

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 22, 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, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul.

GUESTS

Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce President Willy Hollett and Director Laurie Stahlbaum, South River Machar Fire Chief Risto Maki.

Regional Economic Development Plan for Almaguin Highlands

CAEDA (Central Almaguin Economic Development Association) revised 2 year work plan and BACED (Burks Falls and Area Community Economic Development) sample regional work plan, as well as BACED CIINO Program Highlights 2015-2017 were presented. Presenter spoke to the importance of regional economic development, the efforts made towards it and the current status, with a view towards requesting Council to reconsider withdrawal from CAEDA. AHCC now makes a financial contribution to CAEDA equal to the municipal contribution. AHCC is again doing the Community Guide and Directory this year (current copy is 2017-18). The President donated a copy of the book 13 Ways to Kill Your Community. The author presented in the area in 2017 and the President indicates the book is good. Guests departed. Council considered CAEDA withdrawal later in the evening. Decision stands.

2018 South River Fire Department Budget

Further to Council discussion on Dec 11, 2017, Fire Budget for 2018 was returned to Committee for more work at their meeting in Jan. Budget again discussed at Jan 9, 2018 Fire Committee with the Fire Chief suggesting that he attend the next Machar Council meeting to discuss further. Difficult discussion ensued at length. Mayor Carleton posed several questions on revenues and expenses, with a view to decreasing the amount of the budget increase. Chief Maki provided answers and rationale, with a view to supporting the amount of the budget increase, indicating South River and the Fire Committee had unanimously supported the proposed Budget. Council input was sought. Recorded vote requested.

12-18 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we support motion 54 as contained in Fire minutes of Dec 5, 2017; accept the 2018 Budget in the amount of our share \$166,344 up 31.7% (\$40,003.50), subject to overall Township budgetary requirements.

RECORDED VOTE: Yeas; Blair Flowers, Neil Scarlett, Bart Wood, Nays; Lynda Carleton, Ron McLaren.
CARRIED

BUSINESS

1. Jan 8, 2018 minutes, Resolution

13-18 Flowers, Wood

THAT we adopt minutes of Jan 8, 2018. CARRIED

2. Pay List by Fund for Dec, Resolution

14-18 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Dec 31, 2017: \$248,518.81. CARRIED

Inquiries answered. 10% holdback discussed.

COMMITTEES

3. Machar Public Works minutes of Jan 11, 2018, Resolution

15-18 Wood, Flowers

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Jan 11, 2018, including 2018 Budget as follows: Landfill net \$180,661 up 2.1% and Roads \$1,033,766 up 2%. CARRIED

Parks & Cemeteries Maintenance extension discussed.

4. South River Machar Fire minutes of Jan 9, 2018, Resolution

16-18 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we support motions 1-8 as contained in Fire minutes of Jan 9, 2018; adopt the minutes, Income Statement/AP Ledger, Fire Chief's Report, Fire Chief purchase necessary capital items that are designated for replacement pumper as outlined, close the meeting, adjourn from closed session, meet again on Feb 6, 2018... CARRIED

a. 2018 Proposed Budget Option 2 up 31.7% (\$40,003.50)

Discussed with Fire Chief earlier in the evening.

5. South River Machar Culture and Rec minutes of Jan 10, 2018, Resolution

17-18 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we support motions 1 and 3-4 as contained in Culture and Rec minutes of Jan 10, 2018; accept the minutes, Income Statement/AP Ledger, meet again on Feb 7, 2018... CARRIED

a. 2018 Proposed Budget up 12.8% (\$170)

18-18 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we support motion 2 as contained in Culture and Rec minutes of Jan 10, 2018; accept the 2018 Budget in the amount of our share \$1,500 up 12.8% (\$170). CARRIED

6. South River Machar Arena minutes of Jan 10, 2018, Resolution

19-18 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we support motions 1-2 and 4-5 as contained in Arena minutes of Jan 10, 2018; adopt the minutes, AP Ledger/Income Statement, addition to the HOC Day Camp Agreement to include 2 month long sessions, each running a minimum of 4 weeks, meet again on Feb 7, 2018... CARRIED

Day Camp Pricing Worksheet for 2018 reviewed in consideration of Committee motion. Revenue amount varies from approximately \$3-4,000 to us annually, it's included in the Township's budget revenue and is not directly Arena related, however Council see the value in establishing an Arena reserve. Deputy Mayor McLaren requested the caveat included (deficit).

20-18 Wood, Flowers

THAT we support motion 3 as contained in Arena minutes of Jan 10, 2018; any surplus collected from the HOC Day Camp be put into an Arena Reserve, FURTHER THAT any deficit from HOC Day Camp would be taken from this Reserve. CARRIED

7. South River Machar Medical minutes of Jan 16, 2018, Resolution

21-18 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we support motions 1-3 as contained in Medical minutes of Jan 16, 2018; adopt the minutes, Pay List by Fund/Budgetary Control, now adjourned until Feb 20, 2018... CARRIED

8. Joint Building Reports/Permit Summaries 2017, Resolution

156 permits issued compared to 137 in 2016, Machar had 41 compared to 40 in 2016.

