

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 9, 2023

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

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Pearl Ivens and Blair Flowers. Councillor Scarlett was absent with notice due to sickness. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney.

Guest scheduled: Kathy Schoenberger. Guests observing: nil.

GUESTS

Machar South River Amazing Race

Event organizer provided an update on the event held this previous Sat. The event was very successful with 14 teams totalling 48 participants (from 6 teams totalling 26 people in the first year). There are already 6 teams on a waiting list for Dec 30, and additionally several of the venue hosts this year would like to take part as participants next time. The event collected 30 lbs of food and \$105 cash for the Food Bank. Kathy delivered a Certificate in Appreciation for our Support (to be posted on the website). Kathy was thanked for all of her work (120 hours involved) and congratulated on a very successful event.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Dec 12, 2022 minutes, Resolution

1-23 McLaren, Ivens

THAT we adopt Dec 12, 2022 minutes. CARRIED

2. More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23) MHBC Memo

Reviewed. Highlights include; Municipalities will now be required to spend or allocate 60% of parkland reserve funds at the start of each year, No one other than the applicant, the municipality, certain public bodies, and the Minister will be allowed to appeal minor variance or consent decisions, As of right zoning to permit up to 3 residential units per lot (2 in the main building and 1 in an accessory building) within fully serviced settlement areas with no minimum unit sizes, Fully services is interpreted as full water and sewer (not wells and septic), Settlement areas are often defined as land designated as Community, Public meetings no longer will be required for applications for approval of a draft (not final) Plan of Subdivision or Condominium, Architectural details and landscape design aesthetics will be removed from the scope of site plan control, Permits will not be required within regulated areas (including wetlands) for activity that is part of a development authorized under the Planning Act (in effect at a later date). Planners continue to review and analyze these major changes. Discussion ensued, noting the legislation language is very technical in nature and not easily understood by citizens in the context of planning requirements. A lot of public education will be required as citizens start to inquire and learn what the changes actually mean, many of the intricate details haven't been fully explained to the media/public.

2-23 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Planner Memo of Dec 9, 2022 on More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23). CARRIED

a. MMAH (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) update on recent legislative and regulatory changes, Bill 109 the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022, Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster, 2022, Bill 3 the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022 and Bill 39 the Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022, Appendix A Effective Dates, Appendix B Powers

Reviewed. Additional details include; regulations established to give the Mayors in Toronto and

Ottawa strong mayor powers to help advance shared provincial-municipal priorities, including building new homes, and: Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer, Hiring certain municipal department heads, and establish and re-organize departments, Creating committees of council, assigning their functions and appointing the Chairs and Vice Chairs, Proposing the municipal budget, subject to council amendments and a head of council veto and council override process. The Mayors of Toronto and Ottawa can also use strong mayor powers related to provincial priorities, including: Vetoing certain by-laws if the mayor is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority, Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the mayor is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority, and Proposing certain municipal by-laws if the mayor is of the opinion that the proposed by-law could potentially advance a provincial priority, Council can pass these by-laws if more than 1/3 of council members vote in favour.

- b. MMAH pleased to share an update on key initiatives underway to help meet government's goal of building 1.5 m new homes over the next 10 yrs, knows that building inspectors play a critical role in ensuring that new homes meet the public safety requirements set out in Ontario's Building Code, however capacity has been impacted by recruitment challenges and increasing number retiring, effective Jul 1, 2022 municipal building depts can establish program entry criteria for interns that meet their own local recruitment and enforcement needs, in coming months the ministry will develop guidance materials to support municipalities interested in launching local programs to recruit new intern building inspectors**

Reviewed. Highlights include; municipal building departments can establish program entry criteria for interns that meet their own local recruitment and enforcement needs, this new internship model supports public safety by continuing to require that a qualified building inspector or Chief Building Official supervises the work of interns, in the coming months the ministry will develop guidance materials to support municipalities that are interested in launching local programs to recruit new intern building inspectors. Discussion ensued, noting staffing shortfalls are still being experienced, everywhere, in all work fields, including Building Inspectors and Planners, now amplified with the release of the new planning regulations.

3. Elections Ontario Municipal Voters List Program Newsletter, Notes

Reviewed. To improve the quality of the key input to the Voters List, the Act legislates 2 major changes. First, is the mandate for Elections Ontario to establish a single, permanent register that includes both provincial and municipal electors. Second, is the transfer of the responsibility for municipal voters list preparation from MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) to EO. EO is making a fundamental change by shifting from a property-centric to a person-centric data model which will more accurately capture electors. This new model will be supported by data feeds from Elections Canada, Canada Post, Canada Revenue, several provincial ministries including Transportation and Health and Long Term Care, MPAC, and others. The Municipal Voters List (MVL) Program consists of four main elements: 1. Building the single elector register Jan 2021 to Dec 2022, 2. Building the municipal portal Feb 2022 to Jan 2023, 3. Enhancing online elector registration (eRegistration) Feb 2022 to Jan 2023, 4. On-boarding municipalities Jul 2023 to Jan 2024. Collection of school board support data will remain with MPAC. EO will also be reliant on elector self-reporting for some categories of data, including spousal information. These new changes are complex and will take time to implement. In addition to data sources and person-centric approach, EO will build on MPAC's outreach activities and tools that remind electors to verify and maintain their election-related information. In future, municipalities will benefit from outreach efforts that include Voter Registration Month, a province-wide effort in Mar of each year promoting voter registration; and promotion of the online eRegistration system where eligible citizens can register and subsequently verify and maintain their election-related information, and which will replace Voter Lookup for municipal elections beginning in 2023. Eligibility rules for municipal elections are complicated, and combining municipal and provincial elector registers risks adding to the already high level of public confusion. A further complication is that MPAC will retain responsibility for collecting and tracking school support following the transition. Exactly how electors will navigate between the register and MPAC's school system still needs to be determined. The rollout of the new single elector register has been moved from Feb to Jun 2023 due to a conflict with a pending provincial by-election in Hamilton Centre. The transition of PLE (Preliminary List of Electors) responsibilities remains on track

for Jan 2024. Responsibility for determining eligibility for inclusion on voters list remains the responsibility of the municipal clerk or delegate. Since current municipal and provincial eligibility rules differ, the CEO's legislated guiding principle is to ensure that the elector register is accurate as reasonably possible. With this guiding principle in mind the proposed register entitlement rules aim to strike the right balance between accuracy and elector convenience. Enumeration of Non-resident Electors: Because of the difficulty in verifying proof of tenancy for non-resident electors, under the proposed policy these electors will only be added to the register in the year of a municipal general election. After the election, these electors will be removed from the register at their leased property and will have to re-register during the next general election. Unlike VoterLookup.ca, the new register will not collect school support preferences directly from electors. Those electors looking to update incorrect information will be directed to MPAC's soon-to-be-deployed school support portal. Combining municipal and provincial electoral registration adds complexity.

COMMITTEES

4. Shared Services Mayor letters, Monthly Reports for Nov; Arena and Fire

Reply received from the Village providing budget meeting schedule and attaching outstanding balances for 2022. Discussion ensued on Committee of the Whole meetings in Jan & Feb. These are not included in the new agreement. Joint Council meeting is proposed Mar 8, 2023. We have schedule conflicts with the Mar 8 date and will inquire to see if we can reschedule the meeting to Mon, Mar 6, 2023. As previously advised, the Township can still host the Joint Council meeting. With respect to the Fire and Arena Shared Services Statement attached to the Village's letter, we must advise that the Township has paid the amounts we approved for 2022. The amounts are as reflected in the Total Payments for 2022 as shown on their Statement and as we advised Apr 12, 2022. The Township's Audit for 2022 is scheduled for Feb 22, 2023 and per previous practice we're requesting the pre audit actual figures for Fire and Arena from the Village before that date.

