff would offset the difference for the Arena.

South River has also now provided the statement read by Mayor Coleman at the start of the Feb 11 meeting, which hadn't been provided in advance nor included on the agenda. Discussion ensued. Council expressed frustration and emphasized we should have a say in what our money is used for and where it goes. Shared services have been difficult as we've had little say nor control over what happens after our input is given. We'll need to make sure new agreements represent our taxpayers and a fair playing field. South River has also suggested a new cost sharing proposal for the Arena. The Arena is owned by South River and they control the staff. Several ideas were put forward for inclusion in the agreements. A Machar taxpayer is a major contributor to revenues at the Arena.

32-21 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we accept proposed 2021 Budgets for Fire in the amount of \$185,539 our contribution representing a 3.57% increase and Arena in the amount of \$88,259 our contribution representing a 2.38% increase over the total budget approved Jan 2020 and 7.54% over the revised total budget prepared Jun 2020, and subject to overall Township budgetary requirements. CARRIED

Councillor Wood voted nay on the above Resolution, only due to his objection to 2021 Fire Budget.

7. South River Machar Library Minutes of Jan 13 & Feb 10, 2021, Annual Report 2020 & Budget 2021, Resolution

Snowshoes are available to sign out for 1 week at a time, a \$1,000 Reserve has been added to Budget.

33-21 Wood, Flowers

THAT we accept Library minutes of Jan 13 and Feb 10, 2021, Annual Report to Councils 2020 and proposed 2021 Budget in the amount of \$33,473.97 our contribution representing a 2.25% increase, and subject to overall Township budgetary requirements. CARRIED

8. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Feb 16, 2021 & Budget 2021, Resolution

Status of lower level tenant was queried, the lease expires Jul 31, 2021, Chairperson is expecting communication on intent around 90 days before, elevator won't be pursued unless there's a need. Deficit realized in 2020 where we've usually had surpluses is due to the lower level upgrades, and will come from Reserve currently at \$116,441. Community Contribution to RNPGA was explained.

34-21 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of Feb 16, 2021 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, proposed 2021 budget be paid out of reserves, now adjourned until Mar 16, 2021... CARRIED

District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board Monthly Report Feb 2021

INFORMATION

- 9. City of St. Catharines Resolution** – The Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness. The lack of paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and reduced ability to work from home. The City of St. Catharines endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemics and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status.
- 10. Perth Country Motion** – Asking the province to update the CVA calculations to bring them in line with current property valuations and further to consider the impacts of the urban-rural mix of the region and the resultant impact causing residents to disproportionately carry the tax burden over citizens in neighbouring regions without the inclusion of single tier municipalities in their borders.
- 11. Township of Baldwin Motion** – The province wants to mandate training levels for Fire Fighters and now wishes to close the Ontario Fire College located in Gravenhurst, Ontario which has been used for many Government agencies such as Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Provincial Police, Fire Fighters, both full time and volunteer. Only a small percentage of the department has any formal training and are responsible to train junior fire fighters with the minimal training they receive and requests the Province of Ontario to reconsider closing this all-important facility for dollars over lives.
- 12. Township of Terrace Bay Resolution** – Requests the Province of Ontario reverse their 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 fire fighters which assists us in protecting our residents.
- 13. Township of Terrace Bay Resolution** – Supports the Rainy River District Municipal Association in its call to the Minister of Finance of the Province of Ontario to undertake ongoing consideration of municipal taxation for railroad rights of way properties based on a per tonne-mile concept.
- 14. Town of Parry Sound Resolution** – Requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College.
- 15. Town of Orangeville Resolution** – Requesting that the Government of Ontario develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation, and direct the IESO to accelerate the use of renewable electricity supply, energy storage, and energy efficiency in all sectors, in order to reduce provincial greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible and bolster our competitiveness in the global cleantech marketplace and overall emerging low-carbon economy.
- 16. Town of Gravenhurst Resolution** – The Province of Ontario reconsider the closure of the Ontario Fire College, if the closure occurs, the facility and site in the Town of Gravenhurst be considered to be the location of a regional Training Centre for Fire and Emergency Services, for all the people of Ontario.
- 17. Township of Georgian Bay Resolution** – Supports that Council send a letter of support to the Municipality of Charlton and Dack to immediately review the recommendations to investigate the unethical practice to preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.
- 18. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Boil Water Advisory Issued for Residents of the Town of Verner** – Due to a water main break, residents should prepare to be under the boil water advisory for at least three days, possibly longer, as the Health Unit awaits the required water testing results. The Health Unit will advise the public through the media, on the Health Unit's website and municipal personnel when the boil water advisory has been lifted.
- 19. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Boil Water Advisory Lifted for Residents of the Town of Verner** – The boil water advisory for residents of the Town of Verner on municipal water has been lifted. For more information, call the Health Unit at 705-474-1400 or 1-800-563-2808, or learn more at www.myhealthunit.ca/boilwateradvisory.
- 20. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Celebrate Super Bowl LV in the Safety of Your Home** – Although the Stay-at-Home Order is still in effect, there are many virtual ways to take in the day with friends and family:

- Plan a videoconference with your friends and loved ones and watch together.
 - Set up a group chat and keep connected while watching at your individual homes.
 - Coordinate a menu amongst friends, so that everyone can “virtually” share the same game day snacks.
 - Support local restaurants by ordering your favourite take-out for delivery or pick-up.
 - Set up game day challenges to stay active and competitive with your friends and family.
- The Health Unit reminds residents that the provincial Stay-at-Home Order means that you cannot gather indoors with people you do not live with, or if you live alone with people outside your one exclusive close contact family. Traveling outside your home should be limited except for going to work or school, and for essential trips such as groceries, medication and medical appointments.
- 21. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce, 2021 Community Guide** – Opening up ad space in the 2021 Community Guide. 2021 Guide will be released in time for the Canada Day long weekend. Ad space tends to sell quickly, with 10,000 copies distributed from Barrie to Sudbury. Feel free to reach out to Community Guide Chair, Kate Hood, with any questions or concerns ahccguideasd@gmail.com and 705-493-7350.
- 22. FONOM, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities** – Pleased with the recent transportation safety and improvements in northern Ontario. Municipalities across the North have provided resolutions supporting the proposed project and see it as a financially feasible way to create safer and more efficient travel. Mark Wilson was the lead for “Going the Extra Mile for Safety (GEMS),” a committee of the Temiskaming Shores and Area of Chamber of Commerce. Wilson also presented the concept during presentations to the annual conferences of the Ontario Good Roads Association and FONOM. Both presentations generated significant interest and support for the 2+1 model, which has significantly reduced fatalities and severe injuries in many countries worldwide.
- 23. FONOM, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, LAS on Insurance** – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) shared some initial data gathered from their members on insurance premiums. The data captures the percentage increase in premiums from 2020 to 2021 for nearly 65 municipalities. The average rate of increase is just over 20% and for many smaller communities, this is simply not sustainable. One municipal government noted that it must now increase taxes to ratepayers by 2.5% to simply make up for the increase on its insurance premiums. This scenario, left unaddressed, will continue to draw property tax dollars away from key public services for Ontario residents.
- 24. AMO Communications, Policy Update** – Expanded Library Broadband, the Province announced a \$4.8 million investment to upgrade broadband at public libraries in unserved and underserved communities. This investment is part of the Province’s Up to Speed: Ontario’s Broadband and Cellular Action Plan. AMO’s Response to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission.
- 25. AMO Communication, Policy Update** – Province outlines new social assistance vision with municipal role changes. A new division of labour would see the Province assuming responsibility for financial assistance of administration. Municipal governments will focus on life stabilization services to people, including persons with disabilities. March break delayed, as a method to reduce community COVID transmission, Ontario has announced that they are postponing March break until Apr 12-16, 2021.
- 26. AMO WatchFile, Feb 4, 2021, In This Issue** –
- Report out on Jan 29, 2021 AMO Board Meeting.
 - AMO’s submission to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission.
 - Maple Medical to help AMO members/communities by donating certified PPEs.
 - Electrical Safety Authority warns of stockpiling material under overhead powerlines.
 - Health & Safety and Training initiatives to support businesses during COVID-19.
 - Managing COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments online – webinar.
 - Must-see Municipal Group Buying webinars.
 - CNIB resources for blind or partially sighted pedestrian safety.
 - ROI Knowledge Centre – Impact of COVID-19 on non-metro businesses.
 - Careers: Muskoka District and City of Kitchener.
- 27. AMO WatchFile, Feb 11, 2021, In This Issue** –
- AMO electronic permitting platform survey.
 - An opportunity to transform your meetings.
 - Applications open for Ontario’s New Skills Development Fund.
 - Ontario helping keep seniors safe and connected during COVID-19.
 - Healthy Communities Initiative.
 - Managing COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments online – webinar.

