

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – TELECONFERENCE MEETING
Monday, May 25, 2020

Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Councillor Bart Wood with respect to item 4 on the May 25, 2020 agenda as he is in private negotiations with another internet service provider, and Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren with respect to item 5 on the May 11, 2020 agenda as he has business dealings with the applicant.

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

Guests observing: Marv Nolan (preregistered, left the meeting in progress @ 7:34 pm), and Cindy Ord (not preregistered, joined the meeting in progress @ 7:27 pm).

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of May 11, 2020 minutes, Resolution

76-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we adopt May 11, 2020 minutes. CARRIED

Councillor Wood provided an update on follow up with University of Guelph Weed Science Technician regarding potential sites with phragmites to evaluate new management solutions and advised the protocol is herbicides. Clerk Administrator to advise the municipality is not interested in herbicides.

Councillor Wood also provided an update on meeting with York University Master's of Geography student and Nipissing University Professor regarding last year's research involving assessing the implementation of cyanobacteria bloom management in Ontario using a case study of Eagle Lake. Covid-19 has caused several circumstances affecting completion. Councillor Wood advised the focus will be Angus Bay, not East Bay, and the results indicate there was no cyanobacteria present in Eagle Lake. *Cyanobacteria have the ability to create toxins. (Blue green algal blooms may contain species that can produce toxins.) The Township is very pleased and await a copy of the study when available.

2. 2020 Budget Update Review, Rates of Taxation By-Law, Resolution

Additional information provided for overall levy change 4.44% = estimated 2020 levy of \$1,979,828. General Ledger statement of designated reserves was provided including notation for contributions from reserve in 2020 towards capital projects. We're in year 2 of a 4 year pay back to reserve for our contribution to Eagle Lake Rd (project funded 90% by the Top-Up Application Component of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund). Discussions ensued on current and future financial climate due to Covid-19. It was agreed Road budget line for Garage Building Improvements will be placed in reserve in 2020 for reconsideration/safeguard for 2021. The difference between the overall levy change of 4.44% and the overall levy change of 5.1% is *\$15,000 (\$1,979,828 and \$1,994,828). The 5.1% overall levy change is per Budget draft. Machar is still well below our immediate 4 comparators, being less than \$325.35 to \$1,660.42 their 2019 tax rates compared to our 2020 proposed tax rates. *It should also be noted Machar does not have a larger tax base than Strong (assessed value, etc).

77-20 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 9-20 to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and strike the rates of taxation for 2020, reflecting as follows:

Tax Rate increase 3.2% Median/Typical Property Single Family Home \$ Tax Change \$57.09. CARRIED

3. Municipal Service Delivery Review Proposal, Resolution

Admin applied to and we're approved funding from the Municipal Modernization Program. Price has come in less than amount approved, which may be helpful to the Province considering Covid-19 costs.

78-20 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we accept proposal for Municipal Service Delivery Review dated May 20, 2020 from KPMG. CARRIED

4. Broadband (High Speed Internet) Update, Resolution

Information circulating in the community indicates some citizens may not be aware of the extent of our continuing efforts. Follow ups confirm we're doing all we can. Update approved for website.

79-20 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we approve Broadband (High Speed Internet) Update for release. CARRIED

5. Council/Committee Remuneration and Expense Record; submit by end of May

COMMITTEES

6. Machar Public Works minutes of May 14, 2020, Resolution

Clerk Administrator referred update from Superintendent of Public Works; tanker dust suppressant starting application on Thu & Fri with Leighton Rd & Morris Lane respectively & applications also to other roads by our workforce. Council were pleased. Road Dept is currently ditching on Quirt Rd.

80-20 Wood, Flowers

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of May 14, 2020 including; tenders to be advertised for Winter Sand, A Gravel, Micro Surfacing for Eagle Lake Rd and Maeck Subdivision, and Snowplow Truck, approval of Consent to Remove Trees, Alter and Conduct Works on an Unopened Rd Allowance 4-440-10 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign. CARRIED

7. Machar Emergency Management; compliance letter

To confirm municipalities are in compliance with the EMCPA (Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act), every municipality in Ontario submits a compliance package. The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) has determined that our municipality is compliant.

