

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, March 22, 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 and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney. The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit region has moved from Red - Control Level to Yellow - Protect Level in Ontario's Covid-19 Response Framework effective today.

Guest scheduled by teleconference: Marvin Nolan. Guest observing by teleconference: Pearl Ivens.

**GUESTS**

**6:30-6:45 pm Marvin Nolan Shared Services Agreement**

Mr. Nolan addressed Council to seek clarification about the Shared Services Agreements and provide his suggestions, including operations and capital, limitations of a percentage increase, etc. Council and staff responded. Mayor Carleton summarized we're not opting out, we want to pay our fair share, we're trying to get it completed based on the agreement in principle and the actual practice. Councillor Wood queried procedure and Mayor Carleton's response letter to Mr. Nolan. This will be discussed in Closed. Councillor Wood queried Closed Session procedure virtually and this was addressed by Administration.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Mar 8, 2021 minutes, Resolution**

**49-21 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we adopt Mar 8, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

**2. Preserving and protecting Eagle Lake 4-052-44**

Reviewed. Discussion ensued. Council would like an opportunity to hear both sides regarding the Canada Day fireworks event held at the Eagle Lake Narrows. Administration to extend invitations.

**3. MMAH 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding, Resolution**

We'll receive \$34,902 for the purpose of addressing priority COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. We spent \$81,058 in 2020 and had some carry-over to 2021. Funding is allocated.

**50-21 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we acknowledge 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding, requirements and signature by Treasurer. CARRIED

**4. COOP (Central ON Orthophotography) 2021 pre-acquisition update**

Ready to acquire imagery as soon as the ground conditions are snow free. 49,540 sq km acquisition area which is the largest acquisition since COOP 2016. Participation rate for COOP2021 is slightly more at \$5 per sq km. 2016 paid \$1,200 deposit + \$787.50 @ \$3.49 sq km. 2021 will pay \$1,000 deposit plus per sq km. Clerk Administrator reached out for an estimate; should be under \$1,200. They'll be drafting the Final Participation Agreements hopefully sometime during the next month.

**COMMITTEES**

**5. Machar Public Works minutes of Mar 11, 2021, Resolution**

Discussed; good neighbour salute/recognition of good deeds, Georgian Bay Forever & Archipelago

Invasive Phragmites road management in the greater GBA – Councillor Wood planning to attend. ELCA Phragmites Program at Eagle Lake has completed 3 years and has the phragmites under control, ELCA has applied for funding, 1<sup>st</sup> winter season at Mikisew Provincial Park. Invitation to be extended to the Park Superintendent and volunteers to discuss the season and next year plans.

**51-21 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Mar 11, 2021. CARRIED

**6. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Feb; Arena and Fire**

South River Clerk Administrator expressed thanks to Machar Clerk Administrator for suggestion to have all reports sent by the 15<sup>th</sup> monthly. Arena Manager's Report, Income Statement, AP for Feb received. Fire Chief's Report, Income Statement, AP for Feb, South River Machar Fire Dept Cost Recovery received. Machar Clerk Administrator inquired on 2 items; Fire Income Statement shows Machar Share of Annual Expenses for 2021 = \$185,539 but the Arena Income Statement doesn't show Machar's Share of Annual Expenses for 2021 = \$88,259 per the approved budgets, and assuming the Fire Dept Cost Recovery is an update to the by-law for Appendix C. South River Clerk Administrator advised the Arena financials still need to be updated to reflect the budgeted Machar contribution, should catch up for next reports and yes, an updated Appendix C for the by-law. RFP opening document for SR01-2021 Arena Generator and Installation received for information.

