

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 24, 2020**

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

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul.

Guest observing: Marvin Nolan.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Feb 10, 2020 minutes, Resolution

35-20 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we adopt Feb 10, 2020 minutes. CARRIED

2. By-Law certain outdated records, Resolution

36-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 4-20; destruction of certain outdated Township records. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

3. South River Machar Library minutes of Jan 8 and Feb 12, 2020 and 2020 Budget, Resolution

Board representative Mayor Carleton gave a report; amendments to Public Library Act, minimum number of Board meetings reduced, Board decided they will change their number of meetings from 10 to 8, Audit fees increase queried, and budget increase required in 2020 to bring CEO/Library Assistant wages up to average per counterparts comparable.

37-20 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Jan 8 and Feb 12, 2020. CARRIED

38-20 Wood, McLaren

THAT we support Library Board motion to approve 2020 Budget at a municipal contribution of \$32,738.59 representing an 11.91% increase (up \$3,483.72). CARRIED

4. District of Parry Sound Provincial Offences Act; Intermunicipal Tax Roll Agreement, Resolution

Reviewed; workload, costs versus recovery queried. Clerk Administrator to send inquiry.

INFORMATION

- 5. Township of Strong** – requests that Jim Pine, Facilitator of the Public Health Modernization consultations, review the current funding formula for Public Health and Rural & Northern Ontario municipalities; proposing exemptions, for the province to implement for 2021
- 6. Municipality of Southwest Middlesex** – supports the intent of Bill 156 and requests that the Province of Ontario expanding Bill 156 to identify and include protection against trespass for grain farm operations
- 7. Municipality of Chatham-Kent** - supports the important role Conservation Authorities provide to local communities in delivering watershed management programs
- 8. County of Prince Edward** – supports the continuation of the programs and services of the Quinte Conservation Authority

9. **Township of South Frontenac** – encourages the province to continue to support the principle of planning on a watershed basis in the ongoing review and prioritize the allocation of adequate funding to support the core mandate of conservation authorities
10. **Township of Madoc** – supporting Township of Springwater regarding the Conservation Authority levies, supports any Provincial effort to require its municipal levy only apply to core mandated programs and services
11. **Township of Madoc** – supporting Town of Tecumseh regarding 911 misdials, that the municipal, federal and provincial governments and relevant associations be requested to lobby the telecommunications industry and smart phone manufacturers to develop a solution to 911 misdials
12. **Township of Puslinch** – in support of AMO’s position on legislative changes to Bill 132 and ARA, while it is an improvement that a change will require an application process for below water table extraction, rather than just an amendment to a licence, it still allows the province to issue licenses for below water table extracting while the Safe Drinking Water Act stipulates that owners of municipal drinking water sources are guilty of an offence if they fail to exercise care over a drinking water system, as aquifers are connected, a decision of the province to allow below water table extraction could lead to contamination of municipal drinking water sources, AMO has asked for a concurrent amendment to indemnify Council members for decisions the province makes...
13. **East Nipissing Parry Sound Federation of Agriculture** – on Dec 2, 2019, the provincial government introduced Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019; The bill is intended to protect Ontario farm animals, farms, farmers and their families, and the safety of the entire food supply by addressing the ongoing threat of unwanted trespassing and from unauthorized interactions with farm animals; The risks of these actions include exposing farm animals to stress and potential diseases, as well as the introducing contaminants into the food supply
14. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit** – Parenting Campaign, in collaboration with community partners, are reminding parents to listen, respond and connect with your child, to help your child work through their emotions, and to let your child play; With the launch of the Parenting Campaign, key parenting messages will be displayed throughout Nipissing and Parry Sound District, the goal of the campaign is to raise awareness for parents and caregivers about children’s need to feel safe, secure and loved; For more information, call the Health Unit at 705 474 1400 or 1 800 563 2808 ext. 5351, or learn more at www.myhealthunit.ca
15. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit** – Boil Water Advisory issued for individuals receiving water from the Port Loring East Mills Water Treatment Plant, loss of chlorine residual in the distribution system, remains in effect until further notice www.myhealthunit.ca/boilwateradvisory
16. **Muskoka Algonquin Health Care** – Cancer Care Ontario has recognized Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare for being a top performer in the province for turnaround time in reporting related to post-surgical pathology investigations for the 2018-19 fiscal year; MAHC’s laboratory exceeded the provincial target of completing post-surgical reports within 14 days; MAHC is a multi-site health care organization accredited with exemplary standing that provides acute care services at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge, find out more about Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare by visiting www.mahc.ca
17. **EHS PH Modernization Feedback** – Extended Deadline for Feedback – Consultation on Public Health and Emergency Health Services Modernization; In recognition of the work underway to prepare for, and respond to, 2019-nCoV (2019 Novel Coronavirus), the deadline for submitting written feedback on the discussion papers posted on the ministry website has been extended to March 31, 2020; You can send email to ehsphmodernization@ontario.ca
18. **Aggregates MNRF**– Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act; Proposed regulatory changes include: For new pits and quarries: enhancing the information required to be included in summary statements and technical reports at the time of application, improving flexibility in how some standard site plan requirements can be implemented and modernizing how site plans are created, creating better consistency of site plan requirements between private and Crown land and better alignment with other policy frameworks, updating the list of qualified professionals who can prepare Class A site plans, updating the required conditions that must be attached to a newly issued licence or permit, adjusting notification and consultation timeframes for new pit and quarry applications, updating the objection process to clarify the process, updating which agencies are to be circulated new pit and quarry applications for comments; For existing pits and quarries: making some requirements related to dust and blasting apply to all existing and new pits and quarries (requirements which were previously only applied to new applications), updating and enhancing some operating requirements that apply to all pits and quarries, including new requirements related to dust management and storage of recycled aggregate materials, providing

