

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 9, 2020**

Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Councillor Wood with respect to Blue Sky Broadband as he is in a private negotiation with another Internet Service Provider.

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul.

Guest observing: John Mowat.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Feb 24, 2020 minutes, Resolution

43-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we adopt Feb 24, 2020 minutes. CARRIED

2. Purchase of limited non-abutting Lakeshore Road Allowance, Resolution

44-20 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we accept survey proposal 4-238 of cottage footprint plus 18" to process purchase of limited non-abutting lakeshore road allowance. CARRIED

3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Municipal Modernization Program; Service Delivery Review

The Government of Ontario has approved funding of up to \$100,000 towards a Service Delivery Review for the cost of an independent third-party reviewer with final report by Sep 18, 2020.

45-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 5-20; to enter into the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement under the Municipal Modernization Program. CARRIED

4. Pay List by Fund for Feb 2020, Resolution

Several questions asked and answered, including; 2019 Audit 2nd progress bill, waste disposal site inquiries, hearing foam pads for Roads referred to Public Works Committee meeting.

46-20 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we approve Pay List by Fund as of Feb 29, 2020: \$230,122.44 Grand Total. CARRIED

a. South River Machar Agricultural Society request for financial support 138th Fall Fair

New Executive is President Dale D'Allaire, Secretary Steve Johnson and Treasurer Tamara Brash. Together with 7 other board members, they're getting lots of suggestions and advice on how to update the fair and bring the community together. They've been quoted a price for 3 themed activities which cover a wide range of ages that entire families can participate in. They've requested our support for the amount of \$2,170 which will cover these activities. Machar sponsored these activities at the Fall Fair last year, so they'd be provided free to fairgoers and we received a lot of positive feedback. We'll do so again with appropriate signage/recognition.

COMMITTEES

5. Machar Public Works minutes of Feb 20, 2020, Resolution

Amendment suggested; 2. 6" should be 6', will be referred to Secretary to check notes.

47-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Feb 20, 2020; including discussions with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Water Management in response to our concerns expressed regarding Leighton Rd, accept 2020 Road Budget in the amount of \$1,905,011 total less Modernization funding/Gas Tax 2019>2020 and Reserve representing a 2% increase, and 2020 Landfill Budget in the net amount (expenses less revenues) \$176,318 representing a 1% increase, subject to overall Township budgetary requirements. CARRIED

6. South River Machar Medical minutes of Feb 18, 2020, Resolution

Quote for lighting, renovations, additional tenant space, Almaguin Health Team discussed.

48-20 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we support motions 1-4 in Medical minutes of Feb 18, 2020 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, rent at the Medical Centre be raised 2% for 2021, adjourned until Mar 5, 2020... CARRIED

7. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Feb 19, 2020, Resolution

Lots of activity and guests, mostly focused on proposed development in the Township of Lount.

49-20 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Feb 19, 2020. CARRIED

8. ARI (Almaguin Recycling Initiative) minutes of Feb 19, 2020, Resolution

Outstanding invoices, items taken throughout the year (not at hazmat), additional costs discussed.

50-20 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we accept ARI minutes of Feb 19, 2020. CARRIED

9. Joint Building minutes of Feb 20, 2020 and projected Budget contributions, Resolution

New Silverado Double Cab purchase, Jeep Patriot SUV to be sold, financial budget will be lower than budgeted expense shown (\$234,378) and will be recommended at next meeting on Mar 19, 2020.

51-20 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Feb 20, 2020. CARRIED

a. Permit Summaries for Feb 2020, Resolution

Permit activity at end of Jan 31, 2020 = 7, versus 3 at Jan 31, 2019.

52-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Feb 2020. CARRIED

10. Eastholme Home for the Aged annual general meeting, 2020 municipal levy/operating budget

Rep for our area is Jim Coleman, Councillor Wood will attend AGM, Administration to RSVP.

11. District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Spring Meeting May 1, 2020

Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, and Councillor Bart Wood can attend, Councillor Neil Scarlett to advise.

12. Explore South River Winter Update

Mar 3, 2020 is the deadline to be featured on the 2020-2021 print map. Standard member option = print and digital advertisement \$150 plus HST (2 years x \$75): \$169.50. Administration to see if we can still be included as the deadline has passed and what it would entail for us as a municipality.

13. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Board Monthly Report Feb 2020

Report is lengthy with updated figures monthly, Council don't require it monthly, possibly annually.

