

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 13, 2019**

**Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Councillor McLaren with respect to 5 on tonight's agenda, due to being an owner of vendor on payroll.**

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Staff present: Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney and Administrative Assistant Teresa Rennie.

Guest observing: John Mowat.

**Tax Sale 4-064 Tender Opening**

Advertising complete, several packages sent out, 6 submissions received. Minimum tender amount: \$5,515.23. Tenders were opened and read out as follows by Treasurer Deputy Clerk:

- 1) HM Dignam Corporation Ltd \$22,126.00
- 2) Plinio Horsth and Ewelina Kozuch \$6,868.00
- 3) Denise Edward Peavoy \$8,150.00
- 4) Richard Van Gastel \$10,650.00
- 5) North American Land Holdings Inc \$9,201.00
- 6) Jerome (Jerry) Matthews \$9,200.00

Copies of the tender documents will be faxed or emailed overnight to the lawyer for the Township so that each can be reviewed for technical compliance with the Municipal Act and the Municipal Tax Sales rules. Letters will be sent out either Tue or Wed advising the tenderers of the status of their tenders.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Apr 23, 2019 minutes, Resolution**

**92-19 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we adopt Apr 23, 2019 minutes. CARRIED

**2. Update on Rezoning 1-011**

Things are on hold with application, sorting out entrance issues with the Province that may create a viability issue for the property. Quarterly invoice sent.

**3. New Postmaster interested in getting Canada Post more involved with activities, list of events**

Council think it's a great idea and should run with it. Hopefully the letter was sent to the South River Machar Agricultural Society to provide a list of events and to South River to go to Culture and Recreation Committee.

**4. ELCA (Eagle Lake Conservation Assoc) Blue Green Algae Public Information Session Jun 8, 2019**

ELCA President has sent information to the media. The luncheon costs are funded from the grant monies, if not enough then the Township could contribute. Councillor Wood suggested that an invitation be extended to the MPP. Blue Green Algae flyer is already up on our website Events page, and info can go up on the display sign at the landfill as soon as space is available. ELCA President thanked Admin for assistance. Article distributed; Dysart's septic program an eye opener.

**5. Pay List for Apr 2019, Resolution**

**93-19 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Apr 30, 2019: \$251 095.49. CARRIED

**a. Almaguin Highlands Secondary School request for contribution towards Graduation Awards**

Approved \$125.

**b. Council/Committee Expense Record at end of May**

**COMMITTEES**

**6. Machar By-Law Enforcement; Municipal Law Enforcement Annual General Meeting, Resolution**

**94-19 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we approve Municipal Law Enforcement Officer shared cost to attend Municipal Law Enforcement Officers Association Annual General Meeting. CARRIED

**7. South River Machar Medical minutes of Apr 16, 2019, Resolution**

**95-19 McLaren, Flowers**

THAT we support motions 1-3 in Medical minutes of Apr 16, 2019 as follows: minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, adjourned until May 21, 2019... CARRIED

**8. South River Machar Culture and Rec minutes of Apr 17, 2019, Resolution**

**96-19 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we support motions 14-16 as contained in Culture and Rec minutes of Apr 17, 2019 as follows: accept the minutes, Income Statement/Accounts Payable, meet again on May 14, 2019... CARRIED

Soccer registration is set for Thu, Jun 6, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Program is to start Thu, Jun 27, 2019 until Thu, Aug 8, 2019. Has lots of volunteers to help out.

**9. South River Machar Arena minutes of Apr 17, 2019, Resolution**

**97-19 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we support motions 23-26 and 28 as contained in Arena minutes of Apr 17, 2019 as follows: adopt the minutes, Income Statement/Accounts Payable, Manager's Report, motion 2019-15 be rescinded, meet again on May 14, 2019... CARRIED

Arena Manager has applied for the \$25,000 Agri Fund Grant. We have not heard back from SR Clerk Administrator re: applying for the Trillium grant up to \$150,000. Councillor Scarlett was approached by a taxpayer concerned about spending tax dollars for the generators, as the back generator is only for the ice surface. Taxpayer is in favour of the grants, thinks that is a great idea.

