

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, March 12, 2018**

**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, Neil Scarlett and Bart Wood. Staff present: Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney, Administrative Assistant Heather Whitehead and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Scarlett.

**GUESTS**

Guest scheduled: Eagle Lake Conservation Association President Michael Mitchell. Guests attending: John Mowat, Christina Schenk and Lynn Loney.

**Phragmites Public Information Session on Sat, Apr 28, 2018**

Date for seminar is Sat, Apr 28, 2018 starting at 10:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm at the South River Machar Arena (Community Centre upper level), rental cost will be \$160.00 tax included. Michael Mitchell confirmed presenters will be Robert Canning and Lynn Short who is a Professor of Horticulture at Humber College. Robert's fee will be travel (approximately \$260.00), accommodation, meals as well as a fee of \$25.00 per hour, Mr. Mitchell is to confirm fee with Lynn Short and provide an exact budget. Refreshment will be served, coffee/tea, water and cookies, provided by Township of Machar. The event will be advertised on our website, Mr. Mitchell will inquire with the Almaguin News about free coverage and we will put information about the seminar on the Landfill, Fire Hall and Corner Wines sign board. Councillor Wood informed that if an overhead projector is needed, one could be borrowed from the South River Machar Fire Department. Mr. Mitchell is also going to try and get copies of revised Guide Book (if free). Mr. Mitchell suggested we have a sign-in desk to give hand outs and have a sign up for volunteers for an eradication effort in late September or early August? It was suggested to get High School students to volunteer for community hours.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Feb 26, 2018 minutes, Resolution**

**52-18 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we adopt minutes of Feb 26, 2018. CARRIED

**2. Pay List by Fund for Feb, Resolution**

**53-18 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Feb 28, 2018: \$297,121.04. CARRIED

**a. District of Parry Sound Municipal Assoc Spring Meeting, Apr 27, Powassan**

Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers and Bart Wood will attend. Councillor Neil Scarlett will call office to confirm.

**COMMITTEES**

**3. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Feb 20, 2018, Resolution**

**54-18 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we support motions 1-5 as contained in Medical minutes of Feb 20, 2018; minutes, Pay List/Budgetary Control, approve 2018 budget in the amount of \$76,018 and any surplus from 2017 be placed into reserve, enter into Generator annual automatic service agreement, now adjourned... CARRIED

**4. South River Machar Fire minutes of Mar 6, 2018, Resolution**

**55-18 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we support motions 15-21 as contained in Fire minutes of Mar 6, 2018; minutes, Income Statement/AP Ledger, Fire Chief's Report, close the meeting, return to open session, appoint Braden May as a new volunteer fire fighter, meet again on Apr 3... CARRIED

Administration to submit comments opposing Mandatory Certification per information item #15.

**5. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Feb 21, 2018, Resolution**

**56-18 McLaren, Wood**

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Feb 21, 2018. CARRIED

**6. EMS (Emergency Medical Services) 2018 Cost Distribution, Machar up 2% (\$72,950.92)**

Reviewed.

**7. Eastholme Home for the Aged annual general meeting on Mar 21, 2018, 2018 Municipal Levy Apportionment increased by 2.5%, Machar up 2.7% (\$75,537)**

Reviewed.

**8. Almaguin Highlands Health Centre replacement of the current Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) equipment update, Resolution**

**57-18 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we approve permission to the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee to acquire the OTN (Ontario Telemedicine Network) equipment through the use of the 2018 and ongoing municipal contributions,

FURTHER THAT we agree to continue to contribute \$500 annually as previously committed for up to 5 years and commence in 2018. CARRIED

**INFORMATION**

9. Information Session for Municipal Election Candidates – Thu, Mar 29, 2018 7:00-9:00 pm, Armour Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena
10. AMO – So You Want to Run for Council? Where? [www.MunicipalEducation.ca](http://www.MunicipalEducation.ca) How? This is an online work at your own pace course, take it anywhere! Cost: \$66.37 + HST (\$75.00)
11. District Municipality of Muskoka; Bracebridge, Burks Falls, Huntsville request to Minister of Health and Long Term Care for meeting with Muskoka and Area Municipalities to discuss several matters of concern regarding acute care services and health system transformation in Muskoka and area, a delegation of representatives can be quickly established, District of Muskoka recently heard a request from MAHC (Muskoka Algonquin Health Care) Board to consider an additional tax levy to help contribute to the local share, MAHC estimates set that number at greater than \$100,000,000, this escalates the local share amount to more than 20% which is well beyond the 10% share initially contemplated for new hospital construction
12. Communications Health Unit – Local Increase in Reported Salmonella Sickness Related to Reptile Pet Owners and tips to avoid salmonella sickness
13. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Proclamation of the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 changes to the land use planning and appeal system, this includes changes to: established the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal; improve the hearing process at the Tribunal; establish the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre; Limit the Tribunal's ability to overturn municipal decisions; give municipalities more control; shelter certain major planning decisions from appeal
14. AMO Communications – Omers Announces Strong 2017 Investment Results a 2017 investment return rate of 11.5%, exceeding its investment benchmark target of 7.3%, it also exceeds the 10.3% net return in 2016, however, there are serious challenges to Plan meeting its longer-

term pension fund promise given that member longevity is increasing and an evolving municipal workforce will likely have fewer contributing Plan members, MEPCO continues to have its sleeves rolled up and strongly supports both OMERS Comprehensive Plan Review and building an OMERS 2030 Strategy