INFORMATION

14. **County of Frontenac** – the County of Frontenac encourages the province to continue to support the principle of planning on a watershed basis in the ongoing review and prioritize the allocation of adequate funding to support the core mandate of conservation authorities
15. **County of Haliburton** – Haliburton County Tourism Committee and County Council request that the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Minister of Transportation reconsider or phase in this fee increase, allowing an appropriate amount of time for businesses to adjust
16. **Municipality of W Nipissing** - Resolution supports a request circulated by the Village of Merrickville-Wolford asking the MNRF to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence to impacted municipalities when designing Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries
17. **Township of Tyendinaga** – Resolution calls on parties to work together to find a successful and peaceful resolution of the pipeline matter as quickly as possible
18. **North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit** – Public Service Announcement, Boil water advisory lifted for individuals receiving water from the Port Loring East Mills water treatment plant
19. **MPAC In Touch Mar 2, 2020** - We are Ontario's impartial property intelligence resource, 2020 Property Assessment Notice mailing schedule is available, Upcoming municipal webinars, Meeting with our municipal partners, New features in Municipal Connect, Partnerships in action
20. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing** – Provincial Policy Statement 2020 – The PPS is an important part of Ontario's land use planning system, setting out the provincial land use policy direction that guides municipal decision-making; The PPS, 2020 supports implementation of More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and includes key changes to: Encourage an increase in the mix and supply of housing, Protect the environment and public safety, Reduce barriers and costs for development and provide greater certainty, Support rural, northern and Indigenous communities, Support the economy and job creation
21. **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry** - A Solid Wood Bioheat Guide for Rural and Remote Communities in Ontario, FPInnovations, What are biomass, biofuel, and bioheat, biomass includes all biological matter and can originate from forestry, arboricultural, agricultural, horticultural, or aquacultural operations, when biomass is processed into a fuel used to produce heat or power, it is called biofuel, bioheat is the heat produced when biofuel is combusted
22. **AMO Communications** - Draft Community Benefit Charge/Development Charge Regulatory Proposal and Provincial Policy Statement Posted; Under the proposal, Development Charges would be used to fund growth-related capital costs related to: Libraries, Long-term care, Park development (eg. playgrounds), Public Health, Recreation
23. **AMO Watchfile Feb 27, 2020 In This Issue**
 - Call for submissions now open: The P.J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award.
 - Main Street Revitalization Initiative coming to an end.
 - North Bay Conservation Authority consultation scheduled for March 5.
 - *Spring Time in Paris* - Room booking now open for OSUM 2020 Conference.
 - Early bird registration for AMO's 2020 Annual Conference ends March 2!
 - Only 1 session left in AMO's popular social media webinar series.
 - Tires webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Facilities maintenance equipment webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Careers with AMO.
24. **AMO Watchfile Mar 5, 2020 In This Issue**
 - Call for submissions now open: The P.J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award.
 - Main Street Revitalization Initiative coming to an end.
 - Register today for the Waste Diversion Batteries Webinar – March 11th.
 - COVID-19 Update.
 - Ministry of Transportation Discussion: Off-Road Vehicles and Municipal Roads.
 - *Spring Time in Paris* - Room booking now open for OSUM 2020 Conference.
 - 164 days remaining until the AMO 2020 Conference!
 - Showcase at the AMO Annual Conference - August 2020.
 - Only 1 session left in AMO's popular social media webinar series.
 - Municipal cybersecurity best practices development.