- Group Buying with LAS just got easier!
- Fleet upfitting with the Municipal Group Buying Program.
- FCM funding available for road/sidewalk assessments.
- AMONTario Climate Change & Asset Management Conference.
- Careers: Halton Hills, Toronto and Niagara Falls.

28. AMCTO, An Open Letter to Ontario Municipal Councils – Municipal professionals across this entire province have been at the forefront of service delivery, applying their knowledge and skills to innovate processes and procedures to meet the evolving needs of residents and businesses. One key point that is often overlooked in this pandemic is that many municipal staff were prepared to act and innovate because of the professional municipal training and development they receive from organizations like AMCTO. The leadership skills, education and technical training prepare your staff in getting ahead of immediate community needs, reacting and responding to new challenges brought on by COVID-19. This unique and sought-after skillset has allowed your staff to provide council with options and solutions for keeping your municipality running. In these challenging financial times, there will be temptation to divert operational funding away from staff training budgets. Now more than ever, it is crucial that municipalities continue to invest in your most valuable resource – your staff.

29. FCM Communiqué – FCM’s Big City Mayors’ Caucus to meet ahead of Budget 2021, with a crucial federal budget approaching, FCM’s Big City Mayors’ Caucus (BCMC) meets virtually this week to discuss their municipal vision for Canada’s economic recovery, and the critical support needed to ensure cities and communities can help keep Canadians safe. Virtual workshop: Introduction to PCP Milestones 4 & 5, on Feb 18 at 1:00 p.m. ET, join ICLEI Canada and FCM for a free virtual workshop on the final two steps of the Milestone Framework can help your community:

- Implement a local climate action plan
- Engage stakeholders
- Monitor progress
- Report results

Take your green project to the next level, tune into the Green Municipal Fund (GMF’s) free webinar on Mar 2 at 1 p.m. ET and learn how to make the leap from idea to “shovel-ready” for your sustainable initiative. Announcing the winners of FCM’s 2020 International Awards. Universal Broadband Fund: deadline extended to Mar 15, 2021. If you have questions about completing your application, you can connect with the federal “pathfinder” service by phone (1-800-328-6189) or email. Black History Month in your community, Feb is Black History Month and FCM will be featuring key moments in Canadian municipal history impacting Black people and people of African descent on Twitter. Funding to make affordable housing more sustainable, are you looking to improve building performance in your municipality? Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative provides funding for affordable housing providers to retrofit existing housing, or build new, energy efficient units that emit lower GHG emissions. How to redevelop brownfields in every province and territory. Working hard to meet the needs of municipalities, Canada Post is evolving to meet the needs of businesses, including Municipal governments like yours. They are currently assessing the need for financial services. This survey explores the current and anticipated needs of your municipal government office.