**52-21 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we amend Appendix C to By-Law No. 13-19 to reflect 2021 updated costs as follows: Apparatus \$490, Firefighter \$35, Class A Foam \$250, and AFFF Foam \$300. CARRIED

**7. Fire Marshal's Communique Ontario Fire College Training Modernization**

Follow up to the Jan 13, 2021 announcement regarding the decommissioning of the OFC provides an overview of OFC training modernization through several modes including online and blended courses, Regional Training Centres and Learning Contracts. OFC instructors will be assigned regionally so that fire departments have a central point of contact for all training inquiries. RTCs are operated by municipalities, community colleges or associations. Regional Training Centres may include North Bay and Huntsville. Mayor Carleton queried whether South River Machar could be a RTC and that course delivery costs are still \$65 per student, training can occur during working hours to reduce overtime costs and can be provided by fire departments training staff. Councillor Wood responded that was a good question and he doesn't think OFC training can be done at the same cost as previously at the OFC Campus in Gravenhurst where meals and accommodations were included.

**8. Fire Safety Grant Announcement South River Machar Fire Department**

Fire Chief informed of a 1 time grant to be used for training and or inspections focussing on technology enhancements to assist in the delivery of services during Covid, he is lobbying to receive the base (\$4,500) for each municipality but so far has no clear direction on that. Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management advise the Government of Ontario announced a 1 time \$5 M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ability to train fire service members in a COVID environment brought with it new restrictions and despite opportunities to train online and through other modes, OFMEM indicates not all training priorities may have been met over the last year. Office of the Fire Marshall advise the fire service is eligible to receive up to \$4,800 as part of this grant program to support 2 priority areas; 1 ongoing training needs, 2 code compliance and inspections. As the decisions regarding the grant may not have time to proceed to Council for approval, OFMEM is comfortable with the Fire Chief accepting the grant in principle pending formal approve from Council. Applications must be received no later than Mar 19 in order to allocate the funds before Mar 31. Clerk Administrator confirmed grant is per fire service, not per municipality.

**9. Shared Services Draft By-Laws, Resolution**

Reviewed. Drafts are updated based on the agreement in principle reached with South River to use the former by-laws as the basis. Former by-laws are also provided as a reference. The draft by-laws

mirror each other (the same uniform by-law) and per actual practice. Numbering error corrected.

**53-21 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we send the updated Shared Services Draft By-Laws to South River. CARRIED

**10. Emergency Management; East Parry Sound Vaccine Clinic**

SSJ Arena in Sundridge has been allocated for the East Parry Sound Vaccine Clinic for COVID-19. Code Red notification system put forward by Armour CEMC (Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator) as an opportunity to reach out to area residents. South River, Machar, Sundridge and Strong have a shared license; SRM Fire Chief or SS Fire Chief can be contacted. Clinics will be held from 10 am to 2 pm on Mar 23, 25, 30 and Apr 1 to vaccinate individuals born in or before 1941. They're in need of parking lot attendants and a list of municipal staff volunteers was requested. Area By-Law Enforcement Officers have all agreed to assist. SS Fire Chief will also be attending.

**11. Updated JBC permit summary for Feb, Resolution**

CBO missed a permit in Ryerson in Jan so updated Feb JBC update sheet, amended copy provided.

**54-21 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we acknowledge Building Permit updated summary for Feb. CARRIED

**12. ACED (Almaguin Community Economic Development) Staycation in Almaguin Proposal**

We're not a member. Information provided to Council as requested. Requested amount \$1,900 + In-Kind. The requested amount is a recommended minimum contribution. No action taken.

**13. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Monthly Report Mar 2021 available (18 pages)**

**INFORMATION**

**14. Niagara Region Resolution** – a significant crisis exists in Niagara in regard to the prevalence of chronic homelessness and the lack of affordable housing that far surpasses the Region's ability to meet the vision dictated in its 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan, advocacy letters directly to the appropriate Federal and Provincial ministries requesting additional funding.

