

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 28, 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 and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney.

Guests scheduled and observing: Cindy Ord.

2018 and 2019 Fire Dept Budget

Ms. Ord gave a presentation of her observations and notes from attending Council and Fire Committee meetings regarding the 2018 Fire Budget. Several questions were asked and answered. Ms. Ord expressed frustration and asked for assurances going forward for 2019. Mayor Carleton advised a proposal is in discussion for approval of 2019 Committee budgets including Fire, Arena, Culture and Rec.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Jan 14, 2019 minutes, Resolution

17-19 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we adopt Jan 14, 2019 minutes as amended. CARRIED

2. Adoption of Jan 21, 2019 minutes, Resolution

18-19 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we adopt Jan 21, 2019 minutes. CARRIED

3. South River reply on Shared Committees

South River Council remains firm on its decision to withdraw from the Shared Services Committees; Fire, Arena, Culture and Rec. The Library and Medical Boards will not be affected. South River indicates there is a growing trend by organizations which use committee structures to eliminate this level of bureaucracy. South River proposes 2 Joint Council meetings be held during a year; the 1st would set the departmental budgets and the 2nd would review the year and look toward the next year's budgets. Once the budgets have been passed the department managers would work within the approved budgets with Income Statements being made available to both Councils on a monthly or a quarterly basis. Employees for both the fire and the arena departments and administration staff are staff of South River and all matters relating to staff are handled by the South River Personnel Committee. Machar Council expressed concern regarding the volume of work done at Committee as well as programs and events offered to the community through the Committees; Soccer, Halloween Party, Christmas in the Village, etc. Clerk Administrator to inquire.

4. South River Lions Winterfest Dinner and Dance on Sat, Feb 23, 2019; tickets \$35 each by Feb 13

Mayor Carleton is requested to attend to participate and say a few words.

COMMITTEES

5. Almaguin Clerks Group meeting; Integrity Commissioner training

Clerk Administrator and Treasurer Deputy Clerk previewed this training. All Council are encouraged to attend. Training session will consist of MPAC, Ministry and Integrity Commissioner on Feb 21.

6. Machar Public Works minutes of Jan 17, 2019, Resolution

Almaguin Highlands Community Trails discussed, awaiting digital copy for posting to the website.

19-19 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Public Works minutes of Jan 17, 2019. CARRIED

7. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Jan 15, 2019, Resolution

Renovations discussed; sketch and revisions reviewed. The Board must provide 6 month's notice to tenants; draft letter prepared for Board approval at their next meeting. Parking lot usage discussed; community parking lot with a row signed as reserved for Medical Centre use during open hours.

20-19 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions 1-8 as contained in Medical Centre minutes of Jan 15, 2019 as follows: Teri Brandt as Chair, Blair Flowers as Vice Chair, custodian pay increase, minutes, Blair Flowers and Linda Flowers to maintain and manage the loan cupboard, pay half of the invoice for floor plan renovations proposed, Pay List/Budgetary Control, adjourn until Feb 19. CARRIED

8. South River Machar Culture and Rec minutes of Jan 16, 2019, Resolution

Discussed; several events coming forward for future discussion, Family Game Night proposed. Income Statement reflects total costs of \$1,199.55 per municipality subject to year end entries. Committee motions 2, 3, 5 and 6 noted for technical corrections and amendment.

21-19 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge motions 1-7 contained in Culture and Rec minutes of Jan 16, 2019 as follows: Ian McNeil as Chairperson, Ron McLaren as Vice Chairperson, minutes of Nov 7, Income Statement/AP Ledger, budget will remain the same as 2018 proposing a municipal contribution of \$1,500 each, meetings be moved to the 2nd Tue of each month, adjourn to meet again on Feb 12, 2019... CARRIED

9. South River Machar Arena minutes of Jan 16, 2019, Resolution

Discussed; preliminary budget presented at Committee reflects an increase of 1.8% which includes \$25,000 capital but not \$80,000 to install emergency generator for refrigeration plant only, South River Committee reps concerned about generator cost, grant under consideration if obtained could deduct \$25,000 from \$80,000 generator, alternately cost would be \$40,000 per municipality. Conversation on day camp proposed rate increase from \$120 to \$125 per week and sponsorship. Committee motions 2, 3 and 9 noted for technical corrections and amendment.

22-19 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge motions 1-7 and 9 and 11 contained in Arena minutes of Jan 16, 2019 as follows: Ian McNeil as Chairperson, Neil Scarlett as Vice Chairperson, minutes of Nov 7, Income Statement/AP Ledger, Arena Manager's report, move forward with the Generator application for a possible grant of up to \$25,000, accept the Day Camp application, meetings be moved to the 2nd Tue of each month, adjourn to meet again on Feb 12, 2019, FURTHER THAT motions 8 and 10 be deferred back to Committee as they don't contain amounts. CARRIED

10. Joint Building notes of Jan 17, 2019; no quorum

11. Joint Building Permit Summaries for 2018

Building Department Statistics 2018 provided; operation costs for building permits and inspections services per \$1,000 of construction activity, last 5 year averages, percentage of permit fees collected per municipality, building permit summary JBC/report, building permit summary Machar/report.

