

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR**  
**AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, June 27, 2022**

**Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Councillor Blair Flowers in item Graham Wheeler project (presentation 6:45-7 pm) as he is doing work for them.**

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Administrative Assistant Planning Teresa Coombs. Staff attending via teleconference: Fire Chief Risto Maki, Planner Patrick Townes.

Guests registered (10). Guests attending via teleconference: Liz Bradley, Fay Boyd, Anne Pelletier, Graham Wheeler, Prosper Mandizadza, Marvin Nolan, Pearl Ivens.

**GUESTS**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**6:30-6:45 pm Zoning By-Law Amendment 2-026-01, Resolution**

Mayor Carleton advised this is a Public Meeting held under Section 34 of the Planning Act to consider a rezoning. Clerk Administrator advised Notice provided by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail on May 27, 2022. Clerk Administrator summarized the application proposes to rezone the subject property from the Commercial Employment (CE) Zone to the Rural (RU) Zone to permit a residential use of the property. Clerk Administrator advised no comments received. Clerk Administrator advised Planning Report provided; the proposed rezoning of the subject property is consistent with the PPS (Provincial Policy Statement) and conforms to the Official Plan, it is recommended that the Zoning By-Law Amendment to rezone a portion of the subject property from CE to RU be approved.

**93-22 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to By-Law No. 12-22; being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 45-12, as amended, the Zoning By-Law with respect to lands located at 440 Riding Ranch Rd, Part Lot 17, Con 6, 42R-7510, Part 3 (2-026-01). CARRIED

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:30-6:45 pm Canada Day Fireworks at Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park, Resolution**

Mayor Carleton requested a report from the Fire Chief on the fireworks. The Fire Chief advised paperwork is in order from new company; Supernova Fireworks. Fire Chief has copies of the Supervisor License, Site Plan and Certificate of Liability Insurance provided in the normally required increment. Clerk Administrator advised address on the Certificate of Liability Insurance would need to be updated and requested Council ensure the Jun 13 Presentation on Fireworks input is reviewed prior to decision. Council confirmed input (4) reviewed.

**94-22 Wood, Flowers**

WHEREAS the Fire Chief has reviewed material supplied by Supernova Fireworks and advised that it meets sufficient standards to approve the fireworks display at the Eagle Lake Narrows on Sat, Jul 2, 2022 with potential rain day of Sun, Jul 3, 2022,

NOW THEREFORE THAT we give permission to Supernova Fireworks to conduct a Canada Day Fireworks display on the date(s) indicated herein at the Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park subject to receipt of updated Certificate of Liability Insurance,

FURTHER THAT we give permission to the South River Machar Fire Dept to close the Eagle Lake Rd as required 15 minutes prior and during the fireworks display and 15 minutes after the display with appropriate notification(s) to emergency services. CARRIED

**Jun 13 Presentation on Fireworks input**

Comments received (4): 4-083; event doesn't appear to be organized which could have major repercussions, this event should go somewhere else, fireworks are not good for our lakes, 5-258; in addition to environmental concerns, question \$10,000 being spent on an hour's "entertainment", what a windfall that would be for the food bank, animal rescue, agricultural society, or any other hard working charity, 4-052-44; only a handful of people are supporting this poorly planned display as demonstrated by the lack of donations, clearly raising funds for personal fireworks display, will be very disappointed if Council grants permission for this event, time to take a definitive stand on loud displays on Jul 1<sup>st</sup> weekend, 4-120; would be very disappointed if Council grants permission for this event, it is time for Council to take a strong position against public firework displays on Eagle Lake at any time, feel that no private fireworks displays should be allowed within 100 m of Eagle Lake at any time, now is the time to show leadership in the area of protection Eagle Lake, which is one of the Crown Jewels of Machar Township.

**6:45-7:00 pm Graham Wheeler South River Thunder Bridge Community Group 272 Leighton Rd  
Preparation of an Application for Subdivision**