**15. Township of Brock Resolution** – The Government introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation and possession. The police have not been given lawful authority to lay charges under the Cannabis Act to appropriately respond to violations of Health Canada Registrations and Licenses. Requests that Health Canada:

- Require Federal Licenses and Registrations for Designated Growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;
- Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;
- Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
- Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licenced operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
- Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

**16. Municipality of Grey Highlands Resolution** – Residents are rightly concerned with addressing the economic challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis and are looking at new types of development that create new homes and businesses, jobs and economic activity in ways that are cost effective to residents and municipalities. There is development that creates jobs, new affordable homes and economic activity while protecting and preserving existing natural areas, farmland and water sources and meeting the needs of residents and municipalities. Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO's) are a tool that should not be used to fast-track development proposals, bypass important public consultations and override laws and policies designed to protect the environment. Council requests the Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to stop using Minister's Zoning Orders

and urges the Provincial Government to move forward with COVID recovery actions that promote development that simultaneously protects natural areas, farmland and water sources while creating affordable homes and new jobs and in a way that is cost effective to residents and the municipality. Blue Mountain is making two specific requests, resist the use of MZO's and tell the Province you oppose the recent changes to the Conservation Authorities Act because both of these actions fast-track sprawl-style development and asking the Province to add farmland and natural areas in the region to the Greenbelt to increase their protection.

17. **Almaguin Highlands Health Council, AHC Progress Status Mar 2021** – Advocating for healthcare services across the Almaguin Highlands, wanted to re-engage with you [www.almaguin-health.org](http://www.almaguin-health.org)
18. **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre, AALC March Calendar 2021** – Now open by appointment only and following all COVID protocols, <https://www.almaguinadultlearning.org/>.
19. **Algonquin Park Forest, AWS Inspection Notice and Reminder: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan Notice** – The AWS (Annual Work Schedule) will be available beginning Mar 15, 2021, the 60-day review period begins Mar 21, 2021 and goes until May 11, 2021.
20. **ENDM (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development & Mines), Community Economic Development 101 Training** – The training is intended to raise awareness of the key concepts tied to community economic development, help participants understand how it's related to their communities and where they are with this in mind and help inform folks of the supports in place to help them advance their community economic development goals.
21. **ENDM, New! Ontario Arts Council 2021 Programs and Deadlines!** – Two Ontario Arts Council grants with upcoming deadlines that may be of interest to artists and organizations in northern Ontario.
  - Northern Arts Project – This program supports the creation, production and presentation of art work: professional development; and community arts engagement initiatives that benefit communities in northern Ontario. *Deadline*, Apr 29 and Nov 9, 2021, 1 pm, *Grant amount*, maximum \$15,000.
  - Artist-Presenter Collaborations Projects – This program supports the development of mutually beneficial, long-term relationships and networks between presenters, Ontario-based professional artists and arts organizations in all OAC-funded disciplines. *Deadline*, Apr 27 and Oct 28, 2021, 1 pm. *Grant Amounts*, focused impact: maximum \$20,000; sector impact: maximum \$30,000.
22. **ENDM, 2021 Reconnect Festival and Event Program is Open for Application!** – This Program aims to support innovative events in Ontario that will:
  - Provide safe experiences that encourage people to rediscover the beauty and diversity of all that Ontario communities have to offer, virtually or in-person when it is safe to do so;
  - Draw attendees, whether in-person or virtually, through innovative programming, and provide positive economic impact for the local community, the region and the province;
  - Provide job opportunities for Ontarians, particularly in the tourism, culture and entertainment sectors; and
  - Increase Ontario's profile through media and/or broadcast exposure to instill interest in future travel to the province once it is safe to do so.

