

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 26, 2018**

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

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Administration Assistant Heather Whitehead.

BUSINESS

1. Feb 12, 2018 minutes, Resolution

36-18 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we adopt minutes of Feb 12, 2018. CARRIED

2. By-Law for outdated records, Annual By-Laws, Resolutions

37-18 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 5-18; to authorize the destruction of certain outdated Township records. CARRIED

38-18 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 1-18, 2-18, and 3-18; to provide for interest to be added to Tax Arrears, to establish a Penalty Charge for non-payment of Current Taxes, to provide for an Interim Tax Levy. CARRIED

3. By-Law for OCIF Top-Up Application Component Agreement, Resolution

39-18 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 4-18; to authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to execute the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Top-up Application Component Agreement. CARRIED

a. Cost Estimate and Professional Services Agreement, Resolution

40-18 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to execute the Professional Services Agreement made effective as of the 26th day of Feb 2018 for Project No: 04001458-3 Rehabilitation of the Eagle Lake Road, Total (excluding HST) \$248,850. CARRIED

4. E Parry Sound Regional Science and Technology Fair request for support

Approved \$200.

5. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre request for support

Approved \$200.

6. Council Total Remuneration and Expenses 2017, Resolution

41-18 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Statement of Council Total Remuneration and Expenses Paid \$41,010.23 in 2017. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

7. Machar Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator consultation session Sudbury

CEMC and alternate CEMC will attend.

8. Machar Public Works minutes of Feb 15, 2018, Resolution

42-18 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Feb 15, 2018; including half loads can be put on anytime starting Mar 1 but will be depending on weather, quote for bridge and culvert inspections in 2018, and extend contracts for Parks and Cemeteries maintenance. CARRIED

a. Strategic Asset Management Policy, Resolution

43-18 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we approve Strategic Asset Management Policy effective date 2018-07-01. CARRIED

9. South River Machar Culture and Rec minutes of Feb 7, 2018, Resolution

44-18 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we support motions 5-7 as contained in Culture and Rec minutes of Feb 7, 2018; accept the minutes, Income Statement/Accounts Payable Ledger, meet again on Apr 4... CARRIED

Christmas in the Village will move to the Arena on Fri, Dec 7, 2018. Black Fly Runner event is moving from Jun to Aug 2018.

10. South River Machar Arena minutes of Feb 7, 2018, Resolution

45-18 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we support motions 6-14 as contained in Arena minutes of Feb 7, 2018; adopt the minutes, any surplus collected from the HOC Day Camp be put into an Arena Reserve and used for any future day camp deficits, Accounts Payable Ledger/Income Statement, Arena Manager's Report, accept the amendment to the HOC Day Camp Application Package, reduced rate of \$100 for a North Bay Regional Health Centre fundraiser, close the meeting, adjourn from closed session, meet again on Apr 4... CARRIED

46-18 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Time 7:08 pm. CARRIED

47-18 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:14 pm. CARRIED

11. South River Machar Library minutes of Feb 14, 2018, Resolution

48-18 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Feb 14, 2018. CARRIED

12. Joint Building Committee minutes of Feb 15, 2018, Resolution

49-18 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Feb 15, 2018; including nominations for Chair & Vice Chair, CBO and DCBO receive a 1.5% wage increase for 2018... CARRIED

INFORMATION

- 13. Town of Essex Resolution; ongoing issue of school closures throughout Ontario, many cases result in properties that are left as vacant and unused for substantial periods, municipalities might be interested in purchasing, however feasibility becomes more daunting when municipalities must purchase these properties at fair market value with taxpayer dollars and then may need to spend further taxpayer monies to retrofit and/or remediate, properties were already originally purchased and developed into schools using taxpayer dollars,**

