

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, June 13, 2022**

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

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

Guests attend by teleconference further to Covid protocols and limited Council Chamber capacity. Guests scheduled: Liz Bradley, Donald Bruce. Guests observing: Dale D’Allaire, John Mowat, Mark Smuck, Faye Oei, Pearl Ivens, Marvin Nolan, Prosper Mandiza. Staff observing: By-Law Enforcement Officer Caitlin Deevey and Fire Chief Risto Maki.

**GUESTS**

**6:30-6:45 pm Liz Bradley presentation on Noise By-Laws**

Ms. Bradley presented the background of noise issues around Eagle Lake citing her experiences with noise travelling across the water, live band, the stress newcomers are creating for long time residents, information from Whitestone, Kearney, Tiny, Huntsville, and Blue Mountain and referencing the Township’s Official Plan pages 3 and 5; A1 The Community Vision, and A2.3 Social Sustainability.

Ms. Bradley presented recommendations to Machar’s Noise By-Law as follows:

- currently the noise bylaw (2.2) restricts the operation of any electronic device or loudspeakers between 11:00 pm to 10:00 am. I propose restricting it to ***Anytime***.

- currently the noise bylaw (2.3) restricts auditory signaling devices such as bell, gongs, horns, sirens, whistles from 11:00 pm to 10:00 am. I propose restricting it to ***Anytime***.

- currently the noise bylaw (2.5) restricts persistent barking, calling, whining or similar persistent noise - making from between 11:00 pm to 10:00 am. I propose restricting it to ***Anytime***.

I propose an additional bylaw. ***By Law officer will determine that any persistent yelling, shouting, screaming, hooting, whistling or singing that can be heard outside its place of origin anytime is a noise as defined in this bylaw.***

Council will review with the By-Law Enforcement Officer to determine if changes are warranted. Ms. Bradley asked if she could inquire about the Fireworks for Canada Day. Mayor Carleton advised that she was unable to respond to the inquiry as we haven’t received the presentation yet. The Clerk Administrator advised Ms. Bradley that the Fireworks presentation was scheduled next on the agenda and she was welcome to remain on the line to observe.

**6:45-7:00 pm Donald Bruce presentation on Fireworks**

Mr. Bruce requested permission to use Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park (municipal property), indicating he didn’t realize that it was required until John Kellough attended at the Fire Dept. Mr. Bruce advised they’ve raised just under \$5,000 with donations from South River per Mayor Coleman, the Lion’s Club and hopefully Machar. He indicated 1 night of fireworks organized in a community event is better than a bunch of fireworks being let off. He informed that he’s an employee of Northstar Fireworks Entertainment Inc. He indicated he’ll get all the required paperwork in place as soon as he’s given permission to use municipal property and the Fire Chief told him this was required first. The Clerk Administrator called on the Fire Chief who confirmed he was listening in. The Fire Chief has requested proof of license, proof of insurance, etc. Councillor Scarlett indicated an Emergency Plan should be provided for the event, as we had in place for the Halloween Walk. The Clerk Administrator inquired who the pyrotechnician will be. Mr. Bruce advised it would be him, he has to do 1 more fireworks display and then gets his license on Jun 21. He believes Northstar is sending someone else down to help

him but he doesn't know who yet. Councillor Scarlett clarified that Mr. Bruce currently doesn't have his license. Mr. Bruce dismissed the inquiry indicating he will have his full license. The Clerk Administrator expressed we're getting several inquiries and the public are confused, some thinking the fireworks are at Tom Thomson Park, some thinking the fireworks are at the Eagle Lake Narrows Store as it's the address listed on the facebook fundraiser. The event seems very chaotic this year. Mayor Carleton expressed we're not inclined to say yes at the moment. Mr. Bruce was instructed to get his paperwork in order and once he provides it, we'll do the best we can to see if we can approve the event. Mr. Bruce delivered and left 5 copies of an article for Council information; 2 Ontario ministries say fireworks have small environmental footprint.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. Adoption of May 24, 2022 minutes, Resolution**

#### **89-22 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we adopt May 24, 2022 minutes. CARRED

### **2. Fireworks inquiry 4-052-44**

Resident's question is has Council taken a definitive stance to not issue approval (or a permit) for any July firework display, now and in the future? Discussion ensued. Council has not taken a permanent stand yet. Council expressed further comments (with respect to the Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park in the future); wish to change the venue, not the best spot, traffic, crowd control, not the right place, there must be other options, location is not ideal.

Inquiry 4-083 received. Resident advised permission has not been given by the municipality for Canada Day Fireworks at the Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park. Information provided from resident 4-083; Event: Eagle Lake Fireworks Jul 2 by Donald Bruce at Eagle Lake Narrows Country Store address, and Fundraiser: Eagle Lake Fireworks 2022 Canada Day to Eagle Lake, South River ON (Homeowners, Cottagers & Friends) by Jill Disomma.