Application Submission and Deadline: no later than 5 pm EDT on Tue, Apr 20, 2021.
23. **MECP, Ontario Moves Forward with Consolidated Linear Infrastructure** – For stormwater and sewage collection systems. The notice is available on the Environmental Registry, at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1080> (Number 019-1080). Under this new consolidated process, you will no longer need to submit individual "pipe by pipe" applications for future alterations provided they meet the requirements and all other ministry approved conditions. Simple, routine changes including alterations, extensions, enlargements or replacement projects could be pre-authorized to begin construction without needing separate approvals for each project.
24. **AMO Communications, Municipal Councillor Code of Conduct Consultations** – Steve Clarke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, announced late Fri afternoon, Mar 5, that the Province would launch a consultation on municipal Codes of Conduct for council members. AMO recognizes that enforcing behavioural standards for council members can be a challenging matter for many members to find consensus on. However, stronger standards and compliance are in public interest. The AMO Board of Director's recommendations aim to strengthen existing tools for compliance with Codes of Conduct as well as provide some new tools for municipal governments to use in defined circumstances. The Board's recommendations are:
  - Amending the Municipal Act to allow for Administrative Monetary Penalties in Municipal Code of Conduct breaches to incentivize compliance – subject to regulation and municipal by-law setting out appropriate penalty thresholds for the municipality;

- Suspension of a council member for a certain period of time in defined circumstances that could negatively impact public health and safety;
- Removal from office by a member of the Judiciary on the recommendation of an Integrity Commissioner where a report has found serious and/or repeated breaches of Codes of Conduct; and
- Better training and standards for Integrity Commissioners to improve capacity and consistency of decision-making across the province.

**25. AMO Communications, Phase 2 of Vaccinations Plan, Bill 257 – Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, Firefighter Training Modernization** – The Province has announced that Phase Two of Ontario’s vaccination distribution plan will begin next month. Phase Two will focus on age and risk to prevent further death, hospitalization, and transmission. Beginning Mar 15, the Province will be launching an online booking system and a provincial customer service desk to answer questions and support appointment bookings at mass immunization clinics. Bill 527, Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, was introduced in the Legislature by the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. The purpose of the Act is to reduce cost to broadband providers associated with attaching broadband wirelines to hydro utility poles and would provide timely access to poles and to municipal rights of way to install broadband on municipal land for “Provincially significant” broadband projects. The office of the Fire Marshal published a Communique on the Ontario Fire College Training Modernization. It was issued as a follow up to the Jan 13, 2021 announcement regarding the decommissioning of the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and the modernization of the fire safety training in Ontario. The decommissioning of OFC campus is set for Mar 31, 2021.

**26. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Mar 2, 2021, In This Issue –**

- Cargo electric bikes pilot.
- Healthy Communities Initiative.
- Register for AMO’s Long-Term Care webinar.
- Managing COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments webinar.
- EPT Spotlight: Internal reporting.
- Group Buying Webinars in Mar.
- Careers: AMO, Oshawa, The Nation, Dufferin County & City of Waterloo.

**27. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Mar 11, 2021, In This Issue –**

- PJ Marshall Awards – Call for submissions for 2021.
- Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program questionnaire.
- Let the AMO Conference be the highlight of your 2021 municipal calendar.
- Register for AMO’s Long-Term Care webinar.
- Accessibility & Your Municipality: Meeting your legal and ethical obligations.
- Latest Blog – Asset Management regulation update.
- Uncover energy savings opportunities in your buildings!
- Improving efficiency and improve your bottom line.
- EPT Spotlight: Benchmarking.
- Procurement update: Municipal Group Buying webinar.
- Easily manage boards, vacancies and appointments online.
- Announcing a Circular Procurement Centre of Excellence.
- Careers: AMO, Georgina, Guelph, Kincardine, Toronto and Huron County.

**28. FONOM, Save the Date for the 2021 Virtual FONOM Conference** – Held virtually on Tue, May 18, 2021 starting at 9:00 am. This year’s conference will see presentations from Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Ford, seven Provincial Ministers, a Vice President of SpaceX to provide an update on Starlink, members of the Telesat team, FedNor, MPAC, Frank Cowan, NOHF, and more. FONOM GoNorth Promotional Videos:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X81-vtsgs0w>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUeGyXL2AXk>
- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkEeQSnLHnA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkEeQSnLHnA)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLV-SUC1J9c>