- taxpayers should not again have to purchase these properties, requesting that when school boards make decisions to close schools, that they have to offer to the municipality for \$1
14. City of Cornwall Resolution to request the Ontario Government to implement reforms that would encourage the remediation of abandoned contaminated properties and provide municipalities with additional tools by creating a special tax class within the commercial tax class to enable municipalities to levy taxation on abandoned contaminated properties at a higher tax rate to encourage remediation of these Brownfield lands
 15. Village of Sundridge media release Council Challenges the Comment Period on the Draft Recovery Strategy for Algonquin Wolf, the economic and social well being is at stake for many northern municipalities that fall within the catchment area, plan posted Jan 15 with comments due by Feb 14, 2018, some municipalities have large wolf populations, imperative that those affected be heard, request for an extension passed on Feb 14, 2018
 16. Parry Sound District Social Services Admin Bd no longer accepting applications for the Ontario Renovates and Home Ownership Programs as there is no funding, not maintaining a waitlist
 17. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Cost of Healthy Eating 2017 infographic, report can be accessed www.myhealthunit.ca/costofhealthyeating
 18. Ministry of Education draft revised Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline and an update on the Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline, in Jun 2017 Ontario launched its Plan to Strengthen Rural and Northern Education, ongoing work; update on PARG, research of planning tables and collaboratives, new supports for improved co-ordination of community planning, introduction of Rural and Northern Education Fund, an ongoing \$20 million investment dedicated to enhancing education for students in rural and northern communities, school boards have the flexibility to use this funding based on their local needs, including revisiting accommodation review decisions and using this funding to continue operating rural schools, provincial funding to retrofit excess school space for use by community partners, the Community Hubs Resource Network and the Surplus Property Transition Initiative, a program designed to provide more time for communities to determine the viability of acquiring surplus provincial property while covering the holding costs of the school board or hospital properties in order to repurpose the asset to meet the needs of the local community
 19. OPP 2018 Municipal Policing Bureau Calendar which contains useful info and data on OPP municipal policing www.OPP.ca/municipalpolicing
 20. MPAC (Mun Prop Asmt Corp) News Feb 2018; Service Level Agreement Implementation Update, Population of Electoral Group Report, Important Reminder Enumeration Ward/Poll Boundary Changes, Update on Appeals & Additional Disclosure Requests, Rural ON Municipal Association Conference, Economic Developers Council of ON Conference
 21. Accessibility Directorate of Ontario; Province selects the Honourable David C Onley to review Ontario's Accessibility Laws, Ontario continues to make progress toward Barrier-free
 22. FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic) Municipal Elections Act Amendments ON Reg 101/97 effect Apr 1, 2018; nominations accepted May 1 until 2 pm on Jul 27, 2018, candidates must supply endorsement 25 electors with the exception of communities below 4,000 electors* *proposed
 23. FONOM Environmental Bill of Rights Submission Endangered Species Act relating to forest operations in managed Crown forests, incorporating species recently listed to the Species at Risk in ON List, and safe harbour, encouraging membership to submit comments, notice proposes to extend the current regulation by 2 years, continue to ask for 5 years, 2 year extension will not provide certainty and stability which is critical to ensuring that capital investments will be made, particularly given ongoing softwood lumber dispute with US, government appears to be following through with independent stakeholder panel to review socio-economic impacts and provide advice, ask that the government make a decision swiftly and believe a deadline of Mar 30, 2018 is both fair and reasonable
 24. FONOM Winter Newsletter 2018; FONOM Membership Fees, ROMA Conference, FONOM/MMA Northeastern Municipal Conference, Meeting of the Board of Directors' held Dec 12, 2017, Meeting of the Board of Directors' held Jan 12, 2018, 2018 Ontario Budget Consultations, Endangered Species Act, Next FONOM Board Meeting on Mar 16, 2018
 25. AMO Policy Update – AMO makes Submission on Policing – Bill 175 Safer Ontario Act, Ontarians pay the highest policing costs in the country, written submissions due Mar 1, areas of the bill of keen interest to municipal leaders include the following: Mandating municipalities to develop Community Safety and Well-Being Plans (Part VIII, Section 187), Civilianization (Use of Personnel, Part III, Section 13), Consolidation of OPP Police Service Boards and Role (Schedule I, Part V), Police Service Boards (Part IV, own force), Establishment

- of a Provincial Inspector General (Part VI), Suspension without Pay (Part IX, Section 150), Waterways Policing (Part III, Section 6) provide greater legislative clarity to avoid overlap
- 26. AMO Policy Update – Public Reporting Fire Regulation Posted for Municipal Comments under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, looking for comments in addition to the other proposed 2 regulations; Mandatory Training and Certification for Firefighters and Community Risk Assessments, deadline is Mar 11 and Mar 18, encourage Councils to work with Fire Chief and fire services to develop a comprehensive response on all 3 regulations**
- 27. AMO Conference; In Conversation, Early Bird Deadline is Mar 2, 2018 Aug 19-22, Ottawa**
- 28. AMO Watchfile Feb 15, 2018 In This Issue**
- P.J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Awards - 2018 call for submissions.
 - Sharing Economy and Home Sharing Guide released.
 - Watershed planning guidance posted on EBR.
 - *Construction Act* regulations posted.
 - AMO Conference Early Bird Rate ends soon.
 - AMO Trade Show 55% sold out!
 - What's the risk level at your next event?
 - Social media in emergency situations.
 - Engage your citizens - join Ontario Communities in Bloom (CIB).
 - Careers with Toronto, Nipigon, Marathon, Simcoe County and OPS.
- 29. AMO Watchfile Feb 22, 2018 In This Issue**
- Extension on amended Blue Box Program Plan.
 - Social housing modernization framework consultation.
 - Long-term care expansion - Call for Applications.
 - AMO Conference Early Bird Rate ends soon.
 - AMO Trade Show 55% sold out!
 - What's the risk level at your next event?
 - Social media in emergency situations.
 - The \$100 Energy Training Workshop!
 - Going for Gold with LED lighting!
 - Top 10 reasons to attend an LAS Town Hall.
 - CIB Ontario FREE workshop sponsored by OSUM.
 - Careers with AMO, Thunder Bay and Vaughan.
- 30. Sudbury E Nipissing Parry Sound E bulletin OMAFRA AgMaps is an interactive online application that allows you to create custom maps & find agricultural information for ON, soils and drainage, as well as data layers www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/gis/portal.htm**
- 31. The Great Trail, thank you for ongoing commitment as a Champion Community of Trans Canada Trail, please accept special edition of the Canadian Geographic magazine as a token of sincere appreciation for ongoing support www.thegreattrail.ca**

50-18 McLaren, Flowers

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ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Main St Revitalization Fund

Further to announcement on Jan 23, additional info received on Feb 26 indicates the broad areas for initiatives are: energy efficiency, accessibility, marketability of small businesses within main street areas, and municipal or other public infrastructure within main street areas that will help small business. Once AMO has signed Agreement with OMAFRA, AMO will send more details on how funds can be used.

ADJOURN

51-18 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 12, 2018 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT