

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 28, 2021

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, Neil Scarlett by teleconference. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul. Fire Chief Risto Maki by teleconference. The Fire Chief's report was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

Guests observing via teleconference: Marvin Nolan, Anne Pelletier and Liz Bradley.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Jun 14, 2021 minutes, Resolution

104-21 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt Jun 14, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

2. Presentation on Fireworks Follow-up

Discussion ensued further to the presentation given to Council on May 25, 2021. Sample by-laws and additional information reviewed. Mayor Carleton requested feedback from each Council member individually. All Council members were in favour of a by-law to regulate fireworks, with the exception of Councillor Scarlett who expressed opposition in taking away peoples' rights. Council instructed Administration to draft a by-law per the sample from Trent Lakes with additions as indicated. The Clerk Administrator advised Council of a property owner's request received after the May 25, 2021 presentation; she would like to see the Township stop donating taxpayer funds to the Canada Day Fireworks display. The Fireworks display has been cancelled for 2021 due to Covid-19.

COMMITTEES

3. Machar By-Law Enforcement; Bagshaw Bay enquiry

Councillor Wood referred an anonymous complaint. Discussion ensued. Anonymous complaints will not be investigated. The complainant will need to file a complaint per municipal policy for it to be acted on. The By-Law Enforcement Officer has assured them that the complaint is confidential.

4. Machar Public Works minutes of Jun 17, 2021, Resolution

105-21 Wood, McLaren

THAT we approve Public Works minutes of Jun 17, 2021 as amended,
FURTHER THAT we award tenders subject to tender requirements and plus applicable taxes as follows; Granular A Gravel to 1447313 Ontario Ltd at \$107,920, Winter Sand to A Miron Topsoil at \$20,940, Surface Treatment to Duncor at \$279,182.37. CARRIED

5. Shared Services Reports for May; Fire and Arena

Fire Chief presented his report in detail and answered questions. Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation is due for retest in 2022. Further to the closing of the Ontario Fire College, Huntsville is a Regional Training Centre. We don't have the human resources to be a regional training centre. WSIB coverage, claims, affect on rates and general information provided by the Fire Chief.

Arena Manager's Report for May provided. AP Ledgers for Arena and Fire provided. Income Statements weren't attached, but were requested and provided. ICIP Covid funding for the Arena has been announced. Signs will go up and a press release issued (available on our website; Events).

6. South River Machar Library minutes of Jun 9, 2021, Resolution

106-21 Neil Scarlett, Blair Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Jun 9, 2021 as amended. CARRIED

Storywalk at Tom Thomson Park (which has been approved by “South River” Council). New temporary hours until Jul. Starting Jul 5 or sooner, back to typical Summer hours. Donation received from Chalmer’s United Church, areas to spend it discussed at Board, and some options specifically related to seniors desired. Next Library Board meeting scheduled for Sep 8, 2021.

7. Grand Opening of Explore South River booth at Crystal Cave, 11077 Hwy 124, South River

Shatira Jackson is the Explore South River ambassador. She will be introducing visitors to the website and promoting the brand with stickers, t-shirt and tote bag sales all summer long. They will also host local artisan, artist works and other member goodies inside the booth on a rotating basis. They are welcoming anyone that wants to spend time at the booth to help welcome visitors. There are a few open spaces when Shatira can’t be present on Thu-Fri afternoons 1:30-5 pm. The booth will be open when Crystal Cave and other vendors are open; Wed-Sun and holidays.

8. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit FIR & Covid-19 Update, Financial Statements available

The Health Unit is monitoring the extra costs incurred to respond to Covid-19 and they are also monitoring costs savings related to regular work reductions. Additional funding to cover both general Covid-19 extraordinary costs (eg call centre and personal protective equipment) and costs related to the Covid-19 immunization initiative are currently in the approval process with the Ministry of Health. If the Health Unit receives the additional funding requested, there will be no risk of increased levy costs for 2021. Approximately 150 additional staff have been hired on a temporary basis to assist with the Covid-19 immunization initiative. Confirmation of 2022 funding is pending. The change to 30/70 municipal/provincial would mean an increase to the 2022 levy by 42% or more. Councillor Flowers advised the Health Unit has had to secure a business loan to cover extra costs.