Mr. Wheeler highlighted a proposal for 42 lots and referenced several studies; a LIDAR scan was conducted (input for natural hazards, drainage, and EIS (Environmental Impact Study)), multiple inputs/surveys were required for the Natural Hazards Study in addition to the Lidar Data and Ontario Government Data, detailed contour data displayed with the Natural Hazards Flood Plain Boundary, EIS constraint mapping initial study (minimal impact to sites), and reports pending completion: EIS Stage 2, Archaeological Assessment, Traffic Brief, Hydrogeo/Geological and Servicing, Well Drilling, and Ontario Land Survey of Property Boundary. The presentation closed with 2 requests from Mr. Wheeler. Question 1: Request for Conditional Support of Proposed Subdivision Application. Question 2: Request for support of Request to Swap of Unopened Road Allowance for Deed to trespass portion of Leighton Rd. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wheeler wants to develop his lands. He has recently submitted a conceptual draft plan of subdivision that identifies 42 lots. This submission is not a formal application. In the summer of 2020, Mr. Wheeler submitted a proposed development concept which provided for 17 lots to be created by multiple consent applications. The municipality responded with a memorandum that identified the studies that would be required to support the 17 lot proposal and detailed why the policies of the Official Plan would require that the 17 lot proposal be considered through the subdivision process as opposed to the consent process. The memorandum provided no opinion on the conformity of the development proposal with the development policies of the Official Plan. Subsequent to this, Mr. Wheeler submitted a consent application to the Township proposing a total of 4 new lots and an easement over the proposed lots in order to provide access. A 2<sup>nd</sup> memorandum concluded the consent application was premature, pending an Official Plan Amendment application and necessary supporting studies were also identified. Current Status: It is recommended that Council not provide support in principle for the 42 lot proposal at this time as no application has been submitted and the merits of the application have not been reviewed. Council's role in the Planning Act process is to make decisions on a complete application, and not to provide a preliminary decision on the principle of development, when all of the facts are not known. What has happened is that pre consultation occurred on a 17 lot proposal and now a 42 lot proposal has been submitted absent of any planning analysis or pre consultation on the 42 lot proposal. Mr. Wheeler should seek the advice of a professional consulting planner as to whether the proposed 42 lot draft plan of subdivision has land use planning merit, and Mr. Wheeler's consulting planner request pre consultation to review the development proposal that his consulting planner can support in principle (be it 42 lots or some other number of lots). Following this the Township staff could provide an opinion on whether the principle of development and intensity of development (whatever it is at the time) is supportable from a policy perspective. Council would not review the application or make a decision on the application until a staff report is prepared. We have potential concerns that the proposed lots, in term of the number and size are not appropriate for the Rural area. Councillor Wood queried if the road has been accepted. The Clerk Administrator responded it hasn't. The consideration of the road (driveway) and road allowance would be reviewed as part of the application. The proponent's planner is required to submit a planning justification report. Mr. Wheeler will need to replenish the necessary deposit towards Township costs.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Jun 13, 2022 minutes, Resolution**

**95-22 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we adopt Jun 13, 2022 minutes. CARRIED

**2. 2022 Summer Newsletter, Resolution**

**96-22 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we approve 2022 Summer Newsletter. CARRIED

**3. Tariff of Fees By-Law, Resolution**

**97-22 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to By-Law No. 13-22; being a by-law prescribing a tariff of fees for the processing of applications made in respect to planning matters. CARRIED

**COMMITTEES**

**4. Shared Services Monthly Reports for May; Arena and Fire**

Items provided: Arena Chief Operator Report, Fire Chief Report including quote for replacement of Rescue 6 \$28,658.35 including accessories/trade, HST and license, Income Statements, and A/P Ledgers. South River Clerk Administrator advised on Jun 21 on a failure of the condenser at the Arena. This is the large device that sits outside the Arena. It was leaking ammonia at the entry point to the unit. It is roughly valued at \$150,000 and they had anticipated to replace it in 2023 or 2024. The leak is not repairable. The best solution at the moment is renting a portable condenser. South River Clerk Administrator advised further on Jun 24 that the plan to rent a condenser turned out to be not viable as the units were either for glycol (ours is brine) or undersized for making ice in the summer. All of the brine piping that was disconnected for the rental unit has been put back together with no leaks so far. There is a usable replacement condenser removed yesterday in Sarnia as part of an upgrade program. They are confident the unit will last 1-2 years and is suitable in all areas for the Arena. Sarnia is not charging for the unit, the only expense is the removal, shipping and reinstall costs. They're hopeful this cost is less than 1 month's rental would have been. Black and MacDonald disconnected the old unit this morning and it was removed by Bedards. The used unit arrived on Fri and the welders were booked for Sat. South River Clerk Administrator advised on Jun 27 that the ice plant has passed all its tests and has been running since yesterday afternoon.

**5. Machar Public Works minutes of Jun 16, 2022, Resolution**

Almaguin Climate Action Group is planning a conference (no date set yet).

**98-22 Wood, Flowers**

THAT we approve Public Works minutes of Jun 16, 2022. CARRIED

**6. South River Machar Library minutes of Jun 8, Resolution**

Summer Student hired, student volunteering in the next few weeks, next meeting Sep 14.

**99-22 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Jun 8, 2022. CARRIED

**7. Joint Building minutes of Jun 16, 2022, Resolution**

Reviewed. Mayor Carleton attended for Councillor Wood. Varied discussion ensued on the hiring of a full time DCBO/Building Inspector effective immediately for succession purposes. CBO retirement is 6 years out, however he estimates it will take 2-3 years to get someone. Dept revenue is sufficient now to support the position, but can be depleted. Concern expressed the time frame is early.