consistency on compliance reporting requirements, while reducing burdens for inactive sites, enhancing reporting on rehabilitation by requiring more context and detail on where, when and how rehabilitation is or has been undertaken, clarifying application requirements for site plan amendments, outlining requirements for amendment applications to expand an existing site into an adjacent road allowance, outlining requirements for amendment applications to expand an existing site below the water table, setting out eligibility criteria and requirements to allow operators to self-file changes to existing site plans for some routine activities without requiring approval from the ministry (subject to conditions set out in regulation); Allowing minor extraction for personal or farm use: Outlining eligibility and operating requirements in order for some excavation activities to be exempted from needing a licence (i.e., if rules set in regulation are followed), this would only be for personal use (max. of 300 cubic meters) or farm use (max. 1,000 cubic meters)

- 19. ARB Fee Increase Memo: Tribunals Ontario Fee Increases** – Assessment Review Board residential fee from \$125 to \$132.50 per appeal, non residential fee from \$300 to \$318 per appeal
- 20. AMO Communications** – AMO Response to Public Health and Emergency Health Services Consultation and Cannabis Consultations Underway; The outcome of public health modernization should achieve better population health outcomes through effective, cost efficient, and locally responsive services, in recognition of the work underway to prepare for and respond to the coronavirus, the Ministry of Health has extended the deadline for submitting written feedback to Mar 31, 2020; Ontario Consulting on Cannabis Consumption Venues and Special Occasion Permits; The Ministry of the Attorney General has announced consultations on cannabis consumption venues and special occasion permits for cannabis in Ontario, the Ministry is seeking feedback on whether to allow these and the rules and parameters guiding their establishment and operation
- 21. AMO Policy Update** – Employment Services Prototype Service Managers: No Municipal Applicants Selected, the new model will see employment related functions of the municipal Ontario Works and the provincial Ontario Disability Support Program integrate with the provincial Employment Ontario network into a single employment services system, a full provincial roll out will occur in the coming years for all Ontario Works employment services delivered by 47 municipal governments and District Social Services Administration Boards, this activity is in addition to other provincial announcements that may result in significant restructuring and labour relations challenges for municipal governments, including the potential restructuring of public health, the successful proponents must serve vulnerable residents, including those who are far from entering the labour market and in need of additional supports
- 22. AMO Watchfile – Feb 13, 2020 In This Issue**
 - Register today for the Waste Diversion webinar - February 18.
 - A Digital Citizen Relationship Management solution for AMO members.
 - Coronavirus update - Keep informed.
 - *Spring Time in Paris* - Room booking now open for OSUM 2020 Conference.
 - Take advantage of early bird registration for AMO's 2020 Annual Conference.
 - 2020 FONOM Conference - May 13-15, City of Timmins.
 - AMO's Social Media webinar series is back by popular demand!
 - Free asset management on-demand webinars for staff and elected officials.
 - NEW Closed Meeting Investigator business partner.
 - Treasure hunt uncovers thousands in energy savings.
 - The Municipal Group Buying Program is growing!
 - Ground engagement tools webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Tires webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Building Community Resilience - free Webinar.
 - Careers with Deep River Police Service, Orillia and Middlesex Centre.
- 23. AMO Watchfile – Feb 20, 2020 In This Issue**
 - Coronavirus - Keep informed.
 - Conservation Authority consultation online survey.
 - *Spring Time in Paris* - Room booking now open for OSUM 2020 Conference.
 - Take advantage of early bird registration for AMO's 2020 Annual Conference.
 - AMO's Social Media webinar series is back by popular demand!
 - Seeking efficiencies - Wireless service for staff.
 - A barrier-free web solution for AMO members.
 - Ground engagement tools webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Tires webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Facilities maintenance equipment webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Health and Safety Leadership Summit.
 - Careers with AMO and Saugeen Conservation.

