

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

**Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Councillor Wood read his declaration for item 6.a. on the Apr 12, 2021 Council agenda. The Clerk Administrator has received his paperwork. Declaration and paperwork outstanding for Councillor Flowers.**

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.

Guest scheduled: Liz Bradley. Guests observing: Anne Pelletier, Pearl Ivens and Marvin Nolan.

**Presentation re Fireworks**

Presentation received. Introduction indicates “According to the Canadian National Fireworks Association, importing of fireworks into Canada has increased by almost 800% over a 10 year span, from 1.5 million kilograms in 2001 to over 8 million in 2011.” And those stats are 10 years old. No longer are fireworks an occasional celebratory event. Health factors, effect on wildlife, fire risks, effect on pets, research on Township restrictions for Fireworks and recommendations were provided. Presenter indicated the majority of use seems to be visitors, possibly unaware of the negative impact. Mayor Carleton thanked the presenter, expressed it was a good presentation and the Township will take it under review. Councillor Scarlett provided information on perchlorates. The presenter asked, and will be informed of future Council discussion on Fireworks so that she can be in attendance.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Apr 26, 2021 minutes, Resolution**

**77-21 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we adopt Apr 26, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

**2. By-Law to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee, Resolution**

The Committee ensures that the provisions relating to election campaign finances under the Municipal Elections Act are not contravened, and shall follow the necessary procedures to ensure compliance. The Committee is put together by the Almaguin Clerks Group and 12 municipalities.

**78-21 Wood, Flowers**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to By-Law No. 9-21; to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and appoint Committee members for the 2022 municipal election period. CARRIED

**3. Application to Purchase Lakeshore Road Allowance 4-263-20, Resolution**

Application is further to the inquiry reviewed at our last meeting.

**79-21 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we accept Application to Purchase Lakeshore Road Allowance 4-263-20 for processing. CARRIED

**4. Pay List by Fund for Apr, Resolution**

**80-21 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund for Apr 30, 2021: \$196,807.85 Grand Total. CARRIED

**a. Women’s Own Resource Centre funding request**

Approved \$100.

## COMMITTEES

### 5. Machar Public Works minutes of May 13, 2021, Resolution

Councillor Wood inquired if there was an update on the dry hydrant. Clerk Administrator indicated not that we know of, Public Works has been busy working with Administration on tenders.

#### 81-21 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of May 13, 2021. CARRIED

Also, per recommendation at Committee, Resolution drafted.

#### 82-21 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we support Township of Achipelago Resolution to request the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways, FURTHER THAT the Ontario Ministry of Transportation communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region, AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to CN Rail requesting they also review and treat invasive Phragmites annually on their railway corridors. CARRIED

### 6. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Apr; Arena and Fire

Reviewed. Staffing maintaining Tebby Park noted in Arena Manager's Report and will be addressed with South River Administration, HOC will not be operating this summer, Revenue line Machar's Share now has figure input in the Arena Income Statement, Revenue line Fire Misc Rev appears may need correction to Joly Agreement in the Fire Income Statement, AP Ledger Fire page 4 of 4 Policing Provincial Levy, MLEO Cellular Phone Service and MLEO Mileage included most likely in error.

#### a. Final 2020 Audited Statement of Accounts; Fire, Arena, Ambulance

Reviewed. Audited figures are close to pre-audit. F/S Grouping noted in Ambulance Trail Balance Report and will be queried with South River Administration for meaning.

#### 83-21 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Audited 2020 Statements of Account for Fire with a surplus to reserve of \$65,443.49 and Arena with an amount owing of \$727.01 over revised budget. CARRIED

### 7. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Apr 20, 2021, Resolution

Reviewed. Several questions directed to Chairperson Flowers and answered with assistance of Administration; funding application submitted to Farm Agri Spirit for \$25,000 towards elevator refurbish approx. cost of \*\$38,000+HST, lower level tenant status, garbage and lease expiry.