30. FCM Communiqué – New federal investments in rural transportation, to help drive the strong, nationwide recovery for Canadians need a clear sign that FCM’s work on behalf of rural communities is having an impact. FCM welcomes landmark recovery-supporting transit investment, public transit is the backbone of livable and competitive cities, and it will be key to Canada’s post-COVID recovery. Investing in transit, creates jobs, shortens commutes, reduces emissions and supports economic growth across the country.

31. FCM Communiqué – Federal transit commitments answer FCM’s call, the federal government announced a landmark new investment in public transit that directly responds to years of advocacy by FCM. FCM’s 2021 annual conference: save the date, Jun 1-4. Make your sustainability study “shovel-ready”, join free webinar on Mar 2 at 1 p.m. FCM welcomes a new Vice-President at Large, Councillor Bruce MacDougall, President of the Federation of PEI Municipalities, as the new Vice-President at Large. Black History Month in your community, Feb is Black History Month and FCM will be featuring key moments in Canadian municipal history impacting Black people and people of African descent on twitter. Tool helps start the asset management conversation. New fund to transform community spaces in the face of COVID-19, the fund provides an opportunity for municipalities to create projects that encourage communities to exercise, create artistic and cultural experience and safely spend time together. Your kid’s guide to local government is here!

- 32. ENDM, New NOHFC Programs Launched and Open for Applications** – The website is live and active now, https://nohfc.ca/en/nohfc_programs.
- Community Enhancement Program
 - Invest North Program
 - Cultural Supports Program
 - People & Talent Program
- 33. MNRF, Algonquin Park Forest, Review of Draft Forest Management Plan Notice** – The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) and the Algonquin Park Local Citizens’ Committee (LCC) invite you to review and comment on the 2021-2031 Draft Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Algonquin Part Forest. <https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management> this 60-day review period begins on Mar 12, 2021 and goes until May 11, 2021.
- 34. Sudbury East, Nipissing & Parry Sound Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs** – Grower Pesticide Safety Course:
- Nipissing District – Sturgeon Falls Mar 11 (one morning session and one afternoon session) maximum 10 people per course, <https://www.opec.ca/courses/course-offerings/#CourseTop>.
 - Parry Sound District – Powassan Mar 30, <https://www.opec.ca/courses/course-offerings/#CourseTop>. Register directly with Ontario Pesticide Education Program, 1-800-652-8573, or 519-674-2230 rcopez@uoguelph.ca. Sustainable new Agri-Food Products & Productivity Program, applications from Nov 9, 2020 to Mar 5, 2021.
- 35. Ontario Heritage Trust** – Happy Heritage Week! Heritage Week in ON is always a wonderful time to celebrate our province’s rich and diverse heritage. This year, it starts with Family Day on Feb 15.
- 36. Ontario Heritage Trust** – A time to Share places and stories, the Ontario Heritage Trust team has started 2021 with great energy and with new opportunities to share stories and ideas, and to experience new places. New content on the Digital Doors Open Ontario website.
- 37. Township of Joly, Notice of Intent to Consider Removal of a Holding Symbol from the Zoning By-Law** – The Council for the Township of Joly will consider a By-law to remove the Holding H symbol on the subject lands pursuant to Section 34 and 36 of the Planning Act no earlier than Mar 9, 2021.
- 38. The Friends, Winter 2020 - 21** – Banishing Winter “Blues”. From the CEO’s Desk. Feeling Lonely? Happy Valentines Day! Decking the Halls. How to be a Good Friend, Friendship week. St. Patrick’s Day Fun Irish Cream. Let’s Talk About Supportive Housing. New Initiative, Bill of Rights. Irish Soda Bread Resources. Please Provide us with your Friendly Feedback. www.thefriends.on.ca.

