

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 14, 2019

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 and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Scarlett.

Guests: Darcy Wallingford and Mike Reise, Northern Lights Telecommunication Services.

High Speed Internet

Guests provided an update further to Nov 27, 2017; Sundridge tower is up with 46 customers. The goal was 50 and they're looking to further expand into Machar. There's a tower in the works for Eagle Lake and they're looking for a property in the Gables Rd vicinity as it's close to the fibre network available from Agilis. NTLs is the area's newest true high speed internet company with the ability to provide wireless speeds to customers up to 20 mg per client with no bandwidth cap, to surf and download as much as you like. Their plans are synchronous speeds, so if you pick a 5 mg plan, it will be 5 mg down and 5 mg up. They have 3 distinct plans; basic plan is a 5 mg @ \$69.99 mos, middle plan is 10 mg @ \$89.99 mos, followed by top plan of 20 mg @ \$129.99 mos. Installation is \$200 within 5 km and \$275 outside of 5 km. They're a small company that is willing to go the extra distance to ensure customers are happy with their service, if you're not happy with the service, they're not happy; <https://nlts.ca/>.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Dec 10, 2018 minutes, Resolution

1-19 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we adopt Dec 10, 2018 minutes. CARRIED

2. Adoption of Dec 17, 2018 minutes, Resolution

2-19 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we adopt Dec 17, 2018 minutes. CARRIED

3. Planning Report regarding the sale and production of cannabis, Resolution

Reviewed and discussed.

3-19 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we receive the Planning Report dated Jan 9, 2019;
FURTHER THAT we select Option #1 for Cannabis Production Facilities: To amend Zoning By-Law No. 45-12 to include a definition of a cannabis production facility. As of right, a cannabis production facility would not be permitted within any zone, a Zoning By-Law Amendment would be required to permit a cannabis production facility on a property. CARRIED

4. Eagle Lake Conservation Association proposal for Blue Green Algae Session 2019 update

President advises that another source of funding has been secured, which will cover more costs than the grant would, so Admin were able to discontinue completion of the application near the end of the process. Clerk Administrator requested the President identify 3 or 4 possible dates, so we can see if the venue is available. President is consulting with ELCA Executive for possible dates.

The Bloom Buster project presentation from Amy MacFarlane has been rescheduled to Feb 11.

5. Almaguin Highlands Detachment OPP Acting Staff Sergeant update

Effective immediately Acting Staff Sergeant Andrew Hirst will commence as the Detachment Commander during Staff Sergeant Whaley's absence.

6. Pay List for Dec 2018, Resolution

4-19 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Dec 31, 2018: \$133,558.14 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

7. South River Machar Fire; addition to Code Red, Resolution

Fire Chief request for approval to add Strong at next South River and Machar Council meetings.

5-19 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support the inclusion of the Township of Strong to be added to our Code Red Community Notification System. CARRIED

8. South River Machar Fire minutes of Jan 8, 2019, Resolution

Reviewed and discussed. Clarification requested on motions recommended to Council. Motions are made at Committee level as recommendations to Council. A Committee motion requires a mover and a seconder to put it on the table for a vote, the same as a Resolution does at Council. If the Committee member does not support the motion, it should not be moved, seconded or supported by that member. This has been a source of frustration in motions being supported at Committee to get the item to Council for discussion, instead the item should be noted in the minutes "for Council discussion". Concern expressed at the delay in presenting the 2019 draft Fire budget and a number of expenses/budget lines getting approved outside of budget. Additional capital items for 2019 may be replacing Unit 5, Unit 5 is the SUV. Income Statement reflects Machar share \$171,495 rather than \$166,344 budget approved, explanation has again been requested. Income Statement to Dec 31, 2018 reflects a Fire Budget surplus of approximately \$37,000 subject to year end entries.