**29. FCM Membership, Watch Now: Local Leaders Salute FCM** – FCM continues to secure vital support for local leaders on the front lines of COVID-19 – from bringing together frontline expertise to driving key federal investments for cities and communities of all sizes. Check out a compelling new video featuring municipal leaders from across the country. Hear the impact of FCM’s efforts on behalf of municipalities throughout the pandemic – and why it’s so important for local leaders to work together <https://bit.ly/3kGChDO>

**30. FCM Communique, New Video: Local Leaders Salute, Two New Webinars, Celebrating International Women's Day** – New Video: Local Leaders Salute FCM, municipal leaders from across the country have come together in a compelling new video to share what FCM's efforts have meant to them – and what local leaders can achieve when they work together. How to create a home energy upgrading financing program, new funding available to help. Free information session on Wed, Mar 24 at 1 pm. Advancing circular economy in Canadian municipalities, participants in the new Circular Cities & Regions Initiative (CCRI), a one-year pilot, will:

- Receive one-on-one support while transitioning to a circular economy,
- Connect with peers across the country, and
- Hear from leading experts in the sector.

Register on Thu, Mar 18, 2021. Celebrating International Women's Day, celebrating women leaders in local government, both in Canada and around the world. National Day of Observance for COVID-19, the Government of Canada has announced that it is designating Thu, Mar 11 as a National Day of Observance to commemorate the people who lost their lives and the significant impact we have all felt because of COVID-19. Celebrating six successful years in Ukraine, the Partnership for Local Economic Development and Democratic Governance (PLEDDG) project in Ukraine held its final conference, Changing Cities: Achievements and Prospects. Telesat and Government of Canada partner to bridge Digital Divide, Telesat and the Canadian Government have partnered to affordably bridge the Digital Divide using Telesat's next-generation Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite network, Telesat Lightspeed.

**31. FCM Communique, FCM Board Targets Federal Budget, 3 New Webinars, Major Process in Active Transportation** – A big theme all week: shaping Federal Budget 2021. This next budget needs to empower municipal leaders to continue protecting Canadians on the front lines of COVID-19. But it also needs to gear up for a strong, community-rooted national recovery. FCM's recommendations include building on proven funding tools – from the Gas Tax Fund to the Rapid Housing initiative – to reliably create good jobs and build better lives in communities of all sizes, in every part of the country. New webinar on rural strength and innovation, Thu, Mar 18 at 11:00 am, focusing on Rural Canada's leadership in innovation and collaboration, in finding new avenues for economic growth, and environmental stewardship. Advancing circular economy in Canadian municipalities, there is still time to sign up for the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative (CCRI) kickoff webinar and information session on Thu, Mar 18. Webinar: How to ensure your green projects last, free webinar Tue, Mar 30 and learn how to convert current costs into opportunities for future job development. Active transportation: major progress, FCM members are working hard to support Canadians who want to safely walk, bike and roll in our communities – and new federal support is coming. New partner joins FCM's Regional Energy Coaches pilot project, part of FCM's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative, REC's will help affordable housing providers initiate and plan energy efficient retrofits and new builds. FCM intervenes in Supreme Court case on cuts to Toronto City Council, Bill 5, also known as the Better Local Government Act, redrew Toronto City Council's electoral structure, reducing the number of city wards and councillors from 47 to 25. New video: "FCM makes us bigger". Your kid's guide to local government is here! Upcoming webinar on Census 2021, Mar 17 at 11:00 am, [www.fcm.ca](http://www.fcm.ca).

**32. Tribunals Ontario, Assessment Review Board** – ARB New Rules, effective Apr 1, 2021.

**33. Ontario Heritage Trust, Mar Edition** – Heritage spaces as incubators for creativity. Recognizing creative excellence, the annual Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards honour groups and individuals who have contributed to heritage conservation, environmental sustainability and biodiversity, and cultural and natural heritage. Inspiring creativity, heritage matters has explored the power of historical spaces and landscapes to inspire creativity.