### **3. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit; Lake Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS)**

Health Unit correspondence dated May 30, 2022 writes to inform us that a lake in our municipality is one where the presence of harmful algal bloom(s) (HAB) have been confirmed in the past. Because lake conditions remain the same, it is likely that HAB will reoccur in the future. Advisories that were issued in past years for the lake still apply. They have made changes to recreational activity precautions, which are described in the documents enclosed.

They recommend providing education to residents who use the lake regarding HABs, in addition to taking the following proactive measures: If you use a private water system, do not use water from the lake for drinking, cooking or bathing babies or infants. Boiling the water or using home water treatment devices will NOT destroy the toxins that HABs produce. When a HAB is present, avoid swimming or other water sport activities that could increase the risk of algae material and toxins contacting your skin or being swallowed. Do not allow pets or livestock to swim in the water or drink the water. Do not eat the liver, kidneys or other organs of fish caught in the water. Also, be cautious consuming the other parts of the fish that are caught in water where a HABs occur.

While a HAB may not show the presence of toxins, there is always the risk that toxins could be produced. These toxins may stay in the water up to 3 weeks after the algal bloom is gone. The Health Unit and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) cannot determine when the water is safe to drink for private water systems. The Health Unit will no longer be issuing media releases when future algal blooms are reported. The Health Unit will contact the municipality to advise residents. The Health Unit will provide signs to be posted on public beaches to advise swimmers. Information provided on Blue Green Algal Blooms will be posted on our website.

### **4. Pay List by Fund for May, Resolution**

#### **90-22 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of May 31, 2022: \$225,741.81 Grand Total. CARRIED

## COMMITTEES

### 5. Joint Building Reports for May, Resolution

Machar is the highest with 15 permits, totals are 50 at end of May, compared to 58 last year.

#### 91-22 McLaren, Wood

THAT we accept Building Permit summaries for May 2022. CARRIED

## INFORMATION

6. **Admin; Short Term Rentals** – Paperwork highlights East Ferris’ short-term rental by-law. ATTACHED
7. **Admin; Short Term Rentals** – Staff to investigate capping the number of short-term rental accommodation licences issued in certain areas of Huntsville. ATTACHED
8. **Admin; Short Term Rentals** – Otter Lake Residents push back at Short Term Rentals. ATTACHED
9. **4-083; Short Term Rentals** – City seeks extended stay for Short-Term Rental Regulation, Fees. ATTACHED.
10. **Township of Strong; Notice of a Public Meeting for a Zoning By-Law Amendment** – 11077 Highway 124, virtual meeting Tue, Jun 28, 2022 @ 7 pm. ATTACHED.
11. **Town of Newmarket Resolution** – Supports AMO’s recommendations to call on the Solicitor General of Ontario to work with AMO, municipal governments and fire chiefs across Ontario to address the funding concerns raised so that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities.
12. **Municipality of Shuniah Resolution** – Requests that the province increase the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) to \$50 million and should the current moratorium on accommodation reviews and school closures be lifted, we ask that the moratorium remain in place for schools that qualify for the RNEF until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed.
13. **Municipality of Chatham-Kent Resolution** – Request that the Ontario Government:
  1. Enable individuals in the community opportunity to apply for financial assistance from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility to help cover accommodation costs and/or required personal care service costs at Retirement Home Level, similar to available funding assistance for home care services and long-term care homes.
  2. Recognize Retirement Homes as an essential community health care partner and implement an equitable service funding program that facilitates/enable Retirement Homes to safely care for residents who require significant personal care assistance while awaiting a long-term care bed.
  3. Afford equitable Nursing and PSW staffing subsidies retroactively across all divisions of the community health care provisions sector, including Retirement Homes.
  4. Allow for equitable resident activity levels across all divisions of the community health care provisions sector, including Retirement Homes.
14. **Town of Fort-Erie Resolution** – Requests the Federal Government to review the proposed exemption framework for seasonal vacation properties to better effect the reality of where these properties are located and how they are used.
15. **City of Cambridge Resolution** – The Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:
  - That the Provincial Government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
  - Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial.
  - Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
  - Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
  - Assess and implement additional measure which would support lower premiums or alternative to the provision of insurance and services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.
  - Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
  - Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.
16. **City of Cambridge Resolution** – Request the Province of Ontario to include in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code tiered energy efficiency standard and a timeframe for when higher tiers would become the minimum energy efficiency requirements in the Code.
17. **Town of The Blue Mountains Resolution** – Support for the inclusion of the mailing addresses of voters on voter’s list provided to candidates.