22-18 Flowers, Wood

THAT we accept JBC reports for year end 2017. CARRIED

9. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd Quarterly Report Dec 2017

- a. **2018 Budget will be a 0% Board increase (Machar \$112,922)**

INFORMATION

- 10. Township of Muskoka Lakes Resolution endorses and further strengthens Township of Montague Resolution re Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act (Bill 148) regarding the requirement for clarity, specifically for municipal employers, requests specifically exempt all firefighters from the minimum 3 hours rules and conduct a full economic impact study to study the effect of the Bill on businesses and municipalities across Ontario**
- 11. OGRA (ON Good Rds Assoc) seeking reforms to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process, in its current form the process has made municipal infrastructure projects longer in duration and more costly, OGRA encourages municipalities to adopt Resolution that calls on Minister of Environment and Climate Change to accelerate application of the MCEA**
- 12. AMO Policy Update – Today’s Provincial Cabinet Shuffle; expected, appointments...changes**
- 13. AMO Watchfile Jan 11, 2018 In This Issue**
 - Inclusionary zoning regulation spells big change.
 - Bill 148 provisions and their timing.
 - Input sought on draft Municipal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reductions Guide.
 - Ontario funding for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reductions.
 - Ontario Commuter Cycling Program.
 - Green Commercial Vehicle Program.
 - Green Ontario Fund.
 - Bill 68 Workshop - reserve your seat today.
 - Mark your calendars: January 17, 2018.
 - What’s the risk?
 - LAS Roads Assessment Service coming to ROMA!
 - Digital signatures: The Last Mile.
 - *Municipal Act, 2001* amendments and implications for closed meeting investigations.
 - Careers with AMO, Durham, Northumberland, South Bruce Peninsula, Elgin and Whitestone.
- 14. AMO Watchfile Jan 18, 2018 In This Issue**
 - Province consulting on a New Vision for Student Transportation.
 - Land use planning guidance for development near pipelines.
 - Municipal input sought: Proposed Source Protection Regulations.
 - Firefighters exempted from recent Bill 148 equal pay changes to *Employment Standards Act*.
 - Join LAS at the 2018 ROMA Conference.
 - LAS Energy Workshop series coming to Southern Ontario.
 - Providing continuity to surface discontinuity: Automated Sidewalk Assessments.
 - Careers.
- 15. AMCTO releases 2018 Pre-budget Submission; Local Government Priorities for the 2018 Ontario Budget Jan 2018**
- 16. OESC upcoming 2018 Municipal Elections Materials for School Board Candidates**
- 17. Near North Enviro Centre Community Workshop Series presents Solar Solutions Sat, Jan 27 10:00 am – 12; Off grid, net metering, storage, Admission \$5 www.nneec.ca/solar-solutions**
- 18. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce; Labour Market Group consultation session in Almaguin Highlands, Wed, Jan 24, 2018 @ 10-11:30 am Highlander Brew Co, Local Labour Market Planning Census Update & Consultation info@thelabourmarketgroup.ca**
- 19. 2018 ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) Conference in Toronto Jan 21-23, more than 4 dozen plenary sessions and workshops, sure to be something of interest to local media and constituents, small sample of important topics includes: Rural broadband, New provincial legislation on: waste management, municipal investments and elections, Marijuana legalization, Rural school closures, Rural health care matters, Property tax assessment, Asset management, Wastewater management, New legislation on municipal investments**
- 20. Municipal World article Professional Courtesy; Its meaning, absence, and impact**
- 21. Municipal World article Lame Duck Councils in Ontario; Restricted acts after nomination day**
- 22. Municipal World article Top 10 Strategies for Employee Attraction & Retention**
- 23. Municipal World article Management Zone; A Point for Attention**
- 24. Municipal World Magazine Dec 2017 Microliving; Repositioning the master plan**

25. **Municipal Monitor Magazine Q4 2017 Gone Phishing Municipal Governments Must Do a Lot More to Protect Themselves From the Plague of Cyber-Crime; Candid Commentary CAO Survey Takes the Pulse of the Municipal World; The Forecast Calls for Clouds Municipalities Find Cloud Computing Ideal for Smart City Services; Crashing The Comfort Zone How to Keep Long-Term Employees Happy, Engaged and Productive**
26. **Municipal World Magazine Jan 2018 The Future of Urban Trucking; Activating Diversity and Inclusion; Innovation and Leadership in Mid-Sized Cities; A Teeny Tiny Movement (Part 2)**

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Mayor Carleton relayed correspondence from other municipalities concerned and taking action to prohibit future marijuana distribution outlets from establishing in their municipalities.

Deputy Mayor McLaren referred an improved internet option available from Bell to rural customers for a rocket hub with cost options starting at \$63 and up, depending on usage and speed.

Forgotten Trails, information available from Discovery Routes <http://discoveryroutes.ca/south-river/> discussed. There are many trails in our area/municipality. Municipal membership is \$250.

ADJOURN

23-18 McLaren, 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, Feb 12, 2018 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul

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