12. Blair Flowers appointed to the Board of Health for the N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

13. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit 2019 Municipal Levy Information Package; \$28,313

14. Almaguin Highlands Community Economic Development (ACED) BACED update; phase 2 appl

INFORMATION

- 15. 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
- 16. Town of Georgina** – resolution recommending that Schedule 10 of Bill 66 be immediately abandoned or withdrawn by the Ontario Government
- 17. Town of Orangeville** – resolution opposes planned changes to the Planning Act in the proposed Bill 66 that may allow for an “open for business” planning by-law
- 18. AMO Policy Update Bill 66 Municipal Implications Overview** – included Just announced the Government will not proceed with Schedule 10.
- 19. AMO Policy Update – Province’s “Regional Review” to be Limited** – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, announced today that this review is limited to nine (9) upper tiers and their constituent lower tiers in: Waterloo, Niagara Region, Halton Region, Peel Region, York Region, Durham Region, Oxford County, Simcoe County, Muskoka District; focus is to be on governance/decision-making and service delivery, last August, the Minister began informal discussions, wishing to hear from people about how this system of governance is working recognizing it was established in the 1970s, while this review does not include any other municipal jurisdictions or structure, AMO will keep an eye on any potential sector wide implications that the advisors’ recommendations may have for service delivery generally
- 20. AMO Policy Up-date – New Policy Resources Available for a New Year** – AMO’s Key Messages – Amplifying AMO’s Key Messages for Ontario Budget 2019, to help advance municipal interests and influence the Budget preparation; seven highlights of AMO’s Submission, 1. Ontarians already pay the highest taxes 2. Polling shows us municipal services are important to Ontarians 3. For almost half of Ontario’s municipal governments, a 1% property tax increase raises less than \$50,000 4. In 2018, \$133.7 billion in provincial spending went to all transfer payment recipients, support for municipal government accounts for just \$4.2 billion of that amount or 5.6% of provincial spending 5. AMO estimates municipal governments need \$4.9 billion per year for ten years on top of the existing federal and provincial transfers to continue delivering today’s services and close the infrastructure gap 6. Development charge revenue must not be eroded 7. Municipal governments are important to the provincial government, we are the front line; AMO Health Discussion papers released and upcoming webinar; AMO’s Response to Provincial Environmental Plan available now
- 21. AMO Watchfile Jan 17, 2019 In This Issue**
 - AMO’s Pre-Budget Submission with key messages.
 - AMO Health Webinar on January 24.
 - February 13 Municipal Waste Diversion Forum.
 - Province proposing changes to the 2017 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
 - Register today for Communications 101 for elected officials.
 - Save the date for OSUM 2019 in Renfrew - May 1-3.
 - Conversations with ONE Investment - “Meet and Greet.”
 - LAS Blog: Top Five Reasons to Attend ROMA 2019.
 - Careers with Municipality of Brockton and Loyalist Township.
- 22. AMCTO Releases its 2019 Pre-Budget Submission** – Promote Fiscal Sustainability, Strengthen Municipal-Provincial Relations, Policy Reforms for Local Government
- 23. FCM Communique – Progress: New Federal minister for rural issues** – a new position to his cabinet and named broadband access as a top priority; fast, reliable Internet access is a top priority for FCM’s rural, northern and remote members; FCM has been clear: should launch and fund a national strategy to achieve fast, reliable Internet access in communities of all sizes, that means clear standards and timelines to achieve 50/10 Mbps speeds everywhere; Rural communities help drive Canada’s economy, together, we’ve helped secure a \$2 billion rural and northern infrastructure fund
- 24. Ontario Energy Board Notice** – Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2019, have your say by February 5, 2019: EB-2018-0305 www.oeb.ca/participate
- 25. National Eating Disorder Information Centre www.nedic.ca** – week of February 1st to February 7th 2019 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week (EDAW) commemorated across Canada since 1988 by established eating disorder organization, education and public health institutions, draws attention to the causes, prevalence and impact of eating disorders
- 26. 2019 Labour Market Consultations** – North Bay Tuesday. January 29/2019 @ 10:00 – 11:30 am
- 27. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd** – HOME Network (Homelessness Objectives Maximizing Efforts) municipal invitation, partners and stakeholders meet 3 times per year, Feb 26, Parry Sound 10 am – 12 pm, RSVP no later than Feb 22

- 28. The Explorers' Edge Industry Newsletter** – MTCS Ontario Tourism Strategy: Have your Say, RFP: International Marketing of Key Tourism Activities (KTAs) for Destination Development, RFP: Indigenous Tourism Product Inventory & Development Workshops, Ministerial Consultations: January 2019, Ontario By Bike Cycle Tourism Conference: Tourism Business Awards, Parry Sound Muskoka Community Network: Innovation Awards, Call for Packages
- 29. OMAFRA** – Grower Pesticide Safety Courses Ontario Pesticide Education Program (OPEP); Huntsville, Huntsville Public Library Annex Mon Feb 25, Powassan, Powassan Library Mon Mar 25; Workshops from Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association, growing your farm profits (GYFP), Huntsville Jan 12/Jan 19; Environmental Farm Plan Workshop (EFP) Huntsville, Feb 26/Mar 5; Register online at www.ontariosoilcrop.org
- 30. The Great Trail** – Municipality is home to an important section of The Great Trail, created by Trans Canada Trail (TCT) and its partners declared itself a TCT Champion Community; spanning more than 24,000 km, is now connected from coast to coast; look forward to including the Township of Machar in listings of Trail Champions in future publications

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

South River Curling Club Accessibility Project

The Curling Club is the proud recipient of a Capital Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and thanked us for our letter of support as part of our letter was quoted in their application. Funds from the grant will allow the Club to update their aging building, providing accessible entrances and washrooms, and basement renovations for new change rooms. The Club looks forward to sharing the finished product with citizens of Machar, it will include a healthy environment for social and physical activities.

ADJOURN

23-19 Scarlett, 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 11, 2019 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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