#### 84-21 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions 1-3 in Medical minutes of Apr 20, 2021 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, adjourned until May 18, 2021... CARRIED

### 8. South River Machar Library minutes of May 12, 2021, Resolution

#### 85-21 McLaren, Wood

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of May 12, 2021, including new hours Mon, Tue & Fir 10 am – 4 pm and Sat 9 am – 1 pm. CARRIED

### 9. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Apr 21, 2021, Resolution

Planning is very busy, as is the municipality with planning, municipality has approx. 8 currently.

**86-21 Scarlett, Wood**

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Apr 21, 2021. CARRIED

**10. Almaguin Recycling Initiative Hazmat; May 29 from 10-2**

Clerk Administrator isn't sure WMC can attend as our Landfill is extremely busy.

**11. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Apr, Resolution**

Permit activity and revenues are very high; 38 at the end of Mar 31, compared to 11 last year.

**87-21 Wood, Flowers**

THAT we acknowledge Building Permit Summaries for Apr 2021. CARRIED

**12. East Parry Sound Veterinary minutes of AGM Mar 24, 2021, Resolution**

Reviewed. Program pays a portion of the veterinarian's travel cost to visit the large animal livestock and return to their clinic, reducing the cost of calling the vet no matter where you live from the vet-s clinic base. East Parry Sound has 2 full time vets, 1 in Sundridge and 1 in Magnetawan. Fees are the same for 2021 and vary between 10 participating municipalities from \$90 - \$385. Machar is \$160.

**88-21 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Veterinary minutes of Mar 24, 2021. CARRIED

**13. DSSAB (District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board) initiates Strategic Planning Process project will result in a five-year Strategic Plan, will be reaching out for online survey**

**14. DSSAB Area rep; Chief Administrative Officer Monthly Report May 2021 available**

**INFORMATION**

- 15. Town of Fort Erie Resolution** – Requests that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks consider legislative changes that would permit the expansion of source water protection to aquifers and private services.
- 16. Town of Fort Erie Resolution** – Supports the Township of Archipelago requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and result by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid in managing invasive Phragmites.
- 17. City of Brantford Resolution** – COVID-19 restrictions have had significant impacts and many forms of socializing, recreation and sports have been curtailed. It's recommended that the Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities which can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing.
- 18. Township of Scugog Resolution** – Dead-End Road kids busing being moved from long-time residential to highspeed (some 80km) common stop pickups. Requests exceptions to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road kids. Exceptions to allow indemnification agreements to access private land for bus turnarounds to keep bus stops safer and closer to prescribed 800m distance, and "Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required to notify oncoming traffic.
- 19. Township of Perth Resolution** – Requesting that further consideration be given to having the province be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals, as municipalities across the province are facing shortfalls in meeting their financial obligations.
- 20. Municipality of Whitestone Resolution** – Calls upon all Parry Sound District municipalities to join them in signing the Mayors Monarch Pledge and taking action to restore the habitat for the monarch and encourage their citizens to do the same so that this iconic species may once again flourish across the continent.
- 21. Town of the Blue Mountains Resolution** – Community Recovery Task Force request regarding Provincial Re-opening Strategy and Frontline Business Experience.