Items provided: Arena Income Statement (Revenues 72.72% and Expenses 87.46%), Arena AP Ledger for Nov \$14,362.03 total expenditures, Fire Chief's Report for Dec 2022, Fire Income Statement (Revenues 81.61% and Expenses 62.60%), AP Ledger for Nov \$15,891.66 total expenditures, Arena Chief Operator Report for Nov (power bumps, the used Condenser installed in Jun 2022 should be a priority for the 2023 budget, new units are now estimated around \$175,000 with a 24 week delivery period, other items due for replacement are the Chiller at \$150,000 and the Dehumidifier at \$135,000, the Arena Ice Pad is estimated at \$1,000,000 and is 20 years past its life expectancy, the Olympia should be replaced in 2027 and the current cost for an electric model is \$135,000, Arena is looking to replace part time position staff member, intent is to find someone that would be interested in a full time position in the near future as some of the staff are nearing retirement, Community Centre kitchen in working order, a few finishing touches/trim to do). Discussion ensued on the large costs forthcoming in the foreseeable future, unknown how to fund.

5. Machar Public Works; electric vehicle event in Burks Falls on Jan 16

6:30 to 7 pm several cars on display at Burks Falls Arena, invited to talk to owners about their satisfaction with the cards and have a look at one up close. 7 to 8 pm there will be information presented with time to discuss how we can get off fossil fuel. There will be ample time for questions about electrification of cars, trucks and equipment. Any questions can be directed to Al Bottomley.

6. Almaguin Clerks Group; Integrity Commissioner Services Agreement, Resolution

Reviewed proposed Agreement. Comments: 3. "Neither ADRC nor the Commissioner will provide legal advice"... This would appear to be different than the previous commissioner as we believe a Councillor may have obtained a legal opinion last term (we weren't provided a copy, but were required to pay the invoice \$2,028.53). 10. (a) ..."Term of this Agreement shall be for three (3) years"... 12. (d) "The Township shall provide public access"... Discussed and will require format. 12. (a) ADRC (ADR Chambers Inc) will bill monthly. *The proposal does include a retainer, which is \$3,000 per year, for all municipalities combined (10) would be approximately \$300 per year.

7. ARI (Almaguin Recycling Initiative) Hazmat minutes of Dec 7, 2022, Resolution

3-23 McLaren, Ivens

THAT we acknowledge Hazmat minutes of Dec 7, 2022. CARRIED

2023 Hazmat dates are May 27 and Aug 26, times not discussed. Next meeting Jan 11, 2023.

8. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Oct 5 and Nov 2, new application form, Resolution

4-23 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Oct 5 and Nov 2, 2022. CARRIED

Board approved updated Consent Application form on Nov 2, 2022. Minutes received Dec 21, 2022. We updated copies in office. Email indicates Dec minutes will be provided after Jan meeting.

9. Almaguin Heads of Council; healthcare, upcoming local share discussions with MAHC for hospital

Suggested date is Thu, Jan 26 from 1 to 3 pm, they may start a bit early for a meet and greet at the Armour Township Office in Burks Falls. Preference is in person but zoom can be arranged. Armour Mayor plans to have some information and updates related to healthcare and the upcoming local share discussions with MAHC (Muskoka Algonquin Health Care) for the new hospitals based on their work with the Almaguin Highlands Health Council. There might be discussion around the push for new housing, Bill 23, etc however if you'd like a specific agenda item please advise. Mayor Carleton considered attending cautiously as we're committed to funding North Bay Regional Health Centre.

10. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit budget delayed due to the election and the appointment of new Board of Health members, will be presented at inaugural Jan meeting

Resulting levy notices will be sent in Feb, the province has pre-approved municipal mitigation funding (to cover the changes to cost-sharing announced in 2019) for 2023.

11. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Dec, Resolution

Total permit activity 2022 to 2021 is down 10, Machar has highest number of permits at 40.

5-23 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Building Permit Summaries for Dec 2022. CARRIED

INFORMATION

12. 4-083, Burned the hill down, billionaire's runaway fireworks spark New Zealand furore ATTACHED

13. Admin CBC, Province acts on "medieval villages" in northern Ontario after months of "limited response", Orders developers behind wilderness villages in Temiskaming to follow the rules ATTACHED

14. Admin CBC, Are wilderness villages in northern Ontario an answer to the housing crisis or careless development? Ontario government is "gathering information" on new villages and looking for "options" ATTACHED

15. Admin CBC, New off-grid, low-cost villages are growing in the northern Ontario wilderness, Ontario government says it is monitoring new communities being built in the Temiskaming wilderness ATTACHED

