

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 14, 2018**

**Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Deputy Mayor McLaren with respect to 6 due to a pecuniary interest.**

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

Guest observing: John Mowat.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Tax Sale 1-021-00**

Advertised as required. Package available on website. We received a lot of interest/inquiries, but no tenders received. Legal will review and forward options to Council.

**Joint Building Permit Fee Increase**

Advertised as required. No public attending for this item and no comments received. We'll await the final Public Meeting (Burks Falls on May 22) and then proceed to do the updated by-law for 2019/2020.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Apr 23, 2018 minutes, Resolution**

**89-18 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we adopt minutes of Apr 23, 2018. CARRIED

**2. By-Law to strike the Rates of Taxation, Resolution**

By-Law drafted with tax rates per estimated levy determined. Approved budget updated to add \$11,025 paid back to Reserve in 2018 regarding our share of Rehabilitation of Eagle Lake Rd project. Estimated 2018 Levy is \$1,793,349. Overall Levy Change: 2.55% and Tax Tools, 2018 Tax Rates Summary provided. 2018 Budget Information reviewed and approved.

**90-18 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to By-Law No. 7-18; to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and to strike the rates of taxation for the year 2018. CARRIED

**3. Joint Compliance Audit Committee By-Law, Resolution**

Accomplished through the Almaguin Clerk's Group; several drafts due to the new legislation.

**91-18 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to By-Law No. 8-18; to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and appoint Committee members for the 2018 municipal election period. CARRIED

**4. Phragmites Public Information Session update**

Payments for presenters discussed; Mayor Carleton will inquire with ELCA President. Council instructed the Clerk Administrator to inquire with ELCA President on what the next steps will be.

**5. Lawn Fertilizer By-Law update**

Further to Mar 26, 2018 meeting, draft sent for legal review. Legal reached out to us indicating the draft is comprehensive and the wording is difficult to read, it looks like we used the Sudbury by-law and they don't know if it had legal review. The cost for legal review would be substantial. They have sourced an easier one, and wonder if we'd consider looking at it. Council reviewed and agreed to the simpler version. Clerk Administrator to forward Council comments for drafting of revised by-law.

## **6. Pay List for Apr, Resolution**

### **92-18 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of Apr 30, 2018: \$170,345.73. CARRIED

Mayor Carleton noted the monthly hydro bill for the Municipal Office inquiring about the possibility of looking at an alternate heat source, rather than the roof. Idea discussed; heaters were upgraded during our renovation and there isn't really another cost efficient alternative. The Municipal Office roof is identified in our Building Condition Report for replacement and is 22 years old. Clerk Administrator advised a quote is in the Public Works package as the contractor was on site at the Municipal Garage. We have a limited window to get the work scheduled ahead of the busy building season. Quote reviewed and approved to proceed.

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

Approved \$125.

#### **b. Women's Own Resource Centre request to support new and continuing initiatives 2018/19**

Approved \$100.

#### **c. Council/Committee Remuneration and Expense Record at the end of May**

## **COMMITTEES**

## **7. Machar Public Works; Near North Snowdrifters Eagle Lake Annual Spring Cleanup May 26**

Volunteers are encouraged; bring gloves and boots. Scheduled to start at 10 am, meet at the stage at the Eagle Lake Narrows. Garbage bags and waste disposal to be provided by us.

#### **a. Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative By-Law, Resolution**

Project Title: Active Transportation Infrastructure, Project Description: Pedestrian and Cyclist Walkways/Trails, Eligible Project Category: Municipal Physical Infrastructure, Total Project Cost: \$38,425.79, Estimate of Funds (Main Street) To Be Spent: \$38,425.79.

### **93-18 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to By-Law No. 9-18; to enter into an Agreement in order to participate in Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative. CARRIED

## **8. South River Machar Medical minutes of Apr 24, 2018, Resolution**

### **94-18 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we support motions 1-4 as contained in Medical minutes of Apr 24, 2018; adopt the minutes, Pay List/Budgetary Control, Statement of Financial Position as at Dec 31, 2017, adjourned until May 15, 2018... CARRIED

Council asked what the renovations entail; the Board is waiting for a plan from the doctors. A quote for refurbishing of the lawn will go to the Board at their meeting this week.

## **9. South River Machar Arena minutes of May 2, 2018, Resolution**

**95-18 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we support motions 15-28 as contained in Arena minutes of May 2, 2018; adopt the minutes, AP Ledger/Income Statement, Arena Manager's Report, close the meeting, adjourn from closed, adopt the minutes, meet again on Jun 6, 2018... CARRIED

Quote from a company to view the current ice pad is coming to Committee. Contract renewal for Greater Metro Jr "A" Hockey Club has been signed by all parties. Sundridge and Strong reps attended the Arena meeting to discuss a Joint Arena Facility as hockey dads, rather than municipal reps. A rep from Joly also attended to observe discussions. Appropriate municipal support would need to be ensured.