- 22. Township of Matachewan Resolution** – Requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the youth justice facility in Cochrane, known as MeeQuam Youth Residence, as these vulnerable children need to be as close as possible to their families and communities.
- 23. Township of McKellar Resolution** – Urges the Federal Government to address the CERB grant and EI issue and consider giving disadvantaged CERB recipients a tax break for 2020, or giving them a tax credit for 2021.
- 24. Municipality of Chatham-Kent Support** –
1. Resolution from City of Port Colborne supporting the Township of Brock re: Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement.
  2. Resolution from the City of Brantford dated Apr 30, 2021 re: Withdraw Prohibition on Golfing and other Outdoor Recreational Activities.
  3. Supporting resolution from the Municipality of Calvin dated Apr 13, 2021 supporting the County of Norfolk resolution re: Exempt Carbon Tax on all Primary Agriculture Producers.
- 25. Town of Cochrane Resolution** – The pandemic has caused people to stay indoors for an extended period of time and there is an extreme demand for camping and RVing from Ontarians wanting to go and enjoy the great outdoors. The Council calls upon Primer Ford and the Minister of Natural Resources to reopen the Greenwater Provincial Park.
- 26. AMO Policy Update, Ministry of Transportation Bill, CSPA Regulations, Municipal Act Clarification, and Delegation Requests Open** – The Bill includes new changes aimed at regulating Ontario’s towing industry, introducing a Director of Towing in the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), company, drive and vehicle standards, and protections for consumers. The Bill makes changes, also, to the incident collection requirements to track car doors hitting cyclists and electric scooters, and redefines power assisted bicycles. The Ministry of the Solicitor General is consulting on new regulatory proposals that are necessary to bring the Act into force. Additional regulatory proposals will be posted in the future. Comments will be accepted until Jun 7, 2021. The Ministry of Finance has issued a clarification regarding property tax refund applications related to business shutdowns. The Ministry notes that businesses affected by the shutdown may be able to apply for provincial property tax and energy rebates as well as the federal Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) programs. AMO Conference Delegation Meeting Open! The deadline to submit your request is Jun 4, 2021.
- 27. AMO Communications, Policy Update, Province Introduces Paid COVID-19 Leave** – The Province introduced legislation today to create a temporary COVID-19 focused provincial sick day program. This legislation, if passed, will require employers to provide workers with up to three days of pay, up to \$200 per day, if missing work because of COVID-19. This will be retroactive to Apr 19, 2021 and effective until Sep 25, 2021
- 28. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Apr 29, 2021, In This Issue** –
- Request for delegations at AMO 2021 now open.
  - AMO 2021 Early Bird registration – Deadline only 1 day away.
  - City of Brantford Work from Home Model – Presentation materials and more!
  - Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience – 2 dates added.
  - AMO 2021 – Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities.
  - How do you stay fit while working from home?
  - Discounted tires for municipal fleets.
  - LAS webinar: Arena equipment.
  - Affordable mass timber housing solutions – Element5 webinar.
  - Careers: Simcoe County and City of Welland.
- 29. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Apr 22, 2021, In This Issue** –
- Hydro One encourages Ontarians to be prepared for potential flooding this spring.
  - PJ Marshall Awards – Call for submissions 2021.
  - AMO 2021 Conference program update.
  - AMO webinar on City of Brantford’s modernized work from home model.
  - AMO training – *Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience*.
  - AMO 2021 Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities.
  - AMO 2021 Early Bird registration – Ending very soon!
  - Home and auto insurance private offering.
  - Energy Reporting Portal now open.
  - Incentives still available for energy projects.
  - Energy workshops train communities to work better!
  - Happy Birthday to Earth Day!