8. South River Shared Services Monthly Reports, Arena

South River Clerk Administrator has provided Apr reports for Arena and Fire as well as 2020 payment schedule. Arena Income Statement for budget line Arena-Telephone may be in error, we compared to AP Ledger, but couldn't find anything to support amount. We'll inquire. South River Clerk Administrator complimented our Road Dept; Leighton & Hamilton Lake Rds are in great shape.

South River Clerk Administrator has provided an update to HOC Camp Vendors/Partners. It is with deep sadness that Hockey Opportunity Camp will not be open for its 2020 camp season. The Government of Ontario announced that Overnight Summer Camps will remain closed for the 2020 season due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Arena is affected through the Summer Ice contract, and possibly the Day Camp contract. South River Clerk Administrator has requested a Committee meeting to discuss same, as well as other summer programs like soccer, safety protocols and costs to reopen the Arena in the Fall. A tentative date of Jun 2 was scheduled. Machar Clerk Administrator reached out to the Recording Secretary per South River Clerk Administrator's preference and confirmed availability. South River Clerk Administrator subsequently advised Day Camp is definitely not happening, the Jun 2 date will not work, and he'll get back to us with alternate dates after Council.

9. South River Skateboard Park Committee Report (information only)

South River Clerk Administrator provided a report from the Skateboard Park Committee as information only. The recommended location of the park is the Dufferin St Park (north side of the trees, across from Maple St), stamped/signed design is required, funding is being reviewed, the South River Lions Club has committed \$10,000 to the project and will handle donations and purchases. The Committee will approach South River, Machar, Sundridge & other municipalities for financial support.

10. South River Machar Library minutes of Mar 14, Apr 22, May 6 and 15, 2020, Resolution

Mayor Carleton expressed this has been a difficult Board due to all the Covid-19 considerations.

81-20 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Mar 14, Apr 22, May 6 and May 15, 2020. CARRIED

11. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of May 19, 2020, Resolution

Councillor Flowers also referred several Covid-19 considerations; rent request & reno cancellation.

82-20 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions 1-5 in Medical minutes of May 19, 2020 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, agree to suspend rent to be reviewed at next meeting, accept the proposal for the flower gardens, now adjourned until Jun 16, 2020... CARRIED

12. Joint Building Committee minutes of May 7, 2020, Resolution

JBC Budget & 5 Year Average considered, recommending Q4 number be used for our budget line.

83-20 McLaren, Wood

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of May 7, 2020 including; 2020 Budget of \$234,378 and supply of a new 2020 K1500 Silverado Double Cab WT Std/Box as well as supply of winter tires installed on rims with tire pressure monitoring system, meet again on Sep 17... CARRIED

13. Provincial Offences Act May and Nov meetings

May meeting is cancelled and postponed to the Nov 26, 2020 meeting. Several Covid-19 considerations and significant delays; all POA court proceedings have been cancelled by the Ministry of the Attorney General until at least Jul 6, 2020, could be extended, will not be business as usual as physical distancing protocols are not likely to allow such large gatherings in the confines of a court. Town of Parry Sound Municipal Office closed to the public, no timeframe to reopen the doors to the public. POA ticket issuance won't likely return to normal for months, or potentially longer.

14. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd report May 2020

In summary with regard to Covid-19, they're offering emergency child care to first responders on both sides of the district & also received over \$800,000 for Covid-19 special needs/services for the district.

INFORMATION

- 15. Municipality of Callander** – Resolution 2020/03/127 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
- 16. Municipality of Whitestone** – Resolution 2020-107 in relation to funding of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit supports the resolution of the Town of Parry Sound Resolution No. 2020-16 requesting that public health be funded through regular provincial taxation, not municipal taxation per changes in the funding formula 25/75 municipal/provincial to 30/70 for mandatory programs and change from 100% provincial funding to 30/70 for a number of other programs, changes will result in a 42% increase in the municipal levy commencing in 2021
- 17. City of Kitchener Resolution – Universal Basic Income** – whereas the World Health Organization on Mar 11, 2020 declared Covid-19 a pandemic, whereas the Province has declared a state of emergency, whereas Stats Can has reported the unemployment rate has risen to 7.8% with 1,011,000 jobs lost in Mar 2020 and the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the employment of 3.1 m Canadians, whereas the Federal Government has announced \$82 billion in relief funding for the Covid-19 Economic Response Plan, whereas a 2018 Parliamentary Budget Office report said a Canada-wide basic income would have an annual net cost of \$44 billion, whereas a universal basic income would likely have many positive effects, including reducing poverty, reducing strain on health care and social

assistance systems, supporting businesses and the economy, reducing crime, as well as reducing administrative complexity and creating efficiencies for those in need of financial and economic support measures, urges the Ontario Provincial government to pursue a partnership with the Federal government for the establishment of a universal basic income