- Tires Webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Facilities maintenance equipment webinar: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Careers with AMO and Norfolk County.
25. **AMCTO Feb 2020 Legislative Express** - Policy Spotlight: AMCTO seeking member feedback on areas of municipal burden, Policy Updates: Proposals to amend standards and regulation under the Aggregate Resources Act, Updated Provincial Policy Statement announced, Ontario launches consultations on cannabis business opportunities, Ontario consulting on Poverty Reduction Strategy, Minister Clark announces Service Delivery Modernization Investment, Ontario to contract out Employment Services Managers, Government moving forward with Transit-Oriented Communities Strategy, Government says no extra accessibility funding for small and rural municipalities, Waterfront Toronto delays approval on Smart City Project, PM Trudeau meets with Big City Mayors' Caucus, Bills and Lawmaking: Bill 171, Building Transit Faster Act 2020, Bill 175 Connecting People to Home and Community Care Act 2020, Resources...
 26. **Fednor Outreach** - Update, through its programs and services, and through its financial support of projects that lead to job creation and economic growth, Fednor works with businesses and community partners to build a stronger Northern Ontario
 27. **FCM Communiqué** – President's Corner/How FCM plays a unique role in Canada
 28. **FCM Voice Feb 24, 2020**; FCM calls for National 5G Working Group; President's Corner: How FCM plays a unique role in Canada; GMF Council is seeking one elected municipal official; Help us celebrate International Women's Day; FCM seeks person from broader public for GMF Council; Video: Why invest in asset management?; Snow clearing at Community Mailboxes
 29. **FCM Voice Mar 2, 2020** - FCM's Board meets ahead of Budget 2020, New report: Climate adaptation will cost municipalities \$5.3 billion per year, Case study: Loan program boosted home energy efficiency, Peer-to-peer learning and knowledge exchange in Tunisia, How are you celebrating International Women's Day on Mar 8
 30. **Ontario Heritage Trust – Special edition: Celebrating excellence** – On Feb 20, 2020, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Harvey McCue, Chair of the Trust's Board of Directors, presented 25 awards, Lifetime Achievement, Youth Achievement, Excellence in Conservation, Community Leadership, Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation
 31. **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre** – March Calendar 2020; March and August Bus details
 32. **Township of Joly** – Notice of Passing of Zoning By-Law No. 2020-007 on Feb 11, 2020, under Section 34 of the Planning Act; This By-law applies to all private land in Joly Township, The purpose of the By-law is to add provisions to the Joly Township Zoning By-law addressing Canada Bill C-45: An Act Respecting Cannabis, A statutory Public Meeting was advertised and held on Feb 11, 2020 to review the draft By-law and map schedule, no written or oral objections were received

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

33. Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation; Almaguin North Parry Sound Broadband Project Update

Blue Sky Net issued an RFP and a vendor has been selected, intention now is to submit an application to the CRTC Broadband Fund. Working with Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd the project deals with the upgrade of broadband infrastructure within un-served and underserved areas identified in the Almaguin and North Parry Sound (13 municipalities and First Nations). This proposal is a deployment of enhanced wireless networking equipment (for service distribution and backhaul) on 12 new and 14 existing Spectrum Group towers, 2 relatively small fibre builds are included in this project and their primary function will be to expand backhaul capabilities and help to open the bottleneck to the various wireless nodes located in the southern portion of the existing Almaguin Highlands wireless network. ACED (Almaguin Community Economic Development) Director of Economic Development encourages all municipalities to strongly consider support.

53-20 Scarlett, McLaren

WHEREAS, reliable, high speed, affordable access to the Internet and e-connectivity is imperative for our residents, businesses, non-profit organizations and visitors; and

WHEREAS, internet and e-connectivity are changing how humans interact with each other and with the world at large, as well as being a driving force for the current and future economy; and

WHEREAS, internet and e-connectivity create opportunity for increased innovation for consumers, businesses, agriculture, government; education, social and health development and

WHEREAS, municipalities that prioritize and provide access to advanced internet infrastructure such as fibre, are surpassing those that do not in terms of social, economic, and knowledge development; and

WHEREAS, we must plan and prioritize for the deployment and adoption of this infrastructure including but not limited to pursuing collaborations and partnerships in the efforts to effectively achieve greater access to affordable high-speed internet throughout the region, and

WHEREAS, much of the Township of Machar does not have access to greater than 5Mbps internet service, which is well below the CRTC standard of 50/10 Mbps, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Machar acknowledges that access to the internet and e-connectivity is a crucial part of our community mission to promote public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we support Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation's application to all government Broadband funding programs that will seek to provide funding to Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd to build a fibre and wireless access project in the region of Almaguin and North Parry Sound.

CLOSED SESSION

54-20 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; security of the property of the municipality or local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Time 7:40 pm. CARRIED

55-20 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:10 pm. CARRIED

ADDITIONAL

Councillor Scarlett advised Canada Day Fireworks at Eagle Lake Narrows are to be Sat, Jun 27, 2020. Councillor Wood advised this co-ordinates with South River Lions Club Canada Day celebrations.

Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren referred a street light is out at Silkwood St and Champion St.

ADJOURN

56-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 23, 2020. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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