- Group Buying webinar: Arena products.
  - Training on delegation of planning approvals – Apr 23.
  - Affordable mass timber housing solutions – Element5 webinar.
  - Taron seeking municipal feedback by Apr 30.
  - Careers: Cabinet Office (OPS), Melancthon and Greater Sudbury.
- 30. AMO Communications, WatchFile, May 6, 2021, In This Issue –**
- PJ Marshall Awards – Call for submissions for 2021.
  - Applications open for Ontario Community Environment Fund.
  - AMO 2021 Conference: Path to Economic Recovery Panel announced.
  - Human Rights and Equity: The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders.
  - LAS webinar: Waterworks supply.
  - Energy Reporting Portal now open.
  - West Lincoln resolution concerning *Beds of Navigable Waters Act*.
  - Careers.
- 31. AMO Communications, May 13, 2021, In This Issue –**
- AMO submission to Health Canada on medical cannabis.
  - PJ Marshall Awards – Call for submissions for 2021.
  - AMO 2021 Conference: Women’s Leadership Forum.
  - Women’s Networking Session hosted by the Honourable Jill Dunlop.
  - Human Rights and Equity: The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders.
  - Don’t forget to request your delegation meetings!
  - June date added: Leading Through Crisis: *Strengthening Personal Resilience*.
  - Space available for AMO’s Land Use Planning workshops: May 27 & Jun 3.
  - What’s new and what’s changed at MindBeacon.
  - The Blue Box Regulation Update blog.
  - LAS webinar: Waterworks supplies.
  - Time to report your annual energy use.
  - OMWA Water 101 for Councillors & Senior Staff webinar.
  - IESO launches engagement on Gas Phase-out Impact Assessment.
  - Intelligent Public Sector Showcase: May 26 – 28.
  - Careers: Ministry of finance and Windsor.
- 32. MPAC, InTouch, Apr 2021 –** MPAC 2021 Q1 State of the Business, letter from MPAC President and Chief Administrative Officer Nicole McNeill. MPAC’s 2020 Annual Report is now available! Overview of MPAC’s operational and financial performance over the last year view their new digital publication. 2021 Property Income and Expense Return Campaign, one of the ways MPAC keeps property data current is through their Assessment Information Request Program, through which they obtain information about individual properties and insights on property sectors. Starting May 14, MPAC will mail request letters to property owners, asking that income and expense information be submitted through the online portal by Fri, Jul 16. How MPAC is Responding to Requests for Tax Relief. Upcoming webinar, MPACS Central Process Facility – Update on Addressing, Severances and Consolidations, Thu, May 6 from 1 to 2 pm.
- 33. MNFR, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Draft Forest Biomass Action Plan – Seeking Comment –** A draft Forest Biomass Action Plan has been created in collaboration with a working group comprised of partners from across the forest biomass supply chain. They are seeking broader input and encourage you to review the draft on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) and provide a comment between May 6 and Jun 21, 2021. You can access the proposal posting by searching the ERO for Notice #019-3514, or by visiting <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice.019-3514>.
- 34. MECP Land Policy, Notification of Proposal on Modernizing Environmental Compliance Practices and Ontario Community Environment Fund Re-Launch –** There are several initiatives the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is moving forward with the commitments in there Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan to help strengthen enforcement tools that hold polluters accountable and create consistent guidelines to prevent and address noise and odour issues. These initiatives include:
1. Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline
  2. Proposed Odour Guideline
  3. Updating the Ministry’s Compliance Policy to focus on high-risk incidents and publicly posting the Referral Tool and Service Standards.
  4. Stakeholder Consultation on the Expansion of Administrative Monetary Penalties
  5. Re-Launch of the Enhanced Ontario Community Environment Fund

Further details on these initiatives are available in the Environmental Registry of Ontario bulletin posting: strengthening our environmental compliance approach.