15. **AMO Policy Update; Draft Response and Information on Proposed MCSCS Fire Regulations, Firefighter Certification, Community Risk Assessment, and Public Reports**
16. **AMO Policy Update; Province Broadens Municipal Investment Powers; able to invest in a legal list of eligible investments set out by the Province, any security as long as it is prudent for their situation, standard is already used by pension fund managers and trustees**
17. **AMCTO 2018 Federal Budget Update; Cannabis Legalization; Opioid Crisis; Rural Broadband; Building More Rental Housing; New Economic Development Funding for Southern Ontario; Mineral Exploration; Securing Critical Infrastructure; Cyber Security; First Nations Housing and Infrastructure; Carbon Pricing; Local Journalism; Regulatory Reform**
18. **AMCTO Legislative Express – Policy Spotlight: 2018 Federal Government Budget; Federal Government Indicates Possible Delay to Cannabis Legalization; Province Releases Two Sharing Economy Guides; AMO Releases Bill 175 Submission, the Safer Ontario Act; Average Canadian Paying Less than \$7 per gram for Cannabis; Proposed Fire Service Regulations; Proposed Fire Response Time Reporting Regulation; Proposed Construction Lien Act Regulations; Proposed Health & Safety Regulation**
19. **AMO Watchfile Mar 1, 2018 In This Issue**
  - P.J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Awards - 2018 call for submissions.
  - Safe and legal amateur combative sport contests.
  - LPAT comes into effect on April 3, 2018 by proclamation.
  - Comments on *Construction Act* regulations due March 8.
  - Comments on fire regulations due March 11 & 18.
  - Long-term care expansion - Call for Applications.
  - AMO Conference Early Bird Rate ends tomorrow!
  - AMO Trade Show 55% sold out!
  - What's the risk level at your next event?
  - Social media in emergency situations.
  - Province releases prudent investor regulations.
  - Plan now for 2018 road & sidewalk assessments.
  - Electric trucks: Big toys, batteries included.
  - Careers with AMO, Burlington, Owen Sound, Local Planning Appeal Support Centre, OPS and Clarence-Rockland.
20. **AMO Watchfile Mar 8, 2018 In This Issue**
  - New housing group facilitating new rental and affordable housing development.
  - Nine regulations on planning process amended.
  - OSUM May 2018 Conference & Trade Show - Registration open.
  - Last call for Train-the-Trainer Workshop registration.
  - AMO Trade Show 55% sold out!
  - What's the risk level at your next event?
  - Social media in emergency situations.
  - LAS Town Hall sessions now open for registration.
  - Shedding light on 5 years of upgrades.
  - Careers with AMO, Durham Region Transit Commission, OPS, Parry Sound and Norfolk.
21. **FCM (Fed of Cdn Munic) Federal Budget 2018: FCM's analysis, highlights: housing, cannabis, opioids, investing in Canada infrastructure plan, rural northern and remote priorities, poverty reduction, national pharmacare, reconciliation, public safety, international trade, modernizing federal environmental assessments, gender lens**
22. **Ontario Supporting Innovative Solutions to Fight Climate Change; Province funding new program to help reduce greenhouse gas pollution, GreenON Challenge, developing buildings that use dramatically less energy, a row of houses that save energy by sharing it from one centralized heating source, developing new financing mechanisms for low carbon technologies and processes, developing more energy efficient practices to develop products, finding transformative ways to increase the number of home energy improvements, Ontario investing up to \$300 million beginning in 2018-19, submit expressions by May 7 [www.GreenON.ca](http://www.GreenON.ca)**
23. **Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services – Notification – Public consultation on proposed regulations under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 related to new requirements to publicly report on fire department response time, comments on the proposed regulations submitted by Mar 18, 2018 through the Ontario Regulatory Registry**
24. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs; has approved reforms to municipal eligible investment authorities that will provide access to broader investment options**
25. **Chiefs of ON; First Nations Women Political Summit held in Ottawa Mar 27, 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**
26. **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre, March calendar**

**27. Municipal World Magazine – Keeping Arenas safe from Industrial Chemicals; Future of Municipal climate change litigation in Canada; Reflections on a Northern Future; You’re out of order, Councillor; Planning for student housing; The era of exhaustion; Dog waste dilemma; Rural hotspots; Baby Boomer business succession; A word from the editor; Governance zone; Management zone; The reading room; Coming events**

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

**TransCanada Community Scholarships; Leaders 100 scholarships x \$1000 commitment to volunteerism and leadership, Legacy 50 scholarships x \$5000 to Indigenous students, Trades 150 x \$1000 relevant to the energy industry [www.TCScholarships.com](http://www.TCScholarships.com)**

Council will think about possible candidates. Clerk Administrator has forwarded to AHSS.

**Zoning 1-011**

Activity at the property was discussed. Council directed that a warning/caution be sent from our planner to the owner’s planner.

**Infrastructure Ontario’s Loan Program**

Mayor Lynda Carleton would like Clerk Administrator to look into this program further.

**ADJOURN**

**58-18 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, Mar 26, 2018 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Treasure Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

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