6-19 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we support motions 01-10 contained in Fire minutes of Jan 8, 2019 as follows: Doug Sewell as Chair, Neil Scarlett as Vice Chair, adopt the minutes, receive Income Statement/AP Ledger, the Fire Chief purchase an online training platform through Target Solutions for the annual fee of \$4,705 plus applicable taxes, the Fire Chief purchase an online notification platform through Fluent IMS for the annual fee of \$1,200 plus applicable taxes, Fire Chief's report, close the meeting, return to open session, meet again on Feb 5, 2019,

FURTHER THAT approval of the online training/notification platforms does not constitute Budget approval. CARRIED

The Fire Chief advised late this afternoon that Pump 3 (2006 Ford) experienced some engine problems over the weekend. Repairs locally were unsuccessful and it's been sent to the dealership, the issue is in the fuel injection system which is complex on the 6L Ford engines.

9. South River Machar Library minutes of Jan 9, 2019, Resolution

7-19 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Library Board minutes of Jan 9, 2019. CARRIED

Mayor Carleton will advise minutes should reflect those present and inquire on 2019 draft Budget.

10. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Dec 19, 2018, Resolution

8-19 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Planning Board minutes of Dec 19, 2018. CARRIED

11. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Dec, Resolution

9-19 Wood, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Joint Building Committee Permit Summaries for Dec 2018. CARRIED

12. District of Parry Sound Social Services update on the Housing Services Dept

PSDSSAB would be happy to come out and provide an update on the Housing Services Dept. They're in the process of updating their Housing and Homelessness Plan, looking for housing and building information from their 22 municipalities in order to provide an accurate and inclusive update to their ongoing Plan. List of questions sent, hoping for a response by Jan 31, 2019.

INFORMATION

13. Municipality of Mattice-Val Cote – Resolution requesting amend paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office, with the following wording: “I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to my country, Canada, and to its three founding nations”
14. City of Hamilton Resolution whereas concerns over the quality of the Municipal Voters List is not a new phenomenon, is supplied by data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), a transformational solution to the way the Voters List is created and managed is required, supports the re-establishment of the multi stakeholder group in exploring and identifying ways to create and maintain the Voters List for Municipal Elections
15. ELCA Newsletter- Membership & Events, Invasive Phragmites, Blue Green Algae, 2018 Municipal Election & Lake Stewards Report, AGM & Calendars, Board of Directors, Membership Form
16. MPAC 2018 Year-End Assessment Report, provides a high-level summary of MPAC’s 2018 activities that are relevant to the municipal sector, and also two municipal level snapshots of the assessment changes unique to your municipality
17. MPAC – InTouch – December 2018 Delivering the assessment roll: playing our part in your community, Congratulations to all newly-elected councils, Coming soon: 2018 year-end assessment report, 2019 municipal levy announced, Listening to the needs of your municipality, MPAC removing gender identification information, Happy holidays from everyone at MPAC
18. MPAC Gender Alignment Products and System Changes – On April 26, 2018, regulatory changes were introduced regarding the collection of gender information for enumeration purposes, effective January 1, 2019, MPAC will no longer have the authority to collect gender information as part of its enumeration for municipal elections and elections in non-municipal territories; gender identifiers will be replaced with a code of “I” (individual) on all MPAC products and/or systems where gender information is currently shown
19. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release; Vaccinations Required for Students, working to ensure that the legislation is followed, notices will be sent to high school students whose records and incomplete, parents will have until Mar 6, 2019 to provide the information
20. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre Jan 2019 Calendar, Upcoming Schedule for monthly bus to N Bay
21. Doug Downey, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance invites Mayor Carleton to participate in a discussion on the 2019 Ontario Budget on Jan 10, and written ideas are welcome, please bring your submission or submit by Feb 8, 2019 submissions@ontario.ca
22. Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Copy of the District of Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) Governance and Accountability Review Final Report, communicate next steps for this work, no consensus among participants on the best path forward; government will not be moving forward to implement the recommendations laid out in the report, proceed with focused discussions with the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) beginning in the new year
23. AMO Policy Update – Information for Councils – Developing a Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement, no matter the municipal decision, consumers will continue to have access to cannabis through on-line sales, personal growing and through retail in other communities
24. AMO Policy Update – Cannabis Shortage Will Limit Number of Stores, Phased Approach cap will remain in place at least until the supply shortage is addressed; The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), will only award 25 stores licenses in the initial phase of private recreational cannabis retail starting April 1, 2019, taking applications from potential store operators from January 7-9, 2019, operator licenses will be decided by lottery
25. AMO Policy Update – Bill 66 – Municipal Implications Overview, Schedule 2 – Repeal of the Pawnbrokers Act, Schedule 3 – Amendments to the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2015 and the Education Act changes to rules regarding in-home child care services and authorized recreational and skills building program; increasing the permissible number and age of children per provider a day , also raise concerns related to children’s health & safety and the quality of childcare, with possible impacts on municipal monitoring of childcare spaces, Schedule 4 – Amendments to the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (Sub-metering), Schedule 8 – Amendments to the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2017, Schedule 9 – Amendments to the Labour Relations Act, 1995 (Construction Employer Designation), Construction is not a core municipal function and