- 35. MECP, 2021 Enhanced Ontario Community Environment Fund Call for Proposals – Application Deadline Jun 23 at 5pm** – Currently accepting application for the enhanced Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF). Specifically looking for projects that focus on the protection and preservation of our land, air and water. They will be holding webinars to provide information and updates on the program, and application process. May 19, 1:30pm to 3:00pm and May 27, 10:30am to 12:00pm.
- 36. FONOM Media Release Following The 2021 Annual Conference** – The conference content is being uploaded onto FONOM’s YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X81-vtsgs0w>.
- 37. ENDM, New Indigenous Tourism Ontario and the Tourism Innovation Lab – Skode Program** – Excited to officially launch the Skode Program, and initiative to spark new Indigenous tourism ideas and experiences that authentically represent, celebrate and promote Indigenous culture, heritage, language, cuisine and communities in Ontario. Apply by May 28, for more information go to [www.tourisminnovation.ca/ITO](http://www.tourisminnovation.ca/ITO).
- 38. ENDM, Update on Training, Childcare and Investment Tax Credits** – The new Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit is a temporary, refundable Personal Income Tax credit for 2021, helping workers get the training they may need for a career shift, to re-train or to sharpen their skills. The credit will provide up to \$2000 in relief for 50 per cent of eligible expenses, for a total of an estimated \$260 million in support to about 230,000 people in 2021. To support parents with the cost of child care and help them get back into the workforce, the government is providing a 20 per cent enhancement of the CARE tax credit for 2021. Ontario is temporarily doubling the regional Opportunities Investment Tax Credit rate to 20 per cent from 10 per cent, resulting in total tax credit support of about \$155 million by 2022-23. The enhanced Regional Opportunities Investment Tax Credit is available for eligible expenditures in excess of \$50,000 and up to \$500,000 for property that becomes available for use in the corporation’s taxation year, and in the period beginning on Mar 24, 2021 and ending before Jan 1, 2023. Ontario investing \$1 billion to support province’s vaccination plan, as soon as the province receives more vaccines from the federal government, it will be able to further accelerate its rollout to protect more people from COVID-19.
- 39. ENDM, InfoExport 46: MEDJCAT Export Missions** – Upcoming events:
- Mission to Arab Health 2021, Jun 21 – Jun 24, 2021.
  - Mission to Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) 2021, Jun 22 – Jul 2, 2021.
  - Mission to Connectech Asia 2021, Jul 12 – Jul 17, 2021.
- 40. ENDM, Please Complete: Canadian Artists and Content Creator Economic Survey** – The purpose of this survey is to help create an updated portrait of the artistic and creative community in Canada. <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canadian-artists-content-creators.html>.
- 41. ENDM, Province Launches New Ontario Tourism and Travel Small Business Support Grant/Guide** – The Ontario government is providing one-time payments of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to support eligible small tourism and travel businesses struggling to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through the new \$100-million Ontario Tourism and Travel Small Business Support Grant. Applications will be accepted until Jun 25, 2021 at 11:59 pm. Guidelines for more details and the link to apply: <https://www.app.granys.gov.on.ca/otsb/#/>.
- 42. ENDM, Invitation – Indigenous Agri-Food Funder’s Forum Webinars May 26 and May 27** – The form will provide information on programs that encourage economic development in the agriculture sector and addresses Indigenous food security by linking Indigenous agri-food interests with suitable funders. Webinar Day 1 – May 26 from 10:am to 3:00 pm, <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcsceCqrT8sEtFXZYBy3bgnR1EysTI66KGs.com>. Webinar Day 2 – May 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJSqfumpD8qGNcaPgUUomHMW7Qh7eHioxaS.com>.
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, May 2021 Latest Ag & Food News For You** – Effective Apr 19, 2021, OMAFRA Agriculture Development Advisor Pierrette Desrochers will be covering food processing and producer clients in the Greater Sudbury areas as well as Sudbury East, Nipissing & Parry Sound districts. OMAFRA Dataline is an online resource for use by interested individuals and organizations across Ontario, <http://www.OMAFRA.gov.on.ca/english/rural/edr/events-training.htm.com>. Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, new funding programming released: [https://nohfc.ca/en/nohfc\\_programs.com](https://nohfc.ca/en/nohfc_programs.com). Canadian Agricultural Partnership Special Provision, provides a review of your farm business’ past financial performance, provides an analysis of the current business climate, develops objectives and identifies options to meet profitability and

sustainability goals. Enhanced Agri-Food Workplace Protection Programs -Producers, program applications are accepted for eligible items ordered on or after Jan 1, 2021 am received on or after Mar 13, 2021. Applications are received and assessed on a continuous basis, while funding is available or until Nov 20, 2021 at 11:59 pm. Agri-tech Innovation Program, the first intake will run from May 17 to Jun 21, 2021. Emergency Loan Program, is a component of the Indigenous Business Stabilization Program (IBSP). Canadian Emergency Business Account Update. 2021-2022 Rates for the Advance Payments Program and Commodity Loan Program. Ontario Improves Commodity Loan Guarantee Program. Farm Safety Resources, <https://www.casa-acsa.ca/en/resources/ag-youth-work-guidelines/.com>.