Mayor Carleton gave a report on the Mayors’ weekly Covid-19 meeting with Dr. Chirico.

9. EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Advisory meeting Jun 16, 2021

Meeting material and minutes provided. McKellar correspondence and reply reviewed. Director’s Report indicates the South River Station is bursting at the seams. There are multiple management staff and operational staff all working in the space. Consideration of a major change at South River will need to occur in the near future. This will likely necessitate the building of a replacement base with more storage and operational space. This would greatly relieve the pressure on the Parry Sound base. Mayor Carleton suggested the lower level of the Medical Centre could be available.

The Clerk Administrator advised EMS representative Mayor Hall has provided presentation on Community Paramedicine Program (CPP), A Collaborative Approach to Patient-Centered Care. The program was designed to create a “safety net” for patients deemed “high risk”. Copy available.

10. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin CAO Report Jun 2021, Housing and Homelessness Plan Report 2021-2021, Housing Services Corp NOAH New Build Powassan, ON available

INFORMATION

- 11. City of St. Catharines Resolution** – May is Lyme Disease National Awareness Month and Niagara Region is a high-risk area for ticks and Lyme-Disease, and cases continue to increase. The City of St. Catharines call on the Ontario government to expand testing to all strains of Lyme Disease and improve the level of treatment and care for those diagnosed with this crippling disease.
- 12. Township of Perry Resolution** – Supports the Resolution received from the Town of Fort Erie regarding the proposed Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence. Requests the Federal government look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing cost to improve housing affordability.
- 13. Township of For Erie Resolution** – Requests the Federal Government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability.

- 14. ENDM, Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, Deadline Jun 25, 2021** – The Healthy Communities Initiative is a \$31 million investment from the Government of Canada to transform public spaces in response to COVID-19. The Healthy Communities Initiative will provide funding to a broad range of organizations, including local governments, charities, Indigenous communities and non-profits, for projects, programming and services that help communities create and adapt to public spaces, programming and services for public spaces to respond to ongoing needs arising from COVID-19 in three key areas.
1. Create safe and vibrant public spaces
 2. Improve mobility options
 3. Provide innovative digital solution
- Applications must be submitted by Jun 25, 2021, at 5 pm, link to the website:
<https://communityfoundations.ca/initiatives/chci/.com>.
- 15. ENDM, Francophone Community Grant** – The Francophone Community Grants Program is a two-stream, application-based funding program:
- The Economic Development Stream helps francophone entrepreneurs and businesses improve front-line services and better serve their French-speaking clients and partners.
 - The Cultural and Community Stream, invests in local cultural and community initiatives, demonstrating the government’s ongoing commitment to protecting and promoting the French language and culture.
- The deadline to submit an application is Jul 15, 2021 and projects must be implemented between Sep 24, 2021 and Mar 31, 2022.
- 16. ENDM, Feedback Wanted! TIAO Survey: Reopening Challenges Facing Tourism Business Operations** – The purpose of this survey is to understand what Ontario’s tourism businesses need to recover and rebuild such that TIAO staff can advocate on your behalf.
- 17. ENDM, Governments Providing Additional Supports for Ontario Beekeepers, Opens Jun 21** – The Government of Canada and Ontario are launching a new targeted beekeeper intake to support and strengthen the health of managed honey bees and Ontario’s beekeeping sector. This will be offered under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership and will include a 50 per cent cost share with the intake opening on Jun 21, 2021 and will support beekeepers with 10 or more colonies registered with the Provincial Apiarist.
- 18. ENDM, Ontario Launches Application for 2021-22 Seniors Community Grant** – The latest round of the Seniors Community Grant is now open. It will allow non-profit organizations, community groups and municipalities to receive funding ranging from \$1,000 up to \$25,000 for local projects. Eligible applicant include:
- Indigenous groups
 - Municipalities
 - Local service boards
 - Individuals who represent seniors’ groups
 - Unincorporated or incorporated non-profit organizations
- 19. ENDM, Tourism Economic, Recovery Ministerial Task Force Report Released** –
- Introduction from Tim Hudak, Chair of the Tourism Economic Recovery Ministerial Task Force
 - Top 10 Recommendations of the Task Force
 - Task Force Overview
 - Key Areas for Recovery
 - The Future of Tourism is Bright
- 20. MMAH, Memorandum from Deputy Minister Kate Manson-Smith, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing** – Ontario has moved into Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen, the Government of Ontario’s three-step plan to safely and cautiously reopen the province and gradually lift public health measures. In order to reopen safely, Step One will initially focus on resuming outdoor activities and permitting retail with restrictions. Public health and workplace safety measures, including maintaining physical distance, capacity limits and wearing face coverings in indoor spaces and whenever physical distancing is a challenge continue to apply to Step One.
- 21. MNFR, Algonquin Part Forest, Short Term Contingency Plan (STCP) and Second Annual Work Schedule** – The STCP notice, STCP files and AWS-2 and now published for inspection on NRIP and can be located through the links below:
- https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/information-posting?language=en_US&recordId=a2q3g000000Q4NNAAO.com
 - https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/published-submission?language=en_US&recordId=a0z3g0000000000z3f3AAA.com