18. Muskoka Algonquin Health Care News Release – Virtual Critical Care comes to MAHC – will enable more critically ill patients to stay in Muskoka hospitals for the intensive care they need, close to their family and friends, a nearly \$50,000 North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN investment in additional telemedicine technology at both of MAHC’s sites, care teams will have direct access to the expertise of 6 Intensivists from Barrie’s Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) for clinical support and consultation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

19. FONOM Medical Release – Board Meeting May 13, 2020

The Board reviewed and discussed AMO’s Policy Paper on the “OPP Detachment Boards, Building a Framework for Better Policing Governance.” The Paper notes that Northern Ontario is unique, but the FONOM Board identified several issues with the DSSAB Boards replacing the current Detachments Boards. Community Policing is distinctive to each Municipality, and the current DSSAB’s would not be the best solution for overseeing the Northern OPP Detachments. Several of those issues were;

- The discrepancy between the number of DSSAB Boards to the number of Detachments.
- Representation on some boards, with members of the municipalities with no OPP contracts.
- The concern that this will start a conversation about the creation of Upper Tier or Regional Governments in the North.

20. AMO Watchfile May 7, 2020 In This Issue

- COVID-19 resources.
- Full CAO podcast 3-part series available now.
- 2020-2022 AMO Board of Directors - Call for Nominations.
- Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award - deadline extended.
- Main Street Revitalization Initiative final reporting extensions.
- Digital meeting management for small municipalities.
- AMO’s Virtual Conference launched.
- AMO Annual Conference Exhibit Hall.
- BEACON Digital Therapy - Innovative mental health care support.
- AMO’s social media webinar series available through Municipal Education.
- Online RETScreen training coming to a computer near you!
- Road and Sidewalk Assessment webinar.
- LAS Group Buying COVID-19 updates.
- Career with Ministry of Transportation.

21. AMO Watchfile May 14, 2020 In This Issue

- COVID-19 resources.
- Recording of latest Communicators Series Virtual Meeting available.
- Code for Canada Open Call - Free digital tools and tech support during COVID-19.
- 2020-2022 AMO Board of Directors - Call for Nominations.
- AMO submits feedback to Ontario Poverty Reduction Consultation.
- MTO consulting on school bus cameras and off-road vehicles on municipal roads.
- Reminder to post your #ActONLitter photos.
- AMO’s Virtual Conference launched.
- AMO Annual Conference Exhibit Hall.
- BEACON Digital Therapy - Innovative mental health care support.
- AMO’s social media webinar series available through Municipal Education.
- Make the most of social distancing - RETScreen Workshop online!
- LAS Blog: The quest continues to full producer responsibility.
- Municipal Group Buying Program: New Gasboy website.

22. CN in Your Community 2020 – Proud to be Your Neighbour – CN activated its pandemic plan in Feb, proud to operate railroad safely and to play role in moving the critical supplies all citizens are counting on during these difficult times, pleased to share 2020 edition CN in your Community

23. Ontario Energy Board has launched a new online Resource Centre – offering tools designed to inform Ontarians about their consumer protection work, and natural gas and electricity regulation

24. Municipal World - May 2020; Covid-19 and the looming financial crisis ahead, Communicating in the midst of a global pandemic, Canadian lists and city development, Myths about financing water supply

**25. Municipal World articles;
Let's collaborate for the greater good! (attached)**

Speaks to unincorporated areas not contributing and the Minister of Environment and Local Government in southern New Brunswick bring changes to the legislation that will force these 2 other municipalities to pay into these infrastructures. Success stories: Fire Services and Recreation.

Pandemic reveals the meaning of service (attached)

What has not changed is the availability of skilled and gifted people who have relevant education and experience, which they employ during stressful and personally dangerous times. All our front-line workers are contributing in ways both public and well-concealed.