**100-22 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we accept JBC minutes of Jun 16, 2022; including to enter into an agreement with Magnetawan for CBO shared services, recommend the Administrator (Strong) pursue hiring a full time DCBO/Building Inspector effective immediately... CARRIED

**8. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd area rep; CAO Report Jun 2022 Available**

**INFORMATION**

- 9. Admin; Short Term Rentals** – Grand Bend, Port Franks, Ipperwash Beach impose new rules on short term rentals ATTACHED.
- 10. Admin; Short Term Rentals** – We cannot endure another summer: Kawartha Lakes resident at her wits' end with short term rentals ATTACHED.
- 11. AMO Events, Meeting Ontario's New Cabinet** – They don't know when the new Ontario Cabinet will be sworn in, they do know the Amo Conference will be the first opportunity for Ontario's municipal leaders to meet with new Ministers in new portfolios. There is still time to request a delegation meeting, the deadline to submit your request is Jun 24, 2022, 5 pm.
- 12. AMO WatchFile, Jun 9, 2022, In This Issue** –
- Call for nominations to AMO Board of Directors.
  - Consultation on National survey – due Jun 17.
  - Request your delegation meetings at AMO 2022.
  - AMO offering two new dates for in-demand training!
  - AMO 2022 Conference programming – Supporting members needs!
  - Get the risk and claims system your municipality deserves.
  - Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
  - Energy reporting deadline just around the corner.
  - Blog: Can you risk manage climate change at the municipal level?
  - Have you read OMSSA's Knowledge Exchange Blog?
  - Free virtual workshop: Healthy Shorelines, Healthy Lakes.
  - Have your say on Enbridge Gas' Net Zero future.
  - Careers: Uxbridge, Ministry of Transportation, Kitchener and Deep River.
- 13. AMO Watchfile, Jun 16, 2022, In This Issue** –
- Call for nominations to AMO Board of Directors.
  - Jun 22 Webinar for Phase 2 of the Conservation Authority Regulations.
  - Have your say: National Adaptation Strategy.
  - Federal flood mapping survey – due Fri!
  - Get the risk and claims system your municipality deserves.
  - Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
  - Remember to upload your annual Energy Consumption data.
  - Careers.
- 14. AMCTO, 2021-2022 AMCTO Award Recipients** – Zone 7, Richard Clouthier, AMCT, Manager of Citizen Service Centres (retired), City of Greater Sudbury.
- 15. ROMA Communications, ROMA Board, Jun Highlights** –
- Discussion with Chief Stacey Laforme on the evolving relationship between the Mississauga's f the Credit First Nation and how all municipalities can begin this journey. Chief Laforme emphasized the importance of all communities work together as allies to protect and care for people, land and water.
  - Discussing the work or ROMA's Attainable Housing Task Force to address challenges related to attainable rental housing and home ownership. Addressing barriers and challenges, like planning expectations and financial incentives are top of mind. The Task Force expects to complete this work this summer.
- 16. FONOM Aug 4 Learning Morning Poster** – If you can not make the sessions on Thu, Aug 4, 2022 You can visit the FONOM YouTube channel for viewing later: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FONOM1>.
- 17. IESO Engagement, Discussion Session for Municipalities in Jul** – Municipalities are invited to participate in the IESO's next Long-Term RFP Community Engagement virtual discussion session on Jul 14 at 2 pm. The session will continue the dialogue that began earlier this year to engage with municipalities in the development of a process to procure new supply to meet Ontario's future electricity needs.
- 18. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Hot Off The Press!** – Come celebrate with them and be the first to see your advertisement in this year's Community Guide and Directory! Embrace Your

Nature, from 6 pm to 8 pm on Jun 30, 2022, RECV to [secretary@ahchamber.ca](mailto:secretary@ahchamber.ca) by Jun 24, 2022 at the Copperhead Distillery, Sundridge ON.

19. **BAO, LifeLine: No Surcharges; Clarity on Job Titles; Sector Survey** – No surcharges or environmental fees. BAO survey about online and print versions of the Consumer Information Guide closes Jun 20. Make sure people can understand job titles at your business.
20. **Cupw-sttp Letter, Delivering Community Power Campaign** – Postal workers have a plan to fight climate change and deliver vital new services to every corner of the Country. All of the information is on the website, please visit: [www.deliveringcommunitypower.ca](http://www.deliveringcommunitypower.ca).
21. **IUS Laboris Canada Global HR Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, Federal Government Introduces New Federal Privacy and AI Legislation** – On Jun 16, 2022, the Canadian government tabled Bill C-27, the Digital Charter Implementation Act, 2022. The three-pronged legislation aims to strengthen Canada’s data privacy framework and create new regulations of the responsible development of Artificial Intelligence (AI), while continuing to implement Canada’s Digital Charter. The proposal would also introduce significant changes in respect of enforcement.

#### INFORMATION – COVID-19

22. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement** – COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics, by appointment or walk in, book online at [www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine.ca](http://www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine.ca).
23. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement** – Masking will continue at the Health Unit and its Community Clinics to keep people healthy and at work.
24. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week, By Appointment or Walk-in** – The following clinics taking place this week:
  - Mattawa, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls.
25. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, News Release** – Masking will continue at MAHC beyond Jun 11. Find out more about MAHC by visiting [www.mahc.ca](http://www.mahc.ca).
26. **IUS Laboris Canada Global HR Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, Government Lifts Vaccine Mandate for Federal Public Servants and Transportation Workers** – Effective Jun 20, 2022.

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

Mayor Carleton is attending the Seniors Over 85 celebration on Wed.

#### ADJOURN

#### 101-22 Wood, Flowers

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, Jul 11, 2022. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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