**10. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Apr 17, 2019, Resolution**

**98-19 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Apr 17, 2019. CARRIED

**11. Joint Building minutes of Apr 18, 2019, permit summaries for Apr, Resolution**

**99-19 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Apr 18, 2019. CARRIED

**a. By-Law to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official, Resolution**

**100-19 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to By-Law No. 9-19; to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official. CARRIED

## INFORMATION

12. **Town of Minto Resolution that the Provincial Government announced it was conducting a review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) which provides annual funding allotments to municipal governments, expresses grave concern with the potential reduction and/or loss**
13. **Township of Larder Lake Resolutions requests that Zone 9 as defined by the Assoc of Mun of ON and the Rural ON Municipal Assoc be divided into 2 different geographical zones, 1 for Northwestern ON and 1 for Northeastern ON, and requests that the Rural ON Mun Assoc limit the number of votes per municipality to 1...**
14. **Region of Peel Resolution regarding the Overview of Health System Transformation – A Region of Peel Perspective relating to Public Health and the Paramedic Services system be referred to the Health Services Integration Committee to monitor the issue and determine the roll of the region throughout the roll out of the plans and work with staff to report back on details of the proposal and projected impacts of change together with regular staff communication**
15. **Town of Mono – Minister of Finance – Maintaining (OMPF) Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund**
16. **Township of McKellar resolution 19-263 with respect to the Ontario government’s reduced funding to Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service North**
17. **Township of Mulmur Resolution recognizes the importance of aggregate extraction and the proper management of aggregate resources, requests the Provincial Government provide for municipal representation at future meetings related to the Aggregate Reform**
18. **Township of Mulmur Resolution considers public libraries as a vital service to community well being especially in a rural community, requests the Province reconsider the 50% budget cut for Ontario Library Services and finds some other means to fund necessary library services**
19. **MAHC (Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare) update from the Capital Plan Development Task Force, feedback survey, 140 responses received, common themes focused on cost and affordability of options, while also weighing in on the disadvantages or access to care during renovation, generally all options seem reasonable and would meet the needs for future hospital care, cost estimates at this point are directional, work continues around the local share component, recommendation not likely to come forward to the MAHC Board of Directors before summer 2019**
20. **District of Parry Sound Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Serv & Family Court Support Program – introduce Sawyer, Therapy Dog currently in training, hoping to raise \$20,000**
21. **Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – More Homes, More Choice (the action plan) outlines plan to tackle ON housing crisis; Planning Act, Development Charges Act, Further consultation on the Planning Act and Development Charges Act interested in receiving comments, A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, action plan is complemented by recently announced Community Housing Renewal Strategy**
22. **AMO Budget Update: Provincial In-Year Funding Reductions; Public Health Funding Reductions and Restructuring, municipal service providers will see fiscal impacts starting immediately, reducing the cost sharing arrangement over 3 years beginning this year, 2019-20; 70:30 for all other public health units, 2020-21; 70:30 for other public health units, 2021-22: 70:30 for 3 regions with a population less than 1 million, Ambulance (EMS), Policing Grants, Guns and Gangs, Ontario Library Services, Southern ON Library Serv and ON Library Service North, 50% in year funding cut for 2019-2020, interlibrary loans across ON are discontinued, Child Care and Early Years, Conservation Authorities, \$3.7 million (50%) annual cut from the Hazard Program, impact will be experienced differently, for a few the financial loss does not represent a large proportion of their budgets, for the smaller CAs it will have a significant impact on the hazard related services**
23. **AMO Communications; Another Budget Shoe drops today, municipal governments receiving another provincial budget impact today, cost of shared ambulance grants are now frozen at 2018 levels, due to the yearly funding lag, levels are actually based on the province’s 2017 funding allocation, any growth in service costs contained in municipal 2019 budgets will fall to municipal taxpayers, AMO is doing cumulative impact analysis as fiscal information becomes available for all affected service areas such as public health and child care, impacts will be weighted against the Budget’s comment that changes and costs need to be sustainable for both orders of gov’t**
24. **AMO President’s Statement – the ON Gov’t outlined a range of changes intended to quickly increase ON supply of affordable housing, at a high level we share these goals and there are some positives for municipal governments, protects development charges for hard services and proposes a new approach to support community benefits, like community centres and recreation facilities, recognizes that vibrant communities require infrastructure and facilities, do not have additional details for public health and ambulance, absence of information can generate fear, rumours and**

impatience, all need to do our best to separate fact from fiction and make the most of information available, need to take a comprehensive look at everything, and we will, expect more about the Province's transit and transportation plans