43. **FCM Communique, New Keynote Speaker Revealed & Early Bird Extension!** – Welcoming a very excited keynote speaker: Laurent Duvernay-Tardif.
44. **FCM Communique, FCM Voice: Building on Budget 2021, AC2021 Early-Bird Extended and Keynote Announcement** – By responding to several key FCM recommendation, last week’s federal budget will help municipalities build a stronger post-COVID Canada. Big-ticket items include billion-dollar-plus investments in the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, Universal Broadband Fund, Rapid Housing Initiative and National Trade Corridors Fund. Thrilled to announce keynote speaker for FCM’s 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show: Super Bowl Champion and pandemic frontline worker Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, join on May 31 to Jun 4.
45. **FCM Communique, FCM Voice: Top 5 Reasons to Attend Our 2021 Annual Conference, Join the Census 2021 Kickoff, CRTC Affirms Municipal Right of Way** – FCM’s 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show runs from May 31 – Jun 4. Join the Census 2021 kickoff! The census is critical to decision makers at all levels of government and Canadians across the country. Telecommunications: CRTC affirms municipal rights of way, FCM secured a victory on behalf of municipalities this month, when the CRTC affirmed FCM’s arguments about the municipal role 5G deployment and managing municipal rights of way. Connect the dots between asset management and sustainability, read the building sustainable communities with asset management guide to understand the relationship between asset management and your climate goals.
46. **FCM Communique, President’s Corner: Recognizing Local Leaders as Essential Partners** – There are major new investments in universal broadband and disaster mitigation. In regional economic development and support for farmers. There’s also additional funding for adorable housing. Big news on FCM’s annual conference, held virtually May 31 to Jun 4.
47. **FCM Communique, FCM Voice: AC Speaker Lineup Keeps Growing, Tunisia-Canada Municipal Exchanges, Asian Heritage Month** – Green Party leader Annamie Paul is the latest to confirm she’s plugging into FCM’s May 31-Jun 4 annual conference. She joins Conservation leader Erin O’Toole and NDP leader Jagmeet Singh in our political speaker lineup – with more to come. From May 17-28, Tunisian and Canadian municipal actors will come together virtually to share best practices and reflections on the common municipal challenges they face, such as diversity and inclusion, women’s participation and crisis management. May is Asian Heritage Month and FCM will be featuring key moment in Canadian municipal history impacting people of Asian descent on Twitter. FCM’s WEST Chair and Vice Chairs were on the popular drive-time radio show Shaye Ganam aired Alberta Wide, the panel talked about what western municipalities gained in the federal budget and how the taskforce is driving concrete solutions to support western communities since its creation.
48. **FCM, CEO’s Office, Download your 2021 FCM AGM Package** – In accordance with FCM’s by-laws, this is your official notice that they are hosting the 2021 virtual AGM on Jun 4, 2021 from 10 am to 2 pm.
49. **FCM Communique, FCM Voice: AC2021 Trade Show, Application Open for Reaching Home, FCM Elections** – AC2021 Network and learn at their trade show, register today. Applications open for Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy, applications are due Jun 11. FCM Elections: Don’t miss the deadline to put your name forward, elections will occur during FCM’s 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show May 31 to Jun 4. Ottawa LC3 Centre to scale up low carbon solutions with \$21.7 million endowment. CEDI: The impact is clean based on the facts and figures, this two-page infographic assembles data to affirm CEDI’s success and shows that demand for this “Stronger Together joint approach is growing exponentially. Frank Cowan company now operates as intact public entities, visit: [www.intactpublicentities.ca](http://www.intactpublicentities.ca) to learn more.
50. **FCM Communique, It’s Official: Your FCM Table Officer Candidates** – Two weeks from now at FCM’s 2021 Annual Conference, members will elect and ratify their 2021-2022 Board of Directors. That includes the FCM Table Officers who will lead the Board through the crucial next year. Make your voice heard! To vote, you must be (a) an elected official of an FCM member municipality; and (b) a registered delegate at FCM’s 2021 Annual Conference.