municipal governments should not be treated as construction employers, Schedule 10 – Amendments to the Planning Act ('Open For Business' Tool) could fast track permanent job creating opportunities, scope of a regulation indicates that a proposal to use this tool would require minimum job creation threshold, it would appear that the tool, like a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) would be for a specific land use application, Public consultation is not required but not prohibited

26. **AMO Policy Update – At Queen's Park: Summary of 2018 Completed Legislation, Bill 4 – Cap and Trade Cancellation Act, Bill 5 – Better Local Government Act, Bill 32 – Access to Natural Gas Act, Bill 34 – Green Energy Repeal Act, Bill 36 – Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, Bill 47 – Making Ontario Open for Business Act, Bill 57 – Restoring Trust, Transparency and Accountability Act**
27. **AMO Policy Update – Financial Risks for Property Taxpayers and Municipal Budgets – OMPF will be reduced by an unspecified amount and allocation notices for 2019 will be delayed, Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and Ontario Gas Tax for Transit funds are to increase in 2019 and these increases were an election promise, while we all will be operating within a smaller funding envelope, we want to work with you to return the program to what it was initially intended to do – support the Northern and rural municipalities that need it the most**
28. **AMO Watchfile Dec 13, 2018 In This Issue**
 - Updated telecommunications and rights-of-way handbook for municipalities.
 - As a member of Council what you need to know!
 - Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics.
 - Communications 101 for Elected Officials.
 - Countdown to AMO Conference has begun.
 - Showcase at the AMO Conference - August 2019.
 - LAS Blog: Canada's Federal Carbon Pricing System.
 - ONE Investment principal protected notes webinar video recording.
 - ONE Investment HISA holiday closure.
 - Career with AMO.
29. **AMO Watchfile Dec 20, 2018 In This Issue**
 - New episode of AMO ON Topic available now.
 - 2019 ROMA Conference - Delegations.
 - As a member of Council what you need to know!
 - Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics.
 - Communications 101 for Elected Officials.
 - Countdown to the AMO Conference has begun.
 - Las Blog: A Year in Review.
 - Careers with Port Colborne, New Tecumseth, Clearview and Lucan Biddulph.
30. **AMO Watchfile Jan 3, 2019 In This Issue**
 - As a member of Council what you need to know!
 - Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics.
 - Communications 101 for Elected Officials.
 - Countdown to the AMO Conference has begun.
 - Showcase at the AMO Conference - August 2019.
 - Careers with Durham Region, Bruce County, Essex County and Kitchener.
31. **AMO Watchfile Jan 10, 2019 In This Issue**
 - Main Street Revitalization Initiative insurance certificates.
 - Fire safety on farms.
 - Social Media Webinars - help make the best and avoid the worst of social media.
 - Conversations with ONE Investment - "Meet and Greet."
 - AMO-Notarius Digital Signature pilot.
 - Ready? Set? Update your Energy Plans!
 - Careers with Matachewan, Simcoe County, and Cochrane DSSAB.
32. **AMCTO Advocacy Update – Municipal Reporting Burden often onerous, excessive, fragmented, duplicative, and often a barrier to effective municipal service delivery; Minister commits to convening a cross-government working group, tasked with reducing reporting, ensuring the information collected is necessary for the province's work, eliminating duplicate reporting, and ensuring reporting requirements for small municipalities are appropriate**
33. **AMCTO Legislative Express December 6, 2018– Government Releases Fall Economic Statement; Update on OMERS Comprehensive Plan Review, Government Announces Reforms to "Double-Hatters" and Interest Arbitration, Government Announces Reforms to Social Assistance Programs, Government Announces Grants to Help Police Keep Communities Safe, Government Announces New Climate Change Plan, Government Announces Changes and Consultation on Affordable Housing; Government Passes New Cannabis Regulations, Government Scrapes Elements of Bill 148; Best Practices for Cannabis Legalization, Webinar on Municipal Responsibilities in the Private Cannabis Retail Sector, Updated 2018 Municipal Councillor's Guide Now Available, Chief Drinking Water Inspector Releases Annual Report, New Resources Available for Managing Public Library Boards, Webinar on Municipal-Indigenous Relations**
34. **ROMA Insider the Vice of Rural ON, quarterly newsletter, ROMA Interim Chair and Board Elections, 2019 ROMA Conference Jan 27, Pressing the Province on rural matters, Key conference topics: cannabis, labour, energy, Spotlight on LAS services**