- 25. AMO's Initial Review of Bill 107, the Getting ON Moving Act 2019 and Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choices Act 2019** – numerous amendments to many pieces of legislation; Schedule 3 Development Charges Act, Schedule 9 Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, Schedule 12 Planning Act, Schedule 2 Conservation Authorities Act, Schedule 6 Environmental Assessment Act, Schedule 5 Endangered Species Act, Schedule 11 ON Heritage Act, Schedule 1 Cannabis Control Act, Schedule 1 Highway Traffic Act (Bill 107 if passed, would also amend the rules to automatically allow off-road vehicles on municipal roads in all areas of the province, reverses the onus as these vehicles are currently prohibited unless a municipal government passes a by-law to allow them), Schedule 3 Metrolinx Act, Schedule 5 Public Transportation and Highways Improvement Act, Schedule 6 Shortline Railways Act
- 26. AMO Watchfile Apr 18, 2019 In This Issue**
  - Main Street Revitalization Initiative Annual Report due May 15.
  - Apply for an AMO Federal Gas Tax Award.
  - Submit for the P.J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award by May 10.
  - The top questions about digital signatures.
  - Province releases Community Housing Renewal Strategy.
  - OSUM Conference 2019.
  - AMO Conference 2019 - *Municipalities: Ontario's Frontline*.
  - Registration open for AMO's Mental Health Symposium.
  - Town of LaSalle resolution concerning vaping advertisements.
  - Careers with ONE Investment, Sarnia, Orangeville, Waterloo and Smooth Rock Falls.
- 27. AMO Watchfile Apr 25, 2019 In This Issue**
  - How is your Council investing its Modernization Funding?
  - The top questions about digital signatures.
  - Proposed changes to *Ontario's Endangered Species Act*.
  - Provincial market sounding for Employment Services.
  - OSUM Conference 2019.
  - AMO Conference 2019 - *Municipalities: Ontario's Frontline*.
  - Registration open for AMO's Mental Health Symposium.
  - Town Hall Tuesdays webinar series.
  - Councillor training on municipal finance.
  - Investments 101 online course coming soon!
  - How to spend your infrastructure grants wisely.
  - Schedule your Energy Workshops with LAS.
  - Electricity Program cost review for 2018.
  - HISA - High Interest Savings Account.
  - A conversation with ONE Investment.
  - Careers with ONE Investment, Clarence-Rockland, Orangeville, Ottawa and Southwest Middlesex.
- 28. AMO Watchfile May 2, 2019 In This Issue**
  - Main Street Revitalization Initiative Annual Report due May 15.
  - The top questions about digital signatures.
  - Proposing new rules for excess soils.
  - AMO Conference 2019 - *Municipalities: Ontario's Frontline*.
  - Register for AMO's Wellness & Mental Health in the Municipal Workplace Symposium.
  - Protect your municipality against cyber risks.
  - Councillor training on municipal finance.
  - Investments 101 online course now available!
  - Let your facilities shine!
  - Careers with Greater Sudbury and Walkerton Clean Water Centre.
- 29. NBPSD Health Unit – 2018 Cannabis survey key finding released; Survey respondents reported higher cannabis use than the local population, The majority of survey respondents who reported cannabis use in the last year were daily or almost daily users, Few survey respondents would give cannabis to a person under the age of 19, Several survey respondents reported either driving under the influence of cannabis or being driven in a vehicle by someone who was, Nearly one third of cannabis users reported using cannabis and tobacco or e-cigarettes at the same time, A large number of survey respondents were limited in their knowledge about cannabis, The majority of survey respondents had not heard of Canada's Lower Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines**
- 30. NBPSD Health Unit – Northern ON Public Health Units to work together on Climate Change Reports, 7 Health Units over the next 2 years with funding support from Health Canada**
- 31. NBPSD Health Unit – Health Unit Supports North Bay's Smoking By-Law Amendments;** in all places where smoking is prohibited, in all City parks, on all City property, in all workplaces and public places
- 32. Almaguin Adult Learning Centre; May calendar and apprenticeship help, 156 skilled trades in ON, study planning, test taking strategies, content review, practice tests, B Falls, S River & Powassan, call 705-386-0764 or email [learningworks@bellnet.ca](mailto:learningworks@bellnet.ca) for more info and to get started**

33. MPAC (Mun Prop Assessment Corp) 2018 Annual Report available, provides an overview of our operational and financial performance over the year including highlights of 2017-2020 Strat Plan
34. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Inspection of Approved 2019-2020 Annual Work Schedule French-Severn Forest
35. OMAFRA (ON Min of Agri, Food & Rural Affairs) North Bay Seed Exchange and Eco-Fair vendor survey (Nipissing District Residents), TeleHealth provides free nutrition advice from Registered Dieticians, call toll free 1-866-797-0000 (Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm)
36. The Friends Spring 2019 issue, non profit charitable organization providing services to individuals with physical disabilities and seniors, supported by ON NELHIN (NE Local Health Integration Netw)
37. May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, the theme of the Gov't of Canada's 2019 campaign – Asian Canadian Youth: Shaping Canada's Future, highlights the contributions of Asian Canadian...

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**101-19 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Time 7:45 pm. CARRIED

**102-19 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:50 pm. CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

**103-19 McLaren, Scarlett**

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, May 27, 2019 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

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