Writing in the midst of chaos (attached)

Two things are foremost. We are seeing heroics from everyday people at the front lines. People who receive minimum compensation year after year, and then become essential to our survival in our time of crisis. From everyone on the medical front lines to those staffing checkout lines. We owe them a debt of gratitude. They are literally risking their lives each time they serve us. While we move from danger, there are always those who stride, by choice, toward it. They are not oblivious to the dangers, they understand them better than most. Nor do they ignore the personal risk. They are fearful as any. They choose to defy it.

INFORMATION: COVID-19

- 26. Town of Grimsby** – Resolution support for Commercial Rent Assistance Program ask the Federal Government and Provincial and Territorial Partners look at the possibility of extending this program if the impacts of Covid-19 continue past the month of Jun, make this program 100% forgiving to the small businesses affected
- 27. Township of North Frontenac** – Resolutions requests that the government of Ontario consider lifting the prohibition on residential construction where no building permit had been issued prior to Apr 4, 2020 in all instances where such construction can take place in accordance with the principles outlined in the government's Framework for Reopening our Province at its earliest opportunity in order to alleviate the economic hardships being experienced by rural Ontario's construction sector and the residents and families which it serves
- 28. Town of Oakville advocacy letter for changes to the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program** – based on feedback from the business community and local BIAs, proposing the following changes: suspend evictions of commercial tenants for a minimum of 6 months, allow tenants to make an application for the rent assistance if the property owner does not want to apply or is ineligible, allow property owners to make 1 application for all of their properties rather than individual applications, lower the 70% revenue decline threshold for tenants
- 29. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – News Release; Ontario Public Health Lab's Microbiologist Confirms first Covid-19 Positive Case at Cassellholme to be a true Positive** – the person who tested positive has since received 2 negative tests that therefore their Covid-19 test is resolved. Cassellholme will remain in outbreak per MOH guidelines an outbreak can only be declared over once 14 days passes without a positive case of Covid-19
- 30. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release; Health Unit Reminds the Public to Physically Distance and follow Public Health Measures** – (issued May 13 for long weekend)
Public health measures include:
- Staying home as much as possible
 - Practice physical distancing – staying 2 metres from others who do not reside in your home or where you are living
 - When physical distancing is hard or not possible to maintain in public wear a facial covering
 - Gatherings of people remain at five or less (with the exception of an immediate family that lives in the same dwelling that has more than five people)
 - Washing or sanitizing your hands often
 - Cough and sneeze into your sleeve
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
 - Clean high touch objects and surfaces often

31. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release; Health Unit Reports First Death due to Covid-19** – individual was a woman in her 50s who passed away in the last 24 hours, Health Unit is working collaboratively with the hospitals involved and community stakeholders on contact tracing activities to identify and follow up with close contacts, stresses the seriousness of the situation we are facing, stay home as much as possible, physically distance when you need to go out for essentials, wear a facial covering when physical distancing is hard or unable to maintain while in public and follow public health measures
32. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release; Covid-19 Outbreak declared at Eastholme Home for the Aged** – as part of the enhanced testing of long term care homes, Eastholme residents and staff were tested on May 12, the individual who tested positive is a health care worker at the long term care home, the individual is currently in isolation, all test results for residents at Eastholme have been received and are negative
33. **MAHC Covid-19 Update from Muskoka Algonquin Health Care May 19, 2020 Important Information for Partners & Leaders** – for Simcoe Muskoka region, prior to the long weekend the Health Unit was reporting 406 cases of which 19 are in Muskoka, planning to resume non-essential services including gradual resumption of surgery, occupancy has been creeping up, continues to closely monitor and react to a provincially challenged supply chain
34. **Chief Medical Officer of Health correspondence related to amendments to Ontario Regulation made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act come into effect May 19** – will allow the opening of outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields (including baseball diamonds, soccer fields, and Frisbee golf locations, tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts, basketball courts, BMX parks, and skate parks, off-lease dog areas, outdoor picnic sites, benches and shelters in park and recreational areas, will maintain the closure of all outdoor playgrounds, play structures and equipment and portions of park and recreational areas containing outdoor fitness equipment, continued closure of outdoor swimming pools and other similar amenities, such as pools, whirlpools and spas, splash pads, spray pads, wading pools and water slides and all communal facilities intended to be used by persons using outdoor sports amenities, set of Qs and As that provides additional information for local public health units and municipalities
35. **AMO Covid-19 Update – Pandemic Pay Information Now Available** – Ontario government launched a new pandemic pay website last night. At this time, little information on the program for the employers which includes municipal governments. Do know that employers are not required to apply for pandemic pay and told that eligible employers will be contacted by May 15. Under this temporary program, municipal governments have eligible full and part time front line staff who work in: public health, paramedic services, long term care homes, and housing and shelters. If you are eligible, you will receive \$4 per hour worked on top of your existing hourly wages, regardless of how much you already make. If you work at least 100 hours in a designated 4 week period, you will also be eligible to receive an additional lump sum payment of \$250 for that period. This means you may receive up to a total of \$1,000 in lump sum payments over these 16 weeks.
36. **AMO Covid-19 Update – Municipal Financial Stabilization Needed, Safe Reopening – Guidelines & Webinar, and Long Term Care Review Coming** – Municipal Fiscal Stabilization and Economic Recovery, Province Announces Post-Pandemic Review of Long Term Care, Thinking About how to Reopen your Municipal Offices Safely?, AMO's Webinar Series (Part 2): Municipal Labour Relations During Covid-19
37. **AMO Covid-19 Update – Child Care, Enforcement Reporting and Provincial Parks** – the Ontario government is implementing a plan with municipal service managers that will provide funding support to the licensed child care sector and EarlyOn Child and Family Centres, for municipal governments that have decided to enforce orders under the Emergency Measures and Civil Protection Act, the Ministry of the Solicitor General is now requesting that all provincial offences officers enforcing the emergency orders, including municipal by-law enforcement officers, submit data weekly to the ministry related to their enforcement of the EMPCA, 520 provincial parks and conservation reserves across the province are open and the remaining 115 will open on Fri for limited day use activities, currently camping and other activities are not permitted at any provincial park or conservation reserve, all buildings and facilities including washrooms, water taps, all campgrounds, playgrounds and beaches are closed to use, park access is free until the end of the month, Ontario Funding 2020-21 Connecting Links projects in 24 municipalities, are municipal roads that connect provincial highways
38. **AMO Covid-19 Update – Emergency period extended and Building Code amendments** – Legislative Assembly of Ontario extended the Emergency Declaration and all orders under the Emergency

Management and Civil Protection Act related to the Covid-19 pandemic until Jun 2, the province will be in Phase 1 of its reopening strategy, Permit Applications and Inspections to Continue