#### INFORMATION – COVID-19

**34. Township of South Glengarry Resolution, Provincial Vaccine Rollout** – The federal government has moved too slowly and is failing to foster domestic vaccine-production capacity, the Council of the Township of South Glengarry urges Premier Doug Ford and the Province of Ontario to produce approved COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to the residents of the Province of Ontario, increase the Province's vaccination rate to keep pace with the doses that have been received and accelerate the launch of its COVID-19 vaccine booking system.

**35. North Bay Parry Sound District News Release, Covid-19 Outbreak at Cassellholme Declared Over** – Together, the Health Unit and Cassellholme staff and management, worked diligently to manage the outbreak and ensure safety of the Cassellholme residents, staff and essential visitors. Cassellholme



has applied COVID-19 outbreak measures as part of their internal protocols since the start of the pandemic. These protocols will remain in place and individuals wanting to visit are encouraged to connect directly with Cassellholme about their requirements.

**36. North Bay Parry Sound District News Release, Health Unit Return to Ontario's COVID-19 Response Framework in Red – Control Level** – As of Mar 8, 2021, the announcement allows the Health Unit to slowly progress to less restrictive measures, while still recognizing the ongoing importance of public health measures to protect those most vulnerable in our community. The movement to Red – Control level was based on the local COVID-19 situation, the presence of VOC's in our community, and the continued elevated case load and pandemic outcome in neighbouring health units. There are many notable changes to entering the Red – Control level:

- Organized public events, social gatherings and wedding, funeral and religious services, rites and ceremonies limits where physical distancing can be maintained: 5 people indoors, 25 people outdoors, 30% capacity of the room indoors, 100 people outdoors
  - Restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments: 10 patrons seated indoors, limit of 4 people seated together, contact information for all patrons, face coverings required except when eating or drinking only
  - Retail: 75% for supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, pharmacies, 50% discount and big box retailers, liquor stores, hardware stores and garden centres, stores must post capacity limit, must have passive screening for patrons
  - Personal care services: services requiring removal of face coverings prohibited
- For more information on these changes, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19).

**37. North Bay Parry Sound District News Release, Health Unit to Hold Weekly Media Availability, Launches Roundtable with Municipal Leaders and Public Health Experts** – The Health Unit announced a weekly virtual press conference where a team of public health experts will be available to answer questions and provide the latest pandemic response information, especially as the vaccine rollout progresses. The live virtual press conference, which will be held weekly on Thu at 10 am, will at times include public health physicians, emergency management experts, and others within the Health Unit and community responsible for managing public health throughout the pandemic. This week the region moves to Red Control providing much needed relief for businesses and restaurants that can reopen safely, with public health restrictions in place.

**38. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release, Skyline – Lancelot Apartments Residents Received First Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine** – Vaccinations were offered through pre-scheduled appointments to residents of the Skyline – Lancelot Apartments who were free of symptoms. Residents that were ill with COVID-19 symptoms will have the opportunity to be vaccinated at a later date.

**39. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release, COVID-19 Vaccine Bookings for Individuals Born in 1941 or Before Launches Mon, Mar, 15, 2021** – Starting at 9 am. Individuals aged 80 and above can book online using the provincial booking system, or call the Health Unit, who can facilitate the booking process. How to book an appointment online:

1. Have your green Ontario health card ready. Unfortunately, Ontario health cards with the red stripe will not be accepted in the online booking system.
  2. Visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19Vaccine](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19Vaccine) and click "Book an Appointment" to open the provincial Online Booking System.
  3. Follow the online instructions.
- How to book and appointment by phone:
1. Have your green Ontario health card ready.
  2. Dial 1-800-563-2808 and choose option 5, then follow the prompts. The call centre will be open to book appointments from 9 am to 4:30 pm Mon to Fri.
  3. Please be patient. The Health Unit has all available staff working the phone lines in anticipation of your call. If you do not get through, please be patient and call back later.

**40. North Bay Parry Sound District News Release, COVID-19 Outbreak Declared Over at Parry Sound McDonald's** – Health Unit has declared COVID-19 outbreak over at the Parry Sound McDonald's as of Mar 12, 2021. The Health Unit and management at the Parry Sound McDonald's worked collaboratively to manage the outbreak and to ensure the safety of the staff and customers.