INFORMATION – COVID-19

- 39. Town of Parry Sound Resolution** – The North Bay Parry Sound Health District was a Green Zone prior to the Stay-at-Home Order and has taken a more restrictive approach than many District Health Units in Ontario by extending the Stay-at-Home Order until at least Feb 22, 2021. Variants of the virus have been confirmed in other Ontario Health Districts and the Stay-at-Home Order has been lifted. The Town of Parry Sound requests that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit take a more pro-active approach to community outreach and communication through a range of communication techniques that increase communication, that include greater dialogue with municipal and healthcare leaders across the health district in advance of announcements.
- 40. North Bay Parry Sound District, Public Service Announcement, Cluster of COVID-19 Cases Identified** – A cluster or group of COVID-19 cases have been identified that have no connection other than living in the same apartment building; the individuals are unknown to each other. Due to the small number of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 in the Health Unit’s district, this has raised concerns. This is especially worrying as one of the people who tested positive has a preliminary confirmation of a COVID-19 Variant of Concern. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Health Unit is in collaboration with the North Bay Regional Health Centre’s Assessment Centre are offering on-location COVID-19 testing to residents of the building for COVID-19. The Health Unit is asking that the residents of the building self-isolate until they receive a negative COVID-19 test.
- 41. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, COVID-19 Outbreak at Lancelot Apartments in North Bay** – On Feb 6, 2021, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit made the public aware of an outbreak of COVID-19 among individuals who reside in the Skyline – Lancelot Apartments. Due to the small number of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 in the Health Unit’s district, this has raised concern. Feb 7, 2021 the North Bay Regional Health Centre’s Assessment Centre tested roughly 110 people from the apartment building onsite. Feb 8, 2021, 13 individuals have received positive results for COVID-19, with some results still pending. One of these

individuals has been hospitalized. The Health Unit has released the location of the outbreak due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases and to alert residents, staff and any visitors to the apartment building.

- 42. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, A Member of the Sunset Park Public School Has Tested Positive for COVID-19** – As the individual was at the school during their infectious period, the Early Learning, Kindergarten JK/SK Immersion Class and anyone who took the Stock Bus Lines – Bus 164 on Feb 4 and 5 have been dismissed. The Health Unit is working with the school and Near North District School Board to ensure that all close contacts are contacted directly. The individual is currently self-isolating.
- 43. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Community Outbreak Update** – As of Feb 11, 2021, 24 individuals have tested positive in connection to the COVID-19 Community Outbreak associated with the Skyline - Lancelot Apartments. 19 of these individuals reside full-time in the apartment building. 18 of the 24 individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 have a preliminary positive result of COVID-19 variant of concern (VOC).
- 44. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Reminder to be COVID-19 kind** – Reminding the public to be COVID-19 kind. We need to work as a district to stop the spread of COVID-19 and Variants of Concern and take responsibility for our own actions by following public health measures, these include:
- Stay at home except for essential reasons such as grocery shopping or medical appointments.
 - Wash hands with soap and water or sanitize often.
 - Practice physical distancing of two (2) metres from everyone you don't live with, or if you live alone, maintain two (2) metres from everyone outside your one exclusive close contact home. Wear a face-covering when physical distancing is a challenge indoors and outdoors.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
 - Self-isolate immediately if you feel unwell and arrange to be tested for COVID-19.
 - Cough and sneeze into your elbow, upper sleeve, or tissue.
- 45. North Bay Parry Sound District, News Release, Health Unit Completes Long-Term Care Homes COVID-19 Vaccination** – The Health Unit has completed the first dose of all long-term care home residents COVID-19 vaccinations in our district. Due to the limited supply of the COVID-19 vaccine across Ontario and Canada, it is unknown when the Health Unit will receive the next shipment of vaccine. Once long-term care residents and First Nation elder care individuals have received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Health Unit will follow Ontario's Ethical Framework for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution to prioritize the continuation of the vaccine rollout. The Health Unit region is currently in phase one, other groups prioritized in phase one are:
- Staff, essential caregivers (including family caregivers), and other employees in long-term care settings;
 - Residents, staff, essential caregivers, (including family caregivers), and other employees in retirement homes and congregate living settings for seniors;
 - Health care workers, including hospital employees, staff who work or study in hospital and health care personnel;
 - Adults in First Nations, Metis, and Inuit populations;
 - Adult recipients of chronic home health care.
- 46. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Shutdown and Stay-at-Home Order Extended** – The Ontario Government announced that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit will stay in shutdown until at least Feb 22, 2021, at which point the situation will be re-evaluated.
- 47. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Community Outbreak Update** – As of Feb 12, 2021, 26 individuals have tested positive in connection to the COVID-19 Community Outbreak associated with the Skyline – Lancelot Apartments.
- 48. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Dismisses Ecole secondaire catholique Algonquin School Community** – This dismissal is related to the COVID-19 Variant of Concern and is a cautionary measure to reduce the spread of the virus. All individuals from the 133-bus route and from the grade 9 cohort are considered higher-risk and are required to self-isolate immediately.
- 49. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, COVID-19 Case Linked to Variant of Concern from South Africa** – The Health Unit is reporting the Variant of Concern for one of the COVID-19 cases in the Community Outbreak is the Variant of Concern from South Africa. This is the first known case of the Variant Concern from South Africa associated with the Community Outbreak and as well for the Health Unit district. The individual who tested positive for the Variant of Concern