16. Admin CBC, These wilderness seekers plan to live in "medieval villages" in Ontario's north despite opposition, Province saying little about controversial new villages in unincorporated areas of Temiskaming ATTACHED

17. Admin CBC, Ontario promised to build 1.5 million homes by 2031. A new report says that will likely never happen, 3 months after Premier Doug Ford set the target, Ontario was 500,000 homes behind, Ontario is grappling with a shortage of skilled trades, due in part to a rapidly aging industry where many older workers are looking to hang up their hard hats for good. "We need to essentially double the amount of people in the skilled trades at a time when many of them are retiring." Up until 2015, Moffatt said, Ontario had a well-functioning real estate market, but changes to federal immigration policy under then Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and that have been expanded by Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, increased the amount of newcomers to Canada.

When the price of oil crashed in 2015, not only did more immigrants choose to settle in Ontario instead of Alberta and Saskatchewan, many Canadians who moved to Western Canada for economic opportunities started coming back. When oil crashed in 2015, the flow reversed itself. Ontario's population growth rate almost doubled overnight, but we didn't really change how we were building housing that led to the shortage we have today. ATTACHED

- 18. Municipality of Magnetawan Resolution,** Concurs with York Region Council and many others with Bill 23, that the legislative program under the umbrella of the Ontario Housing Supply Action Plan must be paused in order to have more in-depth consultation with municipalities and stakeholders
- 19. Township of Armour Resolution,** Tremendously concerned about the proposed amendments to Bill C-21 and requests support, calls upon the Government of Canada to stop targeting law abiding citizens for possessing legally obtained firearms, protect the rights and freedoms of Canadians by ensuring firearms legislation is based on evidence not ideology, and withdraw Bill C-21, direct resources to border security to better combat gun smuggling, direct the focus on punishing the criminals to improve public safety, direct resources to combatting the prevalence of Ghost Gun manufacturing and establish common sense firearms laws that protect legal firearms owners
- 20. Lanark County Resolution,** Violence Against Women/Renfrew Inquest, based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Lanark County Council declares IPS (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Coroner's jury recommendations, and this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, local MP's and MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women and Gender Equality
- 21. Town of Newmarket Resolution,** Formally express its opposition to Bill 23 in its current form and that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, and MPP Newmarket-Aurora Dawn Gallagher-Murphy, the Town of Newmarket formally submits its inability to meet the stated target of 12,000 new homes by 2031
- 22. Municipality of Greenstone Resolution,** The Government of Ontario has enacted Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council", Council of the Municipality of Greenstone passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Greenstone, the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022
- 23. Municipality of Tweed Resolution,** Looking for support regarding costs of natural gas in the province, the Council for the Municipality of Tweed hereby petitions the Ontario Energy Board to regulate natural gas bill costs to levels that are affordable and profitable as in jurisdictions within Ontario that have lower costs
- 24. Municipality of Wawa Resolution,** Looking for support against Bill 3, these changes to the Municipal Act 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Municipality of Wawa, if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing
- 25. City of Cambridge Resolution,** Opposes Bill 23, More Home Built Faster Act, the Cambridge City Council requests that the provincial definition of affordable be based on income and not market rates and that the Province reconsider how More Homes Built Faster Act 2022, will negatively impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation and loss of farmland
- 26. Northumberland County Resolution,** Supports action to increase the supply of housing for Ontarians and specifically to address the affordable housing crisis, County of Northumberland calls upon the Government of Ontario to pause implementation of Bill 23, and engage in meaningful engagement with municipalities and other key stakeholders to address identified concerns in order to achieve the shared goal of increasing housing supply and improving affordability and sustainability
- 27. Township of Loyalist Resolution,** Requests that the Government of the Province of Ontario repeal Bill 23 until such time as a fulsome consultation can take place, in good faith, with Ontario's municipalities and other relevant stakeholders
- 28. Township of Warwick Resolution,** Concerns with CN Railway Contribution Requirements under the Drainage Act and Impacts on Municipal Drain Infrastructure in Ontario, Township of Warwick requests that CN Rail be called upon to act as a partner to municipalities and agriculture in Ontario and reconsider its position that the Drainage Act does not apply to it as a public entity, CN Rail

contribute to all municipal drains in Ontario, as per section 26 of the Drainage Act, and work to expedite its response timelines to the 55 projects currently on hold in Ontario so that they projects impacting the agriculture sector can proceed and be dealt with in a timely manner after years of delay caused directly by CN Rail