**41. North Bay Parry Sound District Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Appointments to be Scheduled Online or By Phone Only** – Reminding the public that appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations can be only booked online or by phone. Individuals will not be able to book an appointment in-person at Health Unit office locations. Appointment booking opens on Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 9 am for individuals born in 1941 or before.

- 42. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release, Day 1 of Booking Sees More Than 1,200 COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments Made for Eligible Seniors in Health Unit District** – For individuals in the region born in 1941 or before, it was the first day appointments could be booked for individuals in this category. The number of confirmed appointments on day one includes those that were scheduled through the online and telephone provincial booking systems, and those made through the Health Unit Call Centre.
- 43. MMAH, A Message from General Hillier** – Over 1,000,000 doses of the vaccines have been administered in Ontario. While we should reflect on how far we have come, we must not stop pushing forward as this is only the beginning of the journey. There are many more vaccinations to administer to reach our goal of ensuring that every eligible Ontarian who wants a vaccine, receives one. With vaccine supply stabilizing and over two million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine expected from the federal government before the end of Mar, the province will enter Phase Two of its vaccine rollout. Between Apr 2021 and Jul 2021, up to nine million Ontarians will be vaccinated. During Phase Two, groups that will receive the vaccine include:
- Older adults between 60-79 years of age;
  - Individuals with specific health conditions and some primary caregivers;
  - People who live and work in a congregate setting and some primary caregivers;
  - People who live in hot spots with high rates of death, hospitalizations and transmission; and
  - Certain workers who cannot work from home.
- 44. MMAH, Memorandum from Deputy Minister Kate Manson-Smith, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing** – Capacity limit changes for some events in Grey-Lockdown, Phase 1 COVID Vaccination Plan for Frontline Emergency Personnel & new COVID Border Testing Orders, as public health officials review the case data across the province related to COVID-19. Based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the province has adjusted capacity limits for weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies held in regions currently in the Grey-Lockdown level of the Framework. Effective Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 12:01 am, these noted events are permitted to allow for up to 15 per cent total occupancy indoors or up to 50 people outdoors. New COVID Border Testing Orders under the *Quarantine Act (QA)*, the QA currently restricts entry into Canada and outlines certain conditions for persons entering Canada at border crossings, including requiring individuals returning from travelling abroad to self isolate for 14 days upon return to Canada, subject to certain exemptions. The QA also directs travellers entering Canada to comply with a number of pre-arrival and on-arrival requirements, subject to certain exemptions, which came in effect on Feb 14, 2021 until Apr 21, 2021 unless further extended. Enforcement approach, PHAC is implementing a graduated enforcement approach focusing on public education prior to issuing tickets for non-compliance. PHAC-designated Quarantine Officers may provide Ontario police officers with the information required to issue a Part 1 Certificate Offence or Part 3 Summons, but police officers retain the ability to apply discretion. They will continue to share new information about land and air border restrictions as they evolve.
- 45. AMO Communications, Policy Update, New Support for Local Fire Services, Updated COVID-19 Vaccines Tools and Resources** – The Ministry of the Solicitor General announced it will provide \$5 million to help municipal fire services address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This one-time funding will enhance fire safety training across the province and support safety inspection programs to ensure compliance with the Ontario Fire Code. Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Tools and Resources, the Ministry of Health vaccine tools and resources have been updated and are now posted to the Ministry's website. Changes are highlighted and new documents include information for AstraZeneca and COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccines.
- 46. AMO Communications, Policy Update, More Social Services Relief Funding to Protect the Homeless during COVID-19, Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update** – The Ontario government announced that it is providing \$255 million in additional funding for the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). The SSRF will continue to help municipalities, District Social Services Administration Boards, and Indigenous program partners to keep vulnerable people safe. Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update, Addition information on the provincial vaccination rollout has been released. With the increasing vaccine supply, the Ontario government is able to expand the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to include pharmacies and primary care settings. As of Fri, Mar 12, over 325 pharmacies will be offering the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to eligible Ontarians aged 60-64, by appointment only as part of the vaccine delivery pilot program in 3 public health unit regions: Toronto, Windsor-Essex, and Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington. The vaccine rollout will be expanded to more pharmacies in other regions of the province as supply increases.