- https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/published-submission?language=en_US&recordId=aa0z3g00000z51AA.com
22. **FONOM, Learning Moring** – FONOM is going to start to host quarterly Learning Mornings for their Members. The morning will include five 30-minute presentations, the first morning will be on Wed, Aug 4, starting at 8:30 – 11 am. They plan to do the second morning on Thu, Nov 10, 2021.
 23. **FedNor Outreach, Application Now Open for Canada Community Revitalization Fund** – The CRF aims to help communities across Canada build and improve community infrastructure so they can rebound from the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. Here in Northern Ontario, a total of more than \$19 million is available immediately and a one-time special scheduled intake will focus on eligible project that are ready to proceed. Assessment of applications will begin on Jul 23, 2021, so applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications by this date.
 24. **MAG, Update on Modernization Initiatives and Court Recovery in POA Courts** – O.Reg 475/21 was filed on Jun 16, 2021 to permit provincial offences officers to serve part 3 in summonses on individuals within the province by registered mail, courier, or email. It also permits service on a recipient’s licensed lawyer or paralegal (if any), with advance consent. This change will permit new efficiencies going forward and will help minimize health risks associated with in-person contact during the pandemic. The regulation can be viewed online.
 25. **MAG, 2021.06.22 SPPA Amendments, Tribunals Ontario** – Effective Jun 2, 2021, a new section 29 has been added to the Statutory Powers Procedure Act making it an offence to record a public tribunal hearing unless an exception applies. This provision is similar to restrictions on recording court proceedings contained in the Courts of Justice Act. This amendment will help Tribunals Ontario ensure the integrity and fairness of its proceedings.
 26. **Tribunals Ontario, ARB Stakeholders, Digital-First Approach, Update** – The ARB has made several updates to the following E-Services, in preparation for the next assessment cycle, we will be improving the e-filing service to allow you to e-file some tax appeals. Some of the Digital services we ARB would like to remind you of:
 - Find information about managing to appeal process and new updates
 - Access their E-Services and other important resources
 - View appeals and appeal commencement dates, which are updated monthly
 - Review the ARB Rules of Practice and Procedure
 - Download forms
 - Stay informed about operational updates
 27. **AMO Communications, Policy Update, Province Announces Employment Services Changes and Phase 2 of Natural Gas Expansion Program in Rural, Northern, Indigenous Communities** – The provincial government has announced that it is proceeding with a process to select service managers to oversee the planning, design, and delivery of employment services in defined catchment areas. This builds on the existing prototypes already established in: Peel, Hamilton-Niagara, and Muskoka-Kawartha. The province-wide implementation will be phased over the next few years starting with lower complexity areas and is expected to be completed in 2023. The Province announced that Phase 2 of the Natural Gas Expansion Program will allocate more than \$234 million to support 28 new natural gas expansion projects in 43 rural, northern and Indigenous communities.
 28. **AMO Communications, Policy Update, Provincial Cabinet Shuffle** – Cabinet Shuffle saw the appointment of new Ministers to Premier Doug Ford’s Cabinet and the shifting of existing ministers into new portfolios. The next provincial election is Jun 2, 2022. AMO members will have an opportunity to ask municipal questions of the provincial Ministers at the three Ministers’ Forums at the 2021 AMO Conference. Details will be coming out soon online.
 29. **AMO Communications, WatchFile, Jun 10, 2021, In This Issue** –
 - Two dates and limited space for Human Rights and Equity training.
 - Limited seats available for Leading Through Crisis training.
 - Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
 - Save the date – 2021 Risk Management Symposium.
 - Latest blog: Group Benefits Program.
 - Canoe believe it’s all across Canada?
 - Choose Led lighting for energy savings!
 - Energy Training made simple!
 - Energy Reporting deadline – in the home stretch.
 - IESO engagement on gas phase-out impact assessment.