- 18. Town or Orangeville Resolution** – Requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario.
- 19. City of Kitchener Resolution** – Requests the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standard step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building Code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change.
- 20. Rural Economic Development** – Rural Canadians must band together for fairer and more robust funding for communities all over rural Canada. It is integral to our economy that the federal government works for everyone no matter where they live. Kindly asking you to express the three most important issues impacting your economic development as a rural community. They will use this feedback to ensure their work for rural Canada is as productive as possible and will determine the agenda for our proposed townhall. Please e-mail M.P. Stubbs at [Shannon.stubbs@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Shannon.stubbs@parl.gc.ca), M.P. Kurek at [Damien.kurek@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Damien.kurek@parl.gc.ca), or M.P. Gourde at [Jacques.gourde@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Jacques.gourde@parl.gc.ca).
- 21. Elections Ontario, Municipal Vote Notes #2** – Establishes a single, permanent register of electors for provincial and municipal elections, and transfers responsibility for the provisioning of municipal PLEs from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to Election Ontario (EO). Permanent register comes into effect on Jan 1, 2023, and the transfer of PLE provisioning takes place on Jan 1, 2024. This will replace VoterLookUp for municipal electors beginning in 2023. Further complication is that MPAC will retain responsibility for collecting and tracking school support following the transition.
- 22. MPAC, May 2022, InTouch** – New assessment forecast shows \$41.5 billion. Connecting at conferences. MPAC's School Support Modernization Project. Webinar recap:
- Continue to use and promote the VoterLookUP.ca
  - A reminder about the requirements of canvassing for enumeration products and VoterLookUP.ca redirect messaging.
  - An overview of the production and delivery of electoral products including the PLE.
  - An overview of the production and delivery of the Exception Files to support currency of information for your voters list.
  - A discussion on how to submit Voters' List Revisions to MPAC following the Oct 24 elections.
- 23. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Almaguin Marketing Mixer** – Business after hours is back! Come join for networking, appetizers and marketing tips to kick start Business After Hours.
- 24. AMO Events, AMO 2022 Conference: Programming that Matters to You** – AMO 2022 delegates can expect the most up-to-date discussions with government, connecting with the provincial Cabinet on province-wide and local priorities, and new insights into the most pressing policy issues that lay ahead, such as:
- Housing and Homelessness
  - Land Use Planning and the More Homes for Everyone Act (Bill 109).
  - Creating Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Communities.
  - Reconciliation and Ontario Municipalities.
  - Climate Change: Cross-Sector Collaboration and Community Engagement.
  - Public Health COVID Learnings: Informing Future Modernization.
  - Integrated Mental Health and Addictions Approaches.
  - Municipal Insurance.
  - Collaboration between Conservation Authorities and Municipalities.
  - The Circular Economy: Reducing Reliance on Landfill and Waste Disposal Sites.
  - Blue Box Transition.
  - Fire Fighter Certification.
  - Controlling Energy Needs with Local Solutions.
  - Municipal Emergency Management.
  - Fines, Enforcement, and the Administration of Justice.
  - MPAC Update.
  - OMERS.
- 25. AMO Events, Municipal Trailblazers Share Their Journey** – You can now request an in-person meeting with a minister of parliamentary assistant at the AMO Conference. The deadline to submit your request is Jun 24, 2022.
- 26. AMO Communication, Nominations for 2022** – Please be advised that nominations to the 2022-2024 AMO Board of Directors are due Mon, Jun 27, 2022 at 12:00 pm. As a member of the AMO Board of Directors, you will be part of the governance of one of Canada's most influential public policy and advocacy organizations.
- 27. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update** –
- AMO's remarks on the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund.
  - Mapping Program Webinar – May 31 at 10 am.
  - Canada Consulting on First National Adaptation Strategy, the public engagement phase is open until Jul 15, 2022.
- 28. AMO Communications, Provincial Election Watch: Members' Update** – Updates to the Elections Chart:
- Commitment from OLP to charge developers a per-unit levy for delays in building municipally approved units.