- 29. Town of Cobourg Resolution**, Supports the resolutions from Prince Edward County, Township of Lanark Highlands and Municipality of Greenstone regarding the Strong Mayors, Building Act (Bill 3), Town of Cobourg opposes the changes that Bill 3 makes to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- 30. City of Kingston Resolution**, Council approved New Motion 5 – Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 and calls on the Provincial government to promptly pass an Administrative Penalties regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016
- 31. City of Kingston Resolution**, Formally opposes Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, including the legislative changes that specifically reduce the role of the Conservation Authorities, which provide valuable consultation advice and technical support to municipalities to ensure housing is built in a safe way and does not cause any unintended environmental consequences
- 32. Municipality of Centre Hastings Resolution**, Supports all municipalities who have put fourth resolutions regarding their concerns for Bill 23
- 33. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) News Release, Give Back to Your Hospital as a Patient Experience Partner**, MAHC is seeking applications from community members who have been a patient or a family member of a patient and want to collaborate with MAHC to improve the care experience
- 34. MAHC, News Release, MAHC to Receive Operating Funds for New Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Machine**, MAHC is one of the 27 Ontario hospitals to receive operational funds for a new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital (HDMH) Site, the announcement was made today in Huntsville by Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith following Ontario government news of a \$20 million investment to expand MRI services across the province to increase access to care for patients and reduce wait times
- 35. MAHC, News Release, MAHC Continues to Refine Communities Share of Redevelopment**, The Ministry of Health pays for most of the cost of new buildings, and the local communities have to pay a share of the entire project, the communities share can be up to 30% of the total project cost including all furnishings, fixtures and equipment in the buildings, plus any revenue-generating space such as parking lots and gift shops that the Ministry won't pay for
- 36. AMO Watchfile Dec 8, 2022 In This Issue**
 - Call for applications to fill AMO Board vacancies
 - Call for nominations to the ROMA Board of Directors
 - 4th Independent Review of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005
 - Municipal transit funding announcement
 - Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) support
 - Emerging vehicle pilot programs
 - Register today for the 2023 ROMA Conference and Annual General Meeting
 - Councillor training at ROMA Annual General Meeting and Conference
 - Strengthen your leadership: AMO's New Head of Council & New Councillor Training
 - New dates for Planning and OFIFC Indigenous Community Awareness trainings
 - OMERS confirms 2023 contribution rates
 - LAS Blog: Year End Message
 - LAS training session at FCM Sustainable Communities Conference
 - Date-driven roads: Barrie's Case Study
 - LAS Digital Incident Response Program to launch in 2023
 - Applications open for 2023 Community Climate Transitions Cohort
 - IESO launches E-LT1 procurement
 - Careers: AMO, County of Brant, Ministry of Education, and City of Ottawa
- 37. AMO Watchfile Dec 15, 2022 In This Issue**
 - Joint Annual Memorandum of Understanding Statement
 - Call for applications to fill AMO Board vacancies
 - Deadline for nominations to the ROMA Board of Directors
 - Municipal transit funding announcement
 - Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) support
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 - Webinar: A Barrier Free Website Builder for Municipalities
 - Canoe vendor spotlight: Fisher Engineering, Western Products, SnowEx
 - Applications open for 2023 Community Climate Transitions Cohort
 - AdvantAge Ontario Long-Term Care webinar for councillors
 - Careers: AMO, Thunder Bay and York University
- 38. AMO Watchfile Dec 22, 2022 In This Issue**
- AMO office closure during the holidays
 - Call for applications to fill AMO Board vacancies
 - Invitation to golf car consultations
 - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19
 - Time to reserve your AMO 2023 hotel room
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 - Webinar: A Barrier Free Website Builder for Municipalities
 - Canoe webinar series
 - Canoe vendor spotlight: Dynapac, Cimline
 - Careers
- 39. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update, Bill 39 Passes Third Party Reading, Greenbelt Consultation, Safe Restart Funding for Transit, Next Generation 9-1-1, New Regulations Proposed under the Community Safety and Policing Act, and Ontario Health Teams**
- 40. AMO President, Office of the President, End of Year Housing Update, Bill 23 and other Housing Supply Action Plan initiatives make wide-ranging changes with fundamental impacts for the roles, budgets, and decision-making processes of local governments, we recognize how important it will be to have clarity as soon as possible regarding, what changes to municipal governments need to implement by when along with the timing, nature, and conditions of funding that the government has committed to providing municipalities to offset to impacts of Bill 23**
- 41. AMCTO The Municipal Minute Dec 14, 2022, Ontario is providing \$505M to better municipalities transit systems, Province acts on 'medieval villages' in Northern Ontario after months of 'limited response, A lesson in city design from Toronto: less digital, more common good, Ontario passes law boosting 'strong mayor' powers in Toronto, Proponents for new Sudbury film studio request \$7M from the city, Toronto drivers paying \$34M in fines thanks for speed cameras, where should that money go? Half of small businesses falling prey to cyber attack**
- 42. AMCTO The Municipal Minute Dec 21, 2022, Ontario passes 'strong mayor' legislation, giving Toronto and Ottawa mayors veto power, 3 skills that will instantly point to someone with good leadership, Kingsville will be without a mayor until after the Oct municipal election, Who's responsible for low voter turnout in Ontario? Orleans MPP Blais calls for support to fast tract bill that would enable removing elected municipal officials from office, What to do when you notice your team 'quiet quitting'**
- 43. AMCTO The Municipal Minute Dec 28, 2022, Top articles of 2022, Could a lack of city planners hamper Ontario's war on the housing crisis? (ON needs and wants to build a lot more housing, but it might not have enough people to plan it) New details show how veto control of Ontario's strong mayor powers work, Ontario employers have to create policies to improve work-life balance soon, What will they look like? How much municipal politicians should be paid is a thorny question on the campaign trail, Are wilderness villages in northern Ontario an answer to the housing crisis or careless development?**
- 44. AMCTO The Municipal Minute Jan 4, 2023, Local mayors keen on creating new regional industrial park, Communities on the move: home sweet tiny home (3 year program aimed at analyzing the impact of tiny homes in N ON is set to begin at Sudbury's College Boreal), Threatening signs posted in wooded area near 2 northern ON First Nations, 70 new cops will help fight car thefts, break-ins in Brampton and Mississauga mayor says, Lambton County's response to homelessness surge formally recognized, Canadian small businesses are expanding with a little help from data**
- 45. Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), ROMA Conference Program, Breaking New Ground Jan 22-24, 2023, Programming to Support your Work and Communities**