from South Africa has been identified as a close contact of an international traveler and is self-isolating.

- 50. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Reports Second COVID-19 Related Death Within the District** – It is with great sadness that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit reports the passing of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 in association with the COVID-19 Community Outbreak at Skyline – Lancelot Apartments. The individual has a preliminary positive result for a COVID-19 Variant of Concern (VOC). Scientist and medical professionals are concerned that VOCs are more transmissible than the original coronavirus, and research is ongoing to determine the effectiveness of currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines against them. Therefore, individuals within the district are asked to continue taking all COVID-19 precautions seriously and to continue with these measures even once they have received the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 51. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit in Shutdown, Stay-at-Home Order Still in Effect** – The Ontario government announced the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit will remain in shutdown until Feb 16, 2021, and the Stay-at Home Order will remain in effect. Recently, preliminary results of a COVID-19 Variant of Concern (VOC) has been confirmed in 3 individuals. The Health Unit has announced a COVID-19 Community Outbreak in association with a VOC. Due to the extension of the Stay-at-Home Order and the increased risk of transmission of the COVID-19 VOC, outdoor public skating rinks, skating trails and tobogganing hills will remain closed. Due to the threat of the COVID-19 VOC and the unessential travel between Health Unit districts, OFSC trails and snowmobile trails on crown land will also remain closed. The Health Unit will continue to monitor the local situation and re-evaluate the closures on Feb 16, 2021.
- 52. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Media Advisory, Dr. Chirico Discusses Outbreak and Shutdown Extension** – The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has declared a COVID-19 Community Outbreak associated with the Variant of Concern (VOC) and has extended the local closures of skating rinks, skating trails, tobogganing hills, OFSC snowmobile trails and trails on Crown land. Dr. Chirico will be discussing the local situation and answering submitted media questions.
- 53. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Dismisses Sunset Public-School Community** – Dismissed all students and staff of Sunset Park Public School, this dismissal is related to the COVID-19 variant of concern and is a cautionary measure to reduce the spread of the virus. At this time, the Health Unit has not declared an outbreak. The Health Unit is working with the school and school board to provide guidance to parents, guardians and staff.
- 54. MPAC Fieldwork Activity** – On Feb 8, 2021 the Ontario government announced plans for a gradual reopening of the province. As of last week, Prince Edward County, Hastings, Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington and Renfrew have returned to the “Green-Prevent” zone, and MPAC’s fieldwork activity has resumed in these municipal areas. As other regions will be put into part of the Province’s colour-coded COVID-19 Response Framework, we can confirm that we will be resuming our fieldwork everywhere except for regions in the “Red-Control” and “Grey-Lockdown” zones.
- 55. AMO Policy Update – Access of Persons with Disabilities to Sports/Recreational Facilities during Covid-19 and Greenbelt Consultation** - Recent amendments made to [O.Reg 82/20](#) under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, provide that facilities for sports and recreational fitness activities may open to enable individuals of all ages with a disability to access public or private indoor and/or outdoor facilities for physical therapy. Disability is defined under the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 \(AODA\)](#) and its [regulations](#). To be eligible, individuals are required to have written instruction from a qualified regulated health professional and the physical therapy is not available elsewhere. The Ontario government has launched a 60-day public consultation to grow the Greenbelt and protect more of the natural environment from future development. It is not mandatory for operators of public or private indoor and/or outdoor sports and recreational fitness facilities to open for this purpose.
- 56. MMAH, A Message from General Hillier** – Ongoing vaccine shipment delays and reduced shipments have forced them to pivot from the plan that was made for larger shipments of vaccines. Due to the delay in vaccine shipments, they have updated goals of completing the administration of first doses of COVID-19 vaccines to residents in each long-term care, high-risk retirement and First Nations elder care homes from Feb 5 to Feb 10. However, at the time of this memo, they have been able to offer first doses to residents in over 80% of the homes. The moment the vaccines are delivered this week, teams in public health units will move immediately to get them into the remaining homes.
- 57. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, COVID Colour Chat Returns, Adjustments to MEDR** – Changing provincial rules to address COVID-19 mean a return to the BAO’s colour code chart of restrictions and adjustments to the Modified Expedited Death Responses in hospitals and long-term