- Jun 2 is Election Day
  - Visit the Election Ontario Website for voting information and a list of candidates in your local riding.
- 29. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update, Blue Box Transition, Flood Hazard ID Mapping Program, Conservation Authorities Act Regs Webinar** – A new Blue Box regulation was passed in Jun 2021 and amended this Apr. The regulation makes producers on packaging, paper, and packaging-like material responsible for the operation and financing of Ontario’s blue box system. Responsibility for the program shifts from municipal governments to producers between Jul 1, 2023, and Dec 31, 2025. Flood Hazard identification Mapping Program, Survey Deadline Jun 17. Conservation Authorities Act Regulation Webinar, Jun 22.
- 30. AMO Communications, AMO Watchfile, May 19, 2022, In This Issue** –
- Provincial election watch.
  - Call for nominations to Amo Board of Directors.
  - PF Marshall submission deadline is May 27, 2022.
  - Request for provincial delegation meetings now open.
  - Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
  - Energy reporting deadline only 6 weeks away.
  - Canoe vendor spotlight: VFA Inc.
  - Streetlogix info session May 26.
  - Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program May 31 webinar.
  - A digital CRM/311 solution for municipalities.
  - Careers: Southwold, Wilmot and Pembroke.
- 31. AMO Communications, AMO Watchfile, May 26, 2022, In This Issue** –
- Provincial election watch.
  - Call for nominations to AMO Board of Directors.
  - LAS Blog: AMO’s Work on Affordable Housing.
  - Annual energy reports due in a month.
  - Canoe new vendor spotlight: Ricoh.
  - Peterborough Identification and Mapping Program May 31 webinar.
  - A digital CRM/311 solution for municipalities.
  - Careers: Chatham-Kent Public Health, Simcoe, Markham and Peterborough.
- 32. AMO Communications, AMO Watchfile, Jun 2, 2022, In This Issue** –
- Call for nominations to AMO Board of Directors.
  - Save the Date – Conservation Authorities Act Webinar.
  - Request your delegation meetings at AMO 2022.
  - New date for AMO’s Advanced Land Use Planning training – Jun 14.
  - Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
  - Ministry webinars for energy reporting.
  - Tuned up your car? How about your buildings?
  - Nominate your town to win an epic concert!
  - Careers.
- 33. AMCTO, Issue at a Glance: Municipal Insurance** – Municipal insurance rates are rising at a pace that is not sustainable for municipalities. While there are many factors that contribute to this, there are both systemic issues such as the joint ad several liability tort systems, and emerging issues such as increased cyber security threats and climate-related natural disasters that need to be addressed.
- 34. AMCTO, Advocacy Update 2022 Provincial Election** – On Jun 2, 2022, the voters of Ontario elected the Progressive Conservative Party to a majority in the Ontario Legislature. Precedent and tradition suggest that the Lt. Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell will ask Doug Ford to continue as premier and form another Government.
- 35. CAB, Heather Lawless, Jubilee Illumination Initiative** – On Jun 2, 2022 communities throughout the United Kingdom and Commonwealth will make the Platinum Jubilee representing the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II accession to the Throne with coordinated beacon lightings. Illuminations will start at 9:15 pm until midnight local time.
- 36. Blue Sky Net, Tech-Talk Jun 2022: Opportunity for Comments on CRTC Telecommunications Policy Direction** – Make sure to follow Blue Sky Net on social media for further program and organizational updates:
- Facebook
  - Twitter
  - LinkedIn
- 37. Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations, Long Weekend Elert! Join the #WakeAware Campaign, Invasive Species Updates and More** –
- Cottage Opening Time!
  - Long Weekend Updates from the Executive Director.
  - Be #WakeAware and welcome Marine Ambassadors.
  - FOCA Cottage.
  - Safe Boating Awareness Week.
  - Broadband Developments.
  - Follow the Fire Ratings and Burn Bans.

- Wildfire Community Preparedness.
  - Provincial Election: June 22
  - And more...
- 38. Explorers Edge, RTO12/Explorers' Edge End of May Update 2022** – Indigenous culture awareness & competency training: Final call for registration. Regional Tourism Summit: Jun 22 at the Kee to Bala.
- 39. BAO, LifeLine ID Bodies: Online/Print for BAO Guide, Post Your Price List & BAO Consumer Information Guide, Sector Survey –**
- Make sure you properly ID bodies before transfer or face.
  - We want to provide the Consumer Information Guide the way people prefer it.
  - Post your price list and BAO guide on your website as required.
  - A guide to death care in Ontario.
  - License fees increasing for 2023 renewals.
- 40. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC)** – All Welcome to Attend MAHC's Annual General Meeting, a celebration of the outstanding work of MAHC staff and physicians, virtually on Jun 20 to honour the recipients of the peer-nominated Board Award of Excellence and learn more about MAHC's capital redevelopment, in addition to regular business for members of the corporation.

#### **INFORMATION – COVID-19**

- 41. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week:**
- Kearney, Mattawa, North Bay, Parry Sound, Sundridge
- 42. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week, By Appointment or Walk-In –**
- North Bay, Parry Sounds, Sturgeon Falls  
Fore more information, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated).
- 43. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic This Week, By Appointment or Walk-in –** Appointments can be booked online at [www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine](http://www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine), or by calling the Health Unit call Centre at 1-844-478-1400.

#### **ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION**

- 44. Notice of a Public Meeting Rezoning 2-026-01. ATTACHED**

#### **ADJOURN**

**92-22 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Jun 27, 2022. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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