35. ROMA 2019 Conference Program at a Glance Sun, Jan 27 – Tue, Jan 29, 2019
36. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – government has launched a broad consultation to gather input on how to increase the supply and mix of housing, speed up development timelines and drive down costs, share your ideas by visiting Ontario.ca/HousingSupply before Jan 25, 2019, want to hear directly from you, invited to participate in one or several discussions focused on the Planning Act, the Provincial Policy Statement, the Building Code and other matters, interested in transformative change, not incremental shifts in policies; Making Ontario open for business means a fundamental change to the status quo, needs to be a place where businesses can locate and grow, and create jobs and innovate, not spend their time clearing regulatory hurdles and navigating unnecessary red tape
37. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks released the Minister’s Annual Report on Drinking Water 2018
38. Review of Planned Operations: 2020-2021 Long term Extension to the Algonquin Park Forest 2010-2020 Forest Management Plan from Jan 7, 2019-Feb 6, 2019 www.ontario.ca/forestplans
39. Trans Canada Trail – pleased to share with you some of the highlights and successes of the past few months, focus has turned to maintaining, enhancing and extending this iconic network of multi-use recreational trails – the longest in the world, federal government formally announced \$30 million in funding over four years for Trans Canada Trail from Parks Canada, \$250,000 donation from Enterprise Rent-a-Car Foundation, a gift made in honour of their 25th anniversary in Canada, received over 140 new proposals for Trail projects from across the country
40. The Mid North Network for the Coordination and Development of Adult Learning – one of sixteen support organizations in the province, providing support to the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities (MTCU) Literacy and Basic Skills, wanted to remind you that community has an invaluable resources, Literacy and Basic Skills plays a critical role in helping Ontarians build the foundational and essential or independence goals, www.northliteracy.ca
41. OMAFRA (ON Ministry of Agr, Food and Rural Affairs) Crop-program 2019 presents CropSmart on Fri, Jan 18, 2019 in Sudbury
42. Municipal Monitor magazine Q4 2018; Cannabis Inc, Ontario is still finding its way through retail regulations, Treading that fiscal tightrope, The changing workforce and municipal revenues, Don’t tell it to the judge
43. Municipal World magazine Jan 2019; The tough job of being a Mayor in Canada, Tackling urban wellness in Edmonton, London’s experience with Ranked Ballot Election, Getting to innovation in local government

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

M/S Boundary Rd/Mountainview Rd

Concerns expressed regarding construction schedule and maintenance. Inquiry to be sent to Strong.

CLOSED SESSION

10-19 McLaren, 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; labour relations or employee negotiations; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Time 8:07 pm. CARRIED

11-19 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 9:13 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

12-19 Flowers, Wood

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 28, 2019 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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