**47. ENDM, North Bay – Parry Sound Public Health Regions Returning to Red – Control Level in the COVID19 Response Framework** – Based on a general improvement in trends of key indicators, North Bay Parry Sound District will be returning to the Framework at the Red Control level. Toronto Public Health and Peel Public Health are making progress, but as their case rates still remain high, they will return to the Framework at the Grey Lockdown level. Seven other public health regions moving to new levels in the framework,

**Red-Control:**

- Peterborough Public Health;
- Public Health Sudbury and Districts; and
- Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit.

**Orange-Restrict:**

- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit; and
- Timiskaming Health Unit.

**Yellow-Protect**

- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit; and
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

All changes will be effective Mon, Mar 8, 2021, at 12:01 am, please visit

[www.ontario.ca/covidresponse.com](http://www.ontario.ca/covidresponse.com) for the full list of public health region classifications and quick facts on public health and workplace safety measures in your area.

**48. ENDM, Latest COVID-19 Supports Summaries** – Private Sector Sups Summary, Community Sups Summary, and Non-Profit Sector Sups Summary.

**49. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Grey-Lockdown Revised** – Effective Mar 15, 2021, Funeral services in Grey-Lockdown zones will be permitted to allow up to 15 per cent of total occupancy with physical distancing for indoor funerals up to maximum of 50 people. Outdoor ceremonies may have a maximum of 50 people in attendance. Why is the BAO limiting funeral attendance to 50, when churches and other venues can hold more? People gather to grieve and console each other, there is touching, hugging, kissing. There are tears, runny noses, and tissues – all can be associated with respiratory droplets. All of these circumstances are conducive to the spread of COVID-19.

**50. Northern Ontario Tourism, Ontario Establishes Tourism Economic Recovery Task Force** – The Ontario government announced the new Tourism Economic Recovery Ministerial Task Force. It was chaired by former MPP and Cabinet minister Tim Hudak, and gives expert advice and recommendations on how to help the provinces \$36-billion tourism industry recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

#### **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit region shifting to Yellow – Protect Level of Ontario’s COVID-19 Response Framework effective Mar 22, 2021**

This allows more flexibility than the previous Red – Control level, permitting us to have Council attend in person tonight physically distanced and masked in required areas, as well as a Closed Session meeting. Limits for certain organized public events and social gatherings where physical distancing can be maintained have moved to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors from 5 and 25 respectively.

#### **OMAA Ontario Municipal Administrators’ Association congratulations to Clerk Administrator**

Mayor Carleton read a letter received from the OMAA President. On behalf of the Ontario Association of Municipal Administrators it is a pleasure to advise that your Clerk Administrator was recognized by her peers with a special OMAA achievement award for reaching the career milestone of 25 years of exceptional leadership and success as a Chief Administrative Officer. Awards presented this year were special ones for the Association, celebrating career milestones, exemplary leadership, innovation, and professionalism demonstrated by the members of the CAO community. This has been a particularly challenging time for the municipal sector and Chief Administrative Officers in Ontario. It is a delight to congratulate Brenda for her commitment to excellence in municipal management. OMAA is pleased to celebrate the achievement of your CAO and thank you for the support provided by Council to your Clerk Administrator and the commitment to excellence in local governance. Together we are all working towards superior local government in Ontario. Council applauded and extended congratulations.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**55-21 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, information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency or any of them, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on bey or on behalf of the municipality or local board. Time 8:02 pm. CARRIED

**56-21 Flowers, McLaren**

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:42 pm. CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

**57-21 McLaren, 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, Apr 12, 2021. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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