**10. South River Machar Culture and Recreation minutes of May 2, 2018, Resolution**

**96-18 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we support motions 11-13 as contained in Culture and Rec minutes of May 2, 2018; adopt the minutes, AP Ledger/Income Statement, meet again on Jun 6, 2018... CARRIED

Pickle Ball will be discussed at Jun meeting. Mud run event is being held by a local company, so the Black Fly Runner will not take place. Soccer registration scheduled for Jun 7 from 6-8 pm. Committee would like to move the South River Farmers Market from the Arena parking lot to the Highlander Brewery parking lot for better exposure. This will be discussed again at the Jun meeting. Committee is also considering possibility of a soft ball league for the area.

**11. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Apr 18, 2018, Resolution**

**97-18 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Apr 18, 2018. CARRIED

**12. Almaguin Recycling Initiative minutes of Feb 22, 2018, Resolution**

**98-18 Wood, McLaren**

THAT we acknowledge ARI minutes of Feb 22, 2018. CARRIED

Hazmat scheduled for Sat, May 26, 2018 at the Strong Landfill, 483 Forest Lake Rd.

**13. Joint Building Permit summaries for Apr, Resolution**

**99-18 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we accept Building Permit summaries for Apr 2018. CARRIED

Total permits issued to date are 30, versus 29 at this time last year.

**14. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Bd of Health minutes of Feb 28, 2018**

Available at [www.myhealthunit.ca/en/Board-of-Health-Minutes.asp?\\_mid\\_=11637](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/en/Board-of-Health-Minutes.asp?_mid_=11637)

**INFORMATION**

15. **Town of Huntsville Resolution and community have lost confidence in the leadership of Muskoka Algonquin care; requests the Minister of Health immediately dismiss the Board of Directors of Muskoka Algonquin Health Care**
16. **Township of Perry Resolution supports Township of Huntsville regarding the lost confidence in the leadership of Muskoka Algonquin Health Care and requests the Minister of Health immediately dismiss the Board of Directors of Muskoka Algonquin Health Care**
17. **Municipality of East Ferris Resolution wolf sightings have been discovered in the Municipality of East Ferris and an abundance of deer killed in the area by predators, the Anglers and Hunters are advising that the wildlife animals such as the deer, the beaver, the rabbits and the partridges will diminish if the government of the day keep trappers from the area, and that our wildlife will in the north of Algonquin Park have major impact**