- 39. AMO Covid-19 Update – Continued Fiscal Stabilization Request + Re-opening Start** – AMO wrote to the Prime Minister and Premier of Ontario to reinforce the call for immediate fiscal stabilization for municipalities and support for FCM in its fiscal stabilization and economic recovery plan, Stage 1 will begin on Tue, May 19, workplaces eligible to re-open must be able to put in place practices that can limit transmission of the disease such as on-going physical distancing, cleaning and disinfection protocols, and limited customer access amongst others, removing restrictions on construction, limited retail (no shopping malls and separate, street-front entrances), vehicle dealerships, some media operations, veterinary services, stable and pet grooming, cleaning and maintenance services, certain in-person medical services such as counselling are also able to resume as are surgeries, marinas and golf courses may now begin to operate as of Sat, May 16, Stage 1 means the ability to allow a return of residents to boat launches, off-leash parks and picnic areas, libraries offering pick-up and delivery may resume operations, municipal governments may have changed staffing arrangements in response to the emergency, some municipal staff have been re-deployed or laid off and seasonal hiring may have been cancelled or delayed, this could affect the quick resumption of municipal services in Stage 1. In addition, municipal cost pressures associated with reduced revenues or deferred fees and taxes during lockdown period may mean that some municipalities will need to reduce staffing or services until revenues stabilize and recover, provincial re-opening guidelines has 3 stages, each stage triggered every 2-4 weeks, access to ppe
- 40. AMO Covid-19 Update – Municipal Fiscal Request, Emergency Orders, Pandemic Pay, LTC Homes Commission, Extended School and Child Care Closures and Summer Camps** – AMO today signed a joint letter with CUPE Ontario calling on the Province and Federal Government to work together to provide much needed financial assistance to Ontario municipalities to assist with Covid-19 emergency and recovery, Ontario has extended all emergency orders currently in force until May 29, includes the closure of bars and restaurants except for takeout and delivery only, restrictions on social gatherings of more than 5 people, and staff redeployment rules for long term care homes and congregate settings like retirement homes and women’s shelters, Province has officially entered the 1st stage of its Framework for Reopening the Province, permitting the reopening of some outdoor recreational amenities including outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields, off-lease dog areas, and outdoor picnic sites, benches and shelters in park and recreational areas, also allowing drive-in religious gatherings and public libraries to provide curbside pick-up, outdoor playgrounds, play structures and equipment, fitness equipment, public swimming pools, splash pads and similar outdoor water facilities will remain closed until later stages, Province updated its Pandemic Pay website, raised confusion with many members, awaiting further information on the program design and the eligibility criteria, Independent Commission into Long Term Care to begin in Sep, publicly funded schools are closed for the rest of this 2019/20 school year, planning for the reopening of public schools for the 2020-21 school year, gradual reopening of child care when the Province is ready to move to Stage 2, opening of summer day camps subject to the continuing progress of key public health indicators, overnight camps will not be permitted in the summer of 2020
- 41. FCM Voice May 11, 2020** – New Covid-19 municipal hub, FCM and the CMA Foundation collaborate to fight Covid-19, FCM’s call for emergency funding gains traction, FCM is now on Instagram, Canadian Urban Forest Conference, FCM tweets
- 42. FCM Voice May 14, 2020 – Covid-19 Bringing rural voices to Ottawa** – Expanded benefits for rural frontline workers, Support for hard-hit rural sectors; federal government has offered \$1.7 billion to clean up orphaned oil and gas wells plus \$5 billion in additional lending capacity for farmers and food processors, Improving rural broadband faster; federal government has heard us and is exploring ways to speed up bringing high speed broadband to rural Canadians, Emergency funding appeal; FCM has called for emergency operating funding for municipalities of all sizes
- 43. FCM Voice May 19, 2020 – Covid-19 Advocacy progress continues, Emergency operating funding, Bringing rural voices to Ottawa, Expand or upgrade your affordable housing stock with new funding from GMF, Available now: Asset management grants for municipalities, Take our short term rental survey by Jun 5**
- 44. FedNor Outreach – Applications now open for Covid-19 Regional Relief and Recovery Fund** – Regional economy stream in Northern Ontario, Community Futures stream in Northern Ontario
- 45. Municipal World article – Economic Development versus The Pandemic** – Town of Caledon moves forward with 10 year economic development strategy, Making a tough decision during a difficult time, decided to move forward based on 3 key factors; Community Growth, Covid-19 Recovery, Political support

Mayor Carleton expressed interest.

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

46. Notice of a Public Meeting Zoning Amendment 4-019-60

Amendment is to facilitate the construction of a dwelling where amendments are required to the lot standards in the Rural (RU) Zone. Public Meeting is Jun 8 at 6:00 pm.

47. Fire Chief advises CN will be closing rail crossings: Ottawa Av on Tue, May 26 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm & M/S Boundary Rd on Wed, May 27 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

- **Almaguin Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan – Community Survey**

Information and link available on our website Events page for survey open to Jun 8, 2020.

Official Recognition; Administration, Landfill, Public Works, By-Law Enforcement

Councillor Scarlett requested a moment to officially recognize Administration for their efforts during Covid-19, expressing their work product has continued at both high quality and quantity, despite the circumstances and difficulties encountered. Councillor Scarlett indicated we have great staff and we need to impress this to them and the public. The Clerk Administrator thanked Councillor Scarlett and Council for their appreciation, indicating that staff always strive to provide the best possible service to Council and our citizens. Appreciation was also expressed to Landfill, Public Works staff and By-Law Enforcement. All departments have continued to work hard and very well in a changed environment that has made it more difficult to do things, with increased safety and disinfecting protocols, physical distancing requirements. *It should be noted the Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator has also done a very good job.

ADJOURN

84-20 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, Jun 8, 2020. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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