

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 10, 2019**

Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Councillor Bart Wood with respect to 4. as he's a member of the Lion's Club, Mayor Lynda Carleton with respect to 9. as her daughter submitted a tender for Medical Centre grass cutting.

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney.

Guests scheduled: MaryAnne Poland and Drew Pahapill, Chartered Professional Accountants. Guest observing: Marvin Nolan.

2018 Consolidated & Trust Funds Financial Statements, Audit and Representation letters

Detailed report given on the Consolidated Financial Statements reflecting; year end surplus result, notes, clean audit opinion, no concerns, audit went very smoothly, appreciation to Administration. Audit and Representation letters signed and provided to Auditors.

109-19 Flowers, Wood

THAT we accept the Consolidated and Trust Fund Financial Statements for Dec 31, 2018. CARRIED

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of May 27, 2019 minutes, Resolution

- a. **Near N Crime Stoppers stats for Almaguin Highlands; 661/18,319 tips received since 1988**

110-19 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt May 27, 2019 minutes. CARRIED

2. 2019 Summer Newsletter Draft 1

Reviewed. Council were pleased and requested a few additions; Fire Safety Tips, phragmites.

3. South River Lions Club Canada Day Celebration on Sat, Jun 29, 2019 at the Arena – 1:00 pm; beer tent, bbq, children games, and live entertainment

4. South River Lions Club Canada Day Celebration request to assist financially with the event

Approved \$500.

5. Eagle Lake Conservation Assoc Blue Green Algae Workshop Jun 8 & Phragmites effort 2019

Blue Green Algae Public Information Session very successful and important for lake quality. There will be a thesis done on Eagle Lake this summer with a buoy. We'll look to do a notice for our website once further information is known. Phragmites cut dates and requirements discussed; Eagle Lake Estates Park will be closed Sun, Jul 21, Eagle Lake Narrows Park parking lot available will be less Sat, Jul 27 and Mon, Jul 29, Bagshaw Bay will be done Sat, Aug 3. Clerk Administrator provided dates to Mikisew Provincial Park Superintendent with positive response to possibly assist. Councillor Wood will follow up and look to discuss 2 sites at Mikisew hopefully for their action. It was noted the MNRF and MTO should also be addressing phragmites and perhaps we should draft a Resolution to circulate for municipal support, requesting the Ministries/Province take action.

6. Budget Report, Resolution

Reviewed. Revenues are at 42% and Expenditures 27.8% as of Jun 4, 2019.

111-19 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we accept Budget Report to May 31, 2019. CARRIED

7. Pay List for May 2019, Resolution

Reviewed. Several questions asked and answered.

112-19 Wood, Flowers

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of May 31, 2019: \$230,280.44 Grand Total. CARRIED

a. South River Friendly Circle request for donation to support grant approval 20% condition

Approved \$1,000.

b. South River Kawartha Credit Union hosting annual Send a Child to Day Camp fundraising BBQ and Silent Auction on Fri, Jun 28, 2019, approaching local business for donations

Approved 3 flags and 3 caps. Tshirts to be sourced. Spartans tickets considered.

c. Machar Crackers request for donation towards Canada Day Fireworks display at Eagle Lake

Approved \$500.

COMMITTEES

8. South River Machar Culture and Recreation; list of Recreational Activities 2019

Reviewed; a very thorough and helpful listing. A few suggestions were made for addition. Deputy Mayor McLaren will follow up with Culture and Rec Committee member Brandt to hopefully update.

9. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of May 21, 2019, Resolution

113-19 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we support motions 1-2 and 4-9 as contained in Medical minutes of May 21, 2019; adopt the minutes, Pay List/Budgetary Control, Claridge Maintenance to maintain the garden beds, RLS Controls to replace the motion switched in the four washrooms, close the meeting, return to open, now adjourned until Jun 18, 2019... CARRIED

Invitation from the Almaguin Health Team discussed; our doctors are not interested and are confirmed to be continuing for the foreseeable future at our Medical Centre. It's noted that we administer overhead & infrastructure for our doctors and this is credited with retaining our doctors.

10. South River Machar Library minutes of May 15, 2019, Resolution

OLS-N services will not be affected, CALLE events reviewed; Alcohol Ink, Cannabis, Estate Planning...

114-19 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of May 15, 2019. CARRIED

11. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of May 15, 2019, Resolution

Applications in Lount (which is unorganized, without an Official Plan or Zoning By-law) requiring a lake capacity assessment, etc. discussed.

115-19 Wood, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of May 15, 2019. CARRIED

12. Joint Building Permit Summaries for May 2019, Resolution

Permits to date 44, comparable to 46 to date last year.

116-19 McLaren, Wood

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for May 2019 as revised. CARRIED

INFORMATION

13. Township of McNab/Braeside – Resolution 131-2019 Government of Ontario E-Learning, requests the Premier of Ontario to reconsider these online courses until rural Ontario students can be given the same opportunity to access the internet as the urban students
14. Township of Bonnechere Valley – Resolution Parliament of Canada to remove the proposed changes to Section 2(2) of the Fisheries Act
15. Township of Oakville, Grey County, Town of Halton Hills and Town of Grimsby - Resolution opposes Bill 108 negative consequences on community building and proper planning, halt the legislative advancement enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision making and housing growth
16. City of Markham – Resolution – Oppose Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; Supports the positive changes within Bill 108, 1. Removing the requirement for low risk projects to undertake environmental assessments; 2. Appointing more Local Planning Appeal Tribunal adjudicators to deal with appeal; 3. Streamlining the planning process provided that the planning processes are streamlined at both the provincial and local levels; 4. The removal of the 10% discount for determining development charges for hard services
17. Blue Sky Net Tech Talk Newsletter May 19 (Jun 3); CRTC seeks the participation of Canadians to test home broadband Internet speeds, Windows 7 and XP are vulnerable, marketing starter kit...
18. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health, letter of support for Simcoe District Health Unit's May 15, 2019, letter recommending that the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care leave the full territory of SMDHU intact for the proposed amalgamation with York region
19. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Public Health Transformation Update – There will be two northern regional health units; The proposed northeast regional health unit currently consist of Algoma, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Porcupine, Timiskaming, North Bay Parry Sound, the Muskoka region of the current Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and the Algonquin Park portion of Renfrew County & District Health Unit; In order to go to a 70%/30% ratio, effective April 1, 2019, an additional amount of \$1.6 M will be required from municipalities which currently contribute approximately \$3.3 M; However, the government will offset this \$1.6 M with a one-time municipal mitigation funding amount of \$1.3 M leaving approximately \$300,000 additional funding to come from municipalities; Presenting options for Board of Health approval to deal with the \$300,00 shortfall for 2019 and the first quarter of 2020; We are optimistic that this \$300,000 savings can be achieved without impacting jobs, programs and services, or requiring additional municipal levies for 2019; Beyond the 1st Qtr of 2020 budget impacts are unknown at this time
20. AMO Communications – Money-saving solutions – some help is at hand; Provincial funding changes and cuts, calls for efficiency and line-by-line reviews; Finding 4 per cent in savings when municipal governments collect just 9-cents of every household tax dollar is a bigger challenge than that of the Province, which collects 44-cents of every household tax dollar; With its business services arm, LAS, AMO also offers money-saving solutions; Short-term: One Investment's High Interest Savings Account, Mid-Term: Digital partnership, Long-Term: LED lighting, road assessment
21. AMO Communications – AMO Policy Update – AMO on Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act 2019; return to de novo hearings at the Local Planning Tribunal is a big step backwards
22. AMO Communications; Sustainable Public Sector Act deals with labour compensation, does NOT include municipal governments and their local boards, does relate to provincial authorities, school boards, hospitals, colleges, private long term care and others
23. AMO Watchfile May 30, 2019 In This Issue
 - Federal Gas Tax at Work!
 - AMO municipal website survey.
 - The top questions about digital signatures.
 - Save 15% off Deluxe Canada products.
 - Introduction of Animal Cruelty Enforcement Legislation (Bill 117).
 - 2019 AMO Annual Conference sponsorship.

- We may have to add more spots to the AMO Conference trade show!
- 80 days remaining until the 2019 AMO Conference.
- Investments 101 online course available!
- A conversation with ONE Investment.
- Careers with Ajax, South Bruce, Woodstock, Durham Region, Cochrane and Toronto.

24. AMO Watchfile Jun 6, 2019 In This Issue

- AMO municipal website survey.
- The top questions about digital signatures.
- Save 15% off Deluxe Canada products.
- Consultation extended on excess soils and brownfields.
- 2019 AMO Conference sponsorship.
- We may have to add more spots to the AMO Conference trade show!
- 2019 AMO Conference - Municipalities: Ontario's Frontline.
- Investments 101 online course available!
- A conversation with ONE Investment.
- Careers with Loyalist Township and Durham Region.

25. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre – AALC June Calendar 2019, Bus details, poster January to June 2019, Bowling Tournament-Flyer

26. Almaguin Adult Learning offering popular 6 week Food & Finance workshop; South River starting Wed, Jun 29, 9:30 to 2:30 with lunch included and free to registrants, food security and financial literacy are addressed, Safe Food Handlers and Smart Serve certifications provided, space is limited and registration required, details by calling 705-386-0764

27. Jun is Seniors' Month, theme this year is Aging Strong: Respect and Protect Seniors

28. Ministry of Ag, Food & Rural Affairs – OMAFRA Ontario Field Crop Report – Week of May 23, 2019

29. Ministry of Ag, Food & Rural Affairs – IPM (International Plowing Match) 2019 Tractor Drivers Needed; deadline to register is Jul 1, shifts available Sep 17-21 in Verner

30. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Minor Amendment Review French-Severn Forest 2019-2029 Forest Management Plan

31. New Funding Call – Breakthrough Energy Solutions Canada, an investment of up to \$30 million that will foster cutting edge companies to deliver game changing clean energy innovations to the market in the electricity, transportation, building and manufacturing sectors with potential for substantial pollution reduction www.nrcan.gc.ca/breakthrough

32. Min of Energy, N Dev & Mines the new Federal Tourism Strategy was just released, the Canadian Experiences Fund (CEF) supports communities across Canada as they regulate and enhance tourism products, facilities and experiences, 2 yr fund helps Canada's tourism sector innovate and grow by providing targeted investments based on regional priorities; supporting winter and shoulder season, indigenous, inclusiveness, rural and remote communities, farm to table www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/134.nsf/eng/h_00002.html

33. Communities in Bloom May 2019; Blooms by the Sea - Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, National Symposium on Parks & Grounds and National & International Awards Ceremonies

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Arena Generators – Ontario Trillium Foundation Application

We just received notice that South River will submit an application by the Jun 12 deadline for funds in the amount of \$140,000 as suggested by Machar and recommended by Committee. We've offered to provide an individual Resolution of support for the application and a letter of support that could help.

117-19 Wood, Flowers

THAT we support the Village of South River's application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for generators to provide back up power at the South River Machar Arena/Community Centre. CARRIED

Bill 108 Receives Royal Assent with Several Amendments; AMO Communications provided for info.

South River Friendly Circle 80+ Birthday Tea in conjunction with June Seniors Month

Mayor Carleton and Deputy Mayor McLaren cannot attend on Jun 17 @ 1:30 pm due to a scheduling conflict with a meeting for the Eagle Lake Rd, Councillor Flowers will attend. Admin to RSVP.

Eagle Lake Property Sales Address Info

Councillor Wood referred a request and queried whether information could be provided, we can't.

CLOSED SESSION

118-19 Scarlett, Flowers

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. Time 8:07 pm. CARRIED

119-19 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:23 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

120-19 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, Jun 24, 2019. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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