care facilities. For most of the province, at this time, all funeral services will continue to be restricted to 10 attendees in total indoors or outdoors, with two metres of distance between people. Modified Expedited Death Response (MEDR), introduced on Jan 12 with the province's emergency declaration will remain in effect, but with a new list of public health jurisdictions exempted in alignment with the provincial government. *Funeral establishments and transfer service operators:*

1. Funeral/transfer staff must attend at hospitals and long-term care (LTC) facilities within six (6) hours of being advised that the decedent is ready for release.
2. Funeral/transfer staff will go inside the hospital/LTC if required and remove the decedent. (This is a change from the former EDR protocols in the first wave.)
3. Funeral/transfer staff are responsible for obtaining the Form 16- Medical Certificate of Death (MDOC), completing a Form 15 (Statement of Death) and obtaining a Burial Permit. (There is no longer an electronic MDOC nor Coroners' call centre staff. We are working on a substitute.)
4. Funeral/transfers staff must make arrangements with the family within 24 hours of taking a body into care. Disposition must occur as soon as possible. There is to be no storing or "stockpiling" of decedents.

Keeping yourself and your staff health:

1. Remember to clean and disinfect all equipment and surfaces rigorously.
2. Use personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times.
3. Screen your staff, remember people age 20-29 represent the largest number of infections by age group.
4. The restrictions for visitations and services remain in effect: Max 10, scheduled visitations with no cycling of guests; 15-minute cleaning break between periods; guest logging for contact tracing and physical distancing must be enforced and everyone must wear a mask or face covering.

Crematoriums and hydrolysis facilities must operate at full capacity to accommodate demand in their area. All cemeteries have been directed to continue burials as long as the cemetery managers determine that ground conditions remain safe to do so. *Starting Wed, there are only three public health unit areas exempted from the MEDR:*

- Hastings Prince Edward
- Kingston, Frontenac, and Lennox & Addington, and
- Renfrew County and District

- 58. MMAH, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing** – Provincial Orders, orders under the EMCPA can continue to be in effect after the declared emergency has terminated. They can also be further extended for up to 14 days at a time but cannot be amended. Prior to the termination of the declaration of emergency, orders were amended to reflect the Ontario government's decisions to move certain PHUs into new zones under the Framework. This includes amendments to the Stay-at-Home order and the Residential Evictions order. Residential Evictions, enforcement of residential evictions will remain paused in the public health unit regions where the provincial Stay-at-Home order remains in effect. This will ensure people are not forced to leave their homes during the period where provincial stay-at-home orders are in place. In regions where the Stay-at-Home order is lifted, the regular process for residential eviction enforcement will resume.

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURN

35-21 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 8, 2021. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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