- 24. FONOM** – Board of Directors, would like to invite you to attend the 2020 FONOM Conference which is being hosted by the City of Timmins May 13-15, 2020; This year’s conference marks the 60th anniversary of the Federation and the theme is “connecting the north” with speakers and topics designed to appeal to municipal and indigenous councillors on issues important to Northerners; Registration is now open or more information visit <https://fonom.timmins.ca>
- 25. The Rural Ontario Municipal Association - ROMA Insider** – Feb 2020; In this issue: 2020 ROMA Conference highlights, The 2020 ROMA Conference welcomed about 1,300 participants to Toronto at the end of January to connect, learn and advocate on behalf of rural Ontario; Key highlights of the event included: The Premier and Cabinet committed to consulting with municipal governments, with the Premier promising “no surprises” in the upcoming provincial budget, Minister of Finance Rod Phillips confirmed 2021 funding of %500 million for the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, this funding is critically important to the municipalities that rely on it to make ends meet, Conference delegates participated in an open question and answer session with provincial ministers, popular topics included support for rural economic development, infrastructure funding, and climate change, Sessions were held on critical matters such as public health and paramedics, broadband, and social challenges like the opioid crisis and human trafficking; AMO Pre-Budget Submission speaks to rural priorities; Ready-made digital solutions for municipal government
- 26. FCM Voice** – Mayors make a splash in nation’s capital; Budget 2020: taking your priorities to Parliament; GMF Council is seeking one elected municipal official; Western Economic Solutions Taskforce meets in Leduc, AB; FCM seeks person from broader public for GMF Council; Reminder: register for our webinar series on municipal sustainability
- 27. FCM Voice** – FCM members tackle western economic challenges, GMF Council’s new LC3 committee, CISAL Impact Report (Sustainable and Inclusive Communities in Latin America), Learn how FCM is supporting local climate action in Canada, Canadian support for the Haitian Tax Directorate, Register for Transport Canada’s rail safety webinars, Mitsubishi, FCM Tweets
- 28. Municipal Word Magazine Feb 2020** – Canada’s Musical Heritage Sites, Controversial Changes to Heritage Places, Sudbury: So ready, Maple Creek: Winner of the Prince of Wales Prize; Economic Diversification – What it is and why it’s important, Harnessing the power of cooperative purchasing, How local government can support next generation makers, Sorry....We don’t have the budget for that, Community friendly face of law enforcement, Open and neutral it procurement for the common good, A word from the editor, Governance Zone, Curmudgeon’s corner, The reading room, Connecting the dots, Coming events
- 29. Municipal World feature story** – How microliving can help reshape communities, affordable housing, can be a real game changer, microhomes are not tiny homes, they are smaller floorplan homes with modern open plan designs with advanced HVAC energy saving engineering systems and full financeable over 25 years, can start in the low \$100,000, can cost well over \$200,000, something has to shift: the cost of resale housing is out of reach for many Millennials and too much of a stretch for most seniors, downsizers and boomers want more value to conserve their retirement savings without sacrificing quality and design
- 30. Almaguin Adult Learning** – 3 centres serving the entire Almaguin Highlands continue to help with free literacy and basic skills upgrading, high school completion, post secondary and employment preparation, live skills and more, increasingly providing programs and services which they believe are crucial to their learners’ success, poverty reduction and mitigation programming, centres open to all members of communities, providing access to printing, faxing, the internet and more, work closely with the Near North District School Bd as well as ON Works and Employment Services, would be happy to come and present to Council, can be reached at 705-386-0764

39-20 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support the Township of Strong’s Resolution #R2020-50 requesting the Facilitator of the Public Health Modernization consultations to review the current funding formula for Public Health and Rural and Northern Ontario municipalities proposing exemptions for the province to implement in 2021. CARRIED

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

40-20 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; security of the property

of the municipality or local board; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Time 6:50 pm. CARRIED

41-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:30 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

42-20 Flowers, 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, Mar 9, 2020. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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