- Coordinating municipal responses to Enbridge's 6 Year Natural Gas DSM plan.
 - Careers: AMO, MGCS, Brant County, MCCSS and London.
- 30. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Jun 17, 2021 –**
- Provincial funding for victims of intimate partner violence and human trafficking.
 - Ontario launches application for Seniors Community Grant.
 - Roadmap to Recovery – Summer Camps webinar.
 - AMO's outstanding program for 2021 Conference.
 - Limited space for Sep 9 *Human Rights and Equity Training*.
 - 2021 Risk Management virtual symposium.
 - Reopening Ontario: OHS and Employment Standards Act requirements.
 - Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
 - The Canoe Debut: Group Buying made easy.
 - Energy reporting deadline just two weeks away.
 - IESO engagement on gas phase-out impact assessment.
 - Careers.
- 31. Blue Sky Net, Connectednorth.ca Has Relunched with The New Ontario Internet Access Map Portal! –** Encouraging you to share www.connectednorth.ca with your friends, family, businesses and community stakeholders as every person's story and contribution helps in our communal goal for improved broadband internet access throughout all of Northern Ontario. Website Feature Highlights:
- The interactive Ontario Internet Access Map
 - Connectednorth.ca/CIRA Internet Performance Test
 - Resources for community, business and residential stakeholders
- Visit www.connectednorth.ca for a full view of what's new.
- 32. FCM Events Team, Looking Back at FORWARD –** All week FCM celebrated the resilience of frontline leaders and geared up for the recovery to come. Delegates gathered tools at workshops and networked at the trade show. They passed policy resolutions and engaged with national party leaders. And of course, they elected FCM's Board of Directors and welcomed Joanne Vanderheyden as FCM President.
- 33. FCM Communique, President's Corner: Unity Drives Our Success -** Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Directors. Municipal leaders have proven themselves all pandemic long. They've kept their communities going in the face of extraordinary challenges.
- 34. FCM Communique, New Program for More Diversity on Canadian Councils, Carole Saab Marks One Year As CEO, CHRA Webinar –** FCM's new Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) initiative is officially starting its march toward gender parity. Funded by a \$1.5-million investment from Women and Gender Equality Canada this three-year project will foster women's participation and success in municipal politics. If your municipality wants to get involved, look out for our call for applications in the fall. Carole Saab marks one year as CEO, here's to many more years leading FCM to build better lives in communities all across Canada. Annual conference headlines, FCM's 2021 Annual Conference was the first ever virtual annual conference in history. Municipal World has a story summarizing the events. FCM LEEDing in the way in sustainability, FCM's 24 Clarence St (Ottawa) building recently obtained the globally recognized LEED GOLD certification, in collaboration with CSV Architects. Member of the Circular Cities & Regions Initiatives peer network announced on Jun 15 the 15 local governments and communities selected to participate in their new Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Network. Located from Whitehorse, to Yukon, to St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, members of this Network will have direct access to leading experts in the field and connect with local governments and communities across the country. Jun 22: Webinar on Sustainable Affordable Housing with CHRA.
- 35. Ontario Heritage Trust, Heritage Matters, June Edition –** This month is National Indigenous History Month, a time for all Canadians – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – to reflect on and expand on our knowledge and understanding of the history, languages, traditions, spirituality, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. This year, as Indigenous communities once again mourn the loss of their children at residential schools, as we are reminded once more of the systemic attempts to rob children of their culture, and their ties to their communities and to their families, it is a time to show honour and respect to Canada's Indigenous peoples. Opportunities to learn more about residential schools, visit www.cbc.com.
- 36. Human Recourses, Unraveling the Mystery Behind Employee Retention –** Seven big strategies for employee attraction and retention:

- Dignity and Respect
- Fairness and Equity
- Rewarding Results
- Meaningful Work
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Leadership
- Work-Life Balance and Fun

37. Municipal Monitor, Municipal Management & Leadership Magazine –

- The Power of Delegation: Freeing the Manager, Empowering Employees.
- Abandonment Issues: How Municipalities Can Take Over the Care and Maintenance of Abandoned Cemeteries.
- You Go, Girl! A Career in Municipal Government Awaits You!
- Special Section: RISE! AMCTO's Annual Conference.
- Plus: Virtual Trade Show Features.

INFORMATION – COVID-19

38. Township of Huron-Kinloss Resolution – Supports the County of Perth in their recommendation to the Federal Government to support domestic production of a COVID-19 vaccine.

39. County of Perth Resolution – The Council of Perth County encourage the Federal Government to support domestic production of a COVID-19 vaccine; and to encourage all levels of Government to engage and support domestic vaccine capacity and directs staff to circulate as appropriate.

40. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Declares COVID-19 Outbreak at the North Bay Jail – In Corridor 3 – the causative agent is COVID-19. The Health Unit is working with the North Bay Jail, the Ministry of the Solicitor General and North Bay Regional Health Centre's COVID-19 Assessment Centre to support with outbreak protocols, including testing, preventative measures, and case and contact management.

41. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare News Release, MAHC Reintroduces Essential Visitors for Inpatients – Eligible patients may select one Designated Care Partner and one Alternate Care Partner who remain the same for the duration of their hospital stay. All inpatients are swabbed for COVID-19 on admission. Visiting may commence after the inpatient has received a negative COVID-19 swab result. Only one care partner may visit per day between 10 a and 4 pm. The alternate may visit when the Designated Care Partner is unable to visit.

42. Communications, News Release, Health Unit Provides Update on North Bay Jail Outbreak – As of Jun 16, 13 members of the North Bay Jail community have tested positive for COVID-19. The outbreak has been upgraded to facility wide, due to further spread of COVID-19 within the North Bay Jail. No COVID-19 infections have resulted in serious illness requiring hospitalization. The Health Unit will continue to monitor the North Bay Jail outbreak and will report and new COVID-19 cases on the outbreak section of the COVID-19 Status Report dashboard. For more information, visit www.myhealthunit.com.

43. Communications, PSA Update on North Bay Jail Outbreak – A total of 33 members of the North Bay Jail community have tested positive for COVID-19 as of Jun 22 confirms the Health Unit. At this time, 32 individuals in custody and one staff member have tested positive for COVID-19. On Jun 16, the Health Unit has upgraded the outbreak to facility wide, due to further spread of COVID-19 within the North Bay Jail.

44. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Encourages People Eligible for Their Second Dose to get the First Vaccine Available to Them – Those currently eligible to receive their second dose include the following groups:

- Individuals 70 years of age and older.
- Individuals who received their first dose on or before Apr 18.

45. Ius Laboris Canada Global HR Lawyers, Matthew Dinsdale, Federal Government to Begin Easing Boarder Restrictions – As promised, effective early Jul, the federal government will be implementing Phase 1 in its plans to ease current boarder restrictions, which will include the removal of the requirements to quarantine upon arrival for certain fully-vaccinated travellers.

107-21 McLaren, Wood

THAT we support Jun 28, 2021 agenda item 12. to oppose Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.
CARRIED

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURN

108-21 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Jul 26, 2021. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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