46. **ROMA Communications News from ROMA Update**, Highlights from ROMA's Dec Board Meeting, ROMA Board elections will be held at the 2023 ROMA Annual Conference, Bill 23 is top of mind across the municipal sector, ROMA has been working with AMO to ensure the provincial government understands the impact in your community and beyond
47. **ROMA Communications**, Nominations Report on the 2023-2027 ROMA Board of Directors Elections
48. **Ontario Power Generation (OPG)**, Introducing The Regional Current, OPG Northeastern Update
49. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**, Don't miss the chance to attend Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) 2023 for less on Feb 7-10 in Ottawa and online
50. **Desormeaux Cheryl**, Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection, A Decision Maker's Guide
51. **Ius Laboris Canada Global HR Lawyers Mathews Dinsdale**, Employer's Advisor Dec 2022, Court Rules that Placement on Unpaid Leave for Violation of Mandatory Vaccination Policy is not Constructive Dismissal, Roasted: Investigation Conduct Lands Employer Café in Hot Water, Ontario Human Rights Tribunal Rules that it has Concurrent Jurisdiction with Labour Arbitrators over Human Rights Matters
52. **Municipal Property Association Corporation (MPAC), Dec 2022, In Touch**, Ontario sees strong growth in 2022 with new property construction and renovations worth over \$37.8 billion, 2022 Municipal Partnerships Report now available, in case you missed it, MPAC's Legislated Notices PRANs, ANAs, TIAs, SANs and PANs, what are they and why do we need them? Exploring the life of severance with Perth County, Best wishes this holiday season
53. **Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF), Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGD) & Herding Dogs By-Law Requests**, Livestock Guardian animals are one of the most common forms of predation prevention control however there are instances where municipal By-Law's hinder the efficient use of LGD's on farming operations as the By-Law's are intended primarily for dogs kept for companionship, breeding or non-working purposes, OSF wishes to work cooperatively with you to ensure that municipal By-Law's take into consideration the use of Livestock Guardian Dogs when developing their By-Laws
54. **Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO)**, Statement to BAO sector, CEO Departure Announcement
55. **BAO**, The BAO Board of Directors announces the appointment of interim CEO and Registrar Jim Cassimatis
56. **BAO**, Chief Coroner's message to Greater Toronto Area funeral service providers
57. **BAO**, Notice to Cemetery, Crematorium & Hydrolysis Licensees: BAO online portal now open to renew operator licences and submit Care & Maintenance Reports
58. **N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Layer Protection Against Viruses and Stay Ho-Ho-Home if Sick**, Influenza A, RSV, COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses are circulating throughout the N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit's region, between Dec 18-20, the region had 156 emergency department visits for respiratory symptoms, making it extremely important that people use layers of protection to help prevent themselves and those around them from getting ill this holiday season
59. **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre (AALC)**, Happy New Year! It's time for a "Fresh Start"
60. **AALC**, New Year - New Email! Happy 2023 from Almaguin Adult Learning, AALC Jan Calendar
61. **The Friends**, Enjoy the Winter edition of The Friendly Focus