18. Township of Uxbridge Resolution Bill 16, Respecting Municipal Authority over Landfilling Sites, allows private operators to consult with local residents and municipal Councils, but essentially ignore them, supports Bill 16 to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities
19. Town of Lakeshore Resolution that the Government of Ontario be urged to review the laws regarding the alternation, renovation and/or demolition of all buildings containing hazardous materials, to ensure that proper steps and preventative measures are taken to protect the public from exposure to hazardous materials
20. Township of Armour Save the Huntsville Hospital; Huntsville is asking to support their position and take a more active role and representing ourselves as one large voice from the north
21. Village of Sundridge Municipal Office will be closed to the public on Fridays from May 11-Jun 8, 2018 inclusive, necessary during the recruitment of key positions within the municipality, staff will be at work and use these times to complete priority tasks
22. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Teaching Local Kids About Healthy Eating – Introducing the Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program 61 elementary and intermediate schools, including two schools in First Nations communities, throughout the districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound; NFVP supplies two free servings of fresh vegetables and fruit each week, focus on Ontario-grown produce when available; kindergarten through grade eight, program has been successfully running for two months, running in the Algoma Public Health and Porcupine Health Unit regions since 2006; 201, Public Health Sudbury & Districts’ region and five communities on the James Bay coast joined the program
23. Almaguin Adult Learning May calendar of events; Bowling Tournament on May 26, starting a new program called “The Meals on the Bus” which will help residents in our communities access transportation and improve their food security! The United Way in North Bay has once again stepped up to support this program – stay tuned for details
24. Cycle ON Strategy; Province wide cycling network final report posted and the network map are now available on the Ministry of Transportation web site
25. Ministry of Education; the ongoing work across government on ON commitment to revise the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) and strengthen integrated capital and community planning, announce a new engagement focused on the challenges facing education planning in urban areas experiencing rapid population intensification, final PARG has now been posted to the ministry’s website, ministry aims to release these materials before fall 2018 to inform school boards’ local consultations with communities and municipal governments on their local pupil accommodation review policies, while these tools are being developed and finalized in collaboration with our partner ministries and education and municipal stakeholders, there will continue to be no new pupil accommodation reviews, unless they are required to support a joint-use school initiative between 2 coterminous school boards, during rural and Northern engagements, heard from a number of stakeholders regarding the unique challenges related to growth and intensification that are unique to our province’s large urban communities
26. Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services responsibility to ensure that the framework for delivery of municipal fire services meets the needs and circumstances of the communities they serve across the province, an important part is to work with municipalities to identify and address emerging gaps and challenges related to the delivery of fire protection services, established the Fire Safety Technical Table in Jan 2017 to provide recommendations on the enhancement of fire safety in ON, the Table meets on a monthly basis and includes municipal representation (the Assoc of Munic of ON and the Town of Aurora), 3 new fire safety regulations under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act (FPPA): Certification of firefighters, Risk assessments to inform the delivery of fire protection services, Public reporting on fire department response times  
Fire Depts to develop risk assessments, will work closely with communities to ensure a smooth transition to the new regulations that will begin to come into force on Jul 2, 2019
27. AMO Policy Update; Three Presumptive Cancers for Firefighters Announced under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, regulation adds ovarian and cervical presumptive cancer for female firefighters, and penile cancer for male firefighters apply to full-time, part-time and volunteer firefighters there will likely be a small premium increase, municipal sector has received the highest WSIB Schedule 1 rate increases compared to other Schedule 1 employers over the past few years
28. AMO Policy Update; Canada-Ontario Bilateral Agreement Signed for the National Housing Strategy key highlights of the agreement are: Over ten years, more than \$4.2 billion of investment will protect, renew, and expand social and community housing, and support Ontario’s priorities related to housing repairs, construction, and affordability; governments of Canada and Ontario will work together on the design and implementation of a new Canada Housing Benefit in Ontario; Long-term and predictable funding will start April 1, 2019
29. AMO Policy Update; Cannabis Legalization Briefing Materials Available, AMO has worked with the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Secretariat in the Ministry of Attorney General (MAG) to make sure that members have an up-to-date briefing on cannabis legalization policy in Ontario, comprehensive briefing deck for AMO members available on AMO’s Cannabis Legalization web site tab

30. **AMO Communications; Survey on Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Software**, CRM allows municipalities to manage internal and external relationships and the data associated with those interactions, globally, many municipalities have started or are considering integrating CRM technology to manage and develop interactions with residents, AMO is exploring an opportunity to offer members a digital CRM solution through services and programs
31. **AMO President; 2018 Provincial Election – Municipal Priorities**, provincial election will shape the future of our rural communities, our critical local services and infrastructure are all affected by provincial decisions, municipal governments own most public infrastructure and deliver critical services that we all depend on every day and they do it with the smallest share of tax dollars: Federal 47%, Provincial 44%, Municipal 9%, Municipal governments collect only 9% of all tax dollars, more affordable government; ensure police and fire wages grow at a rate that other municipal employees can relate to, and reflect taxpayers' capacity to pay, cut red tape, limit reporting to important matters rather than everything and anything...
32. **2018 AMO AGM and Annual Conference "in Conversation" August 19-22, 2018 Ottawa ON**
33. **AMO Watchfile Apr 26, 2018 In This Issue**
- Joint Annual Memorandum of Understanding Statement.
  - 2018 - 2020 AMO Board of Directors: Call for nominations.
  - Apply for an AMO Gas Tax Award.
  - P.J. Marshall Awards - Submissions due May 11.
  - Funding available to get your industrial lands certified.
  - National Disaster Mitigation Program: Funding for flood mitigation.
  - Public health funding increase.
  - Nominations for a Champion of Diversity Award.
  - 2018 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference fast approaching. Register today!
  - We Are on the Brink of a Revolution: The Future of Government.
  - AMO Trade Show almost sold out.
  - Government delegation requests at AMO Conference.
  - AMO presents cost-free webinar on CDM.
  - Heading to FONOM? Take in an LAS Town Hall beforehand.
  - LAS Energy Workshops are built for you.
  - Roads Assessment Case Study: City of Kenora.
  - Learn how to improve your municipal fleet's efficiency.
  - Careers with Township of Nipigon and Ontario Public Service.
34. **AMO Watchfile May 3, 2018 In This Issue**
- AMO ON Topic podcast episode 2 available now.
  - 2018 - 2020 AMO Board of Directors: Call for nominations.
  - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation launches new housing program.
  - What is the purpose of a Code of Conduct?
  - Book your delegations at the AMO Conference today.
  - Do you have a social media plan?
  - The future is video content.
  - Register for LAS Town Hall in Parry Sound.
  - Last chance to register for fleet management webinar.
  - Little change to electricity price at May 1.
  - Climate change considerations and asset management practices webinar.
  - Careers with County of Peterborough and Aurora Public Library
35. **AMO Watchfile May 10, 2018 In This Issue**
- Addressing the municipal transportation infrastructure deficit challenge.
  - It's official - the Ontario election is on. Get AMO's tool kit.
  - AMO's provincial election platform chart is now online!
  - Deadline extended for Gas Tax Awards - Apply now!
  - *Construction Act* - What it means to municipalities.
  - Ontario's Interactive Treaties Map released for beta-testing.
  - It's official - Fire regulations have passed.
  - We Are on the Brink of a Revolution: The Future of Government.
  - Hashtags. Emojis. Selfies.
  - So, You Want to Run for Council?
  - We may have to add more spots!
  - Register for upcoming LAS Town Hall in Gananoque.
  - West Lincoln resolution re: cannabis for medical purposes and Health Canada approvals.
  - Control more than your light levels.
  - Careers with Thunder Bay DSSAB, OPS, Redbrick and SWIFT.
36. **AMCTO Legislative Express Policy Spotlight: AMCTO Releases Report on Council Compensation; Policy Updates: Province and Federal Government Reach Bilateral Agreement for National Housing Strategy; Cannabis Implementation Guides; Applications for Municipal GHG Challenge Fund Now Open; FCM Launches New Staff Salary Granting Program; Applications Open for Community Environment Fund; Bills and Lawmaking Bill 3 the Pay Transparency Act, require certain employers to track and publish**