6-23 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we support Agenda item 18: Municipality of Magnetawan re Bill 23 must be paused to have more in depth consultation with municipalities and stakeholders. CARRIED

7-23 McLaren, Ivens

THAT we support Agenda item 19: Township of Armour re Bill C-21 to stop targeting law abiding citizens for possessing legally obtained firearms. CARRIED

INFORMATION - COVID-19

62. **N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week**, the following clinics will take place this week, Mattawa Dec 12, N Bay Dec 14, Parry Sound Dec 15, Sturgeon Falls Dec 13, Sundridge Dec 16
63. **N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Over the Holidays**, vaccine clinics for the remainder of 2022 are as follows, N Bay Dec 21, 28, Parry Sound Dec 20, 29
64. **MAHC News Release, COVID-19 Outbreak Impacting SMMH Medical/Surgical Beds**, A COVID outbreak associated with three inpatients on the Medical/Surgical unit has been declared at the

SMMH side, only the impacted patients are unable to have visitors except for in approved special circumstances

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare; Series of Capital Redevelopment Community Open Houses

In-person and virtually to engage community members and update the public on the capital redevelopment journey to build 2 new hospitals in the future in Muskoka. Provincial government support for a new hospital in Huntsville on the existing land, and a new hospital in Bracebridge on new land, MAHC is working through Stage 1.3 which will include site selection for a new location of the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Site. In person sessions start Jan 16 in Huntsville through Jan 21 in Bracebridge. Jan 18 @ 7-8:30 pm – Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Arena Hall. Virtual open houses are scheduled on Mon, Jan 23 at 2 pm and Wed, Jan 25 at 7 pm. Please register for the zoom link.

EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Advisory Committee representative selection

Letter and Terms of Reference received. 4 of 5 municipalities have appointed Councillor Pearl Ivens. Sundridge has appointed Mayor Justine Leveque. The multiple municipalities must come to a consensus amongst themselves and advise who the representative is. We'll respectfully inquire to see if perhaps the Village of Sundridge and Mayor Leveque would reconsider their appointment and agree to nominate Township of Machar Councillor Pearl Ivens to the EMS Committee so we can achieve consensus needed.

CLOSED SESSION

8-23 Flowers, McLaren

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, board relations or employee negotiations. Time 8:10 pm. CARRIED

9-23 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:38 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

10-23 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, Jan 23, 2023. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

BP/tb