information about compensation in their organizations, with the goal of improving pay equity.  
Regulatory Proposals Government Consulting on New Regulation for Excess Soil Management; Final OMB/LPAT Regulations Posted: Resources Voterlookup.ca Now Available for 2018 Municipal Election; ADO Offering New Accessibility Training

37. FCM President's Corner learning more about how the federal government intends to roll out its historic Investing in Canada infrastructure plan, our united voice is making a difference, local governments are closest to the daily lives of Canadians, so we understand what's needed on the ground, FCM has advocated for a new infrastructure cost-sharing formula: 40 per cent federal, 40 per cent provincial, 20 per cent municipal
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39. FCM Communique; National Housing Strategy: new details announced, the fund is \$13.2 billion commitment consisting of \$4.52 billion in grants and \$8.65 billion in low interest loans, along with the previously announced \$3.75 billion Rental Construction Financing Initiative and the \$208.3 million Affordable Rental Innovation Fund, these 3 initiatives commit over \$17.15 billion to constructing and repairing social and affordable housing
40. FCM News April 23: Transformative infrastructure; Municipal cannabis guide; Webinars; Diverse Voices of Change
41. FCM News Apr 30: FCM on The Agenda, building sustainable cities and communities, A slice of Indigenous history at AC 2018, Vote now for the Top 10 Best for Canada Innovators, Municipalities can make environmental assessments work better: FCM, CEDI participants receive award for joint Indigenous employment strategy, Upcoming webinar: the Road to Municipal Elections 2018, Municipal elected official tax exemption change
42. MPAC 2017 Annual Report and Financial Statements; provides an overview of operational and financial performance over the year including highlights of new 2017-2020 Strategic Plan
43. OPG Pickering Continued Operations; Economic Impact until 2024, Pickering is a critical source of electricity for Toronto powering 1.5 million homes each day, continued operation of the Pickering Station to 2024 is expected to contribute over \$12.3 billion to Ontario's GDP; and is expected to contribute on average per year: \$1.54 billion to Ontario's GDP; 7,590 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in Ontario; \$290 million in government taxation revenues, other benefits of Pickering: Supplies 14% of the Province of Ontario's power; Produces a medical isotope (Cobalt 60) used for the sterilization of medical equipment; Displaces 17 million tons of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs)
44. Minister of Seniors Affairs June is Ontario's 34<sup>th</sup> annual Seniors Month, this year's theme, "Now's the time to start something new, highlights how aging does not prevent any of us from leading fulfilling lives
45. Heritage Matters Spring 2018 Magazine – Women's suffrage: An unfinished revolution

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

Councillor Scarlett inquired if there was something we could do about only 1 Moose tag being issued in Area 47. Council indicated more information and research would need to be presented to consider.

#### ADJOURN

#### 100-18 Wood, McLaren

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 28, 2018 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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