- 51. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, MAHC Seeks to Recruit Patient Experience Partners –** Requirements of a Patient Experience Partner and the ideal qualities that applicants would bring to MAHC are posted on the MAHC website on the Patient and Family Advisory Council webpage. The online application form is accessible at [www.mahc.ca/PEPapplication/.com](http://www.mahc.ca/PEPapplication/.com).
- 52. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Community Sharps Bin Installed in the Town of Parry Sound –** The community sharps bin, located at the corner of Seguin Street and Gibson Street, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Health Unit is mandated by the Ministry of Health to provide harm reduction services, including a needle exchange program. Harm reduction services aim to build relationships with individual in an effort to restore human dignity.
- 53. Tribunals Ontario, ARB Stakeholders, Transitioning to Zoom Proceedings –** Effective Jul 2021, the Assessment Review Board will be Zoom’s videoconference platform to conduct external proceedings and engage with stakeholders.
- 54. BOA, Bereavement of Authority of Ontario, Reminder: Call for Nomination to BAO Advisory Committees –** The three committees, with links to their terms of reference are:
- Funeral and Transfer Services Advisory Committee
  - Cemetery, Crematorium and Municipal Advisory Committee
  - Faith-Based Advisory Committee
- 55. BOA, Bereavement of Authority of Ontario, Reminder: Link to BAO Consumer Information Guide –** <https://thebao.ca/for-comsumers/consumer-information-guide/>.
- 56. Ontario Heritage Trust, Heritage Matters More, Apr Edition –** Up front, Beth Hanna, CEO of the Ontario Heritage Trust, exploring Ontario’s biodiversity. Take a stay trip and get outside with Digital Doors Open! Many of these natural sites offer great digital experiences and they may be available for in-person visits if they are in your local region. Information on trails and safety as a result of COVID-19.
- 57. Ontario Heritage Trust, Supporting Youth with the Ontario Heritage Trust –** Notes from the Chair of the Ontario Heritage Trust.
- 58. Ontario Heritage Trust, Heritage Matters More! May Edition –** Reaching across cultures and time: Museums in a digital age. Discover unique museums through Trust easement properties.
- 59. Ontario Volunteer Service Awards (MHSTCI), 2021 Senior of the Year Award –** This year, the nomination deadline has been extended to May 31, 2021. For more information and to download the nomination form, please visit the Senior of the Year webpage.
- 60. Explorers’ Edge, RTO12 Regional Tourism Update: May 13, 2021 –** SAVE THE DATE: this year’s virtual edition will be held on Jun 24 via Zoom from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. NEW THIS YEAR: Local Lunch & Learn – on us! The first 150 regional registrants for this year’s summit will received a virtual \$25 local restaurant voucher, which can be redeemed at lunch hour on Jun 24, 2021 at participating restaurants. Applications open: Eligible Small Business in Tourism and Travel Industries, application for this grant will close on Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 11:59 pm. SME Rapid testing Kits, free rapid tests available for small-and medium-sized business under 150 employees. Muskoka Business Recovery Fund. PCMN Impact Awards, May 27, 2021, free to register: [www.pmcn.ca/iawards.com](http://www.pmcn.ca/iawards.com). What is the OFSC Rider Opinion & Preference Survey? EOI: Communication Speciality – RTO12 is hiring.
- 61. Northeastern Ontario Tourism, Funding Opportunities –** Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Building Fund, applications are being accepted until Jun 1, 2021 at 5 pm. Ontario Tourism and Travel Small Business Support Grant, applications are being accepted until Jun 25, 2021 at 11:59 pm.
- 62. The Friends, Friendly Focus, Toward Far Better Days, Spring 2021, In This Issue –**
- From the CEO’s Desk Introducing
  - A BIG Thank You We are Recruiting
  - Celebrating Canada’s Forests
  - Volunteers Make Life, Ontario’s Oldest Trees
  - Wildberry Frozen Cake, Are you Looking?
  - Can’t Escape on, Don’t Forget Dad! Trivia, Bill of Rights
  - It’s Spring and Time, Resources
  - Please Provide us with Your Friendly Feedback

#### INFORMATION – COVID-19

- 63. Town of Shelburne Resolution –** Requests that the provincial government immediately implement and fund the necessary policies to provide adequate paid sick day benefits to ensure accessible and timely supports to allow workers to get tested, self-isolate and follow all necessary COVID-19 control measures without fear of income-loss and financial hardship.



**Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution** – Supports correspondence from the City of Brantford regarding a request for the Province of Ontario to withdraw its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities.

- 64. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Everyone is a Key Player in the Fight Against COVID-19, Says Health Unit** – Although the Health Unit has recorded the lowest rate of COVID-19 cases in Ontario as of Apr 19, they are still seeing an increase in cases locally. The best defence against COVID-19 is still to continue to follow public health measures such as avoiding non-essential travel, washing our hands often, wearing face-coverings, maintaining physical distancing, avoiding touching your face, and coughing or sneezing in our sleeve. For local information, please visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19).
- 65. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Only One Appointment Per Dose, Reminds Health Unit** – With the COVID-19 vaccine rollout taking place throughout Ontario, individuals who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are asked to avoid booking multiple appointments in effort to receive a preferred brand of earlier dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals who choose to book a new immunization appointment should cancel prior booked appointment so the timeslot can be used to vaccinate someone else. For more information, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19Vaccine](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19Vaccine).
- 66. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit District Has Lowest Case Rate in Province Apr 17 to 23** – Health Unit has the lowest case rate in the province over the last reported seven-day period (Apr 17 to 23) with a rate of 9.2 cases per 100,00 population as well as the lowest cumulative case rate over the course of the entire pandemic. Individuals who have received their COVID-19 vaccine (first or second dose) must continue to follow public health measures until advised otherwise.
- 67. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, More Vaccine Remains Priority for Health Unit as Eligibility Expands** – As Ontario acts quickly to open COVID-19 vaccine appointments to new age bands and priority groups, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit wishes to remind the public that a limited supply of vaccine has been allocated to the Health Unit, which may not align with the increase in local demand that is expected over the coming weeks with the new eligibility groups. The Health Unit is assuring the public that everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccine will get one, but asked for patience as the province continues to prioritize hotspot locations.
- 68. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Enjoy Family Activities, But Don't Forget Public Health Measures!** – The Health Unit has put together a list of activities for individuals and families to do during the Stay-at-Home Order that will help ensure a fun and safe time for everyone involved, and boost individuals' well being. Remembering to follow the Stay-at-Home order guidelines is especially important, as the Health Unit has seen an increase in COVID-19 cases with no known exposure, meaning they don't know where it came from. The province wide Stay-at-Home Order is currently in place until May 19, 2021. Visit Ontario's website to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19 and visit the Stay Active, Stay Connected webpage for activities to keep you connected, [www.myhealthunit.ca](http://www.myhealthunit.ca).
- 69. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Have Symptoms of COVID-19? Arrange to Be Tested** – The district has seen continued increase in reported cases in our region since around the beginning of Apr, at the same time, testing rates across our district have been lower than usual since mid-Mar. This means there are likely more cases in the community than are reported in the district numbers, and we must continue to work together as a district to help slow the spread. Individuals who wish to be tested can book an appointment at any of the Assessment Centres in or near our district.
- 70. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Make COVID-19 Safe May Long Weekend Plans** – Individuals are reminded that public health guidance must still be followed.
- 71. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Booking Opens to Child Care Workers in Licensed Child care Settings and Individuals with High Risk Health Conditions** – In addition, individuals 18 years of age and older and with the following High-Risk health conditions are now able to book a vaccine appointment in our district as well:
- Obesity (Body Mass Index over 40: can be calculated online knowing your height and weight);
  - Other treatments causing immunosuppression (for example, chemotherapy, immunity-weakening medication);
  - Intellectual or developmental disability's (for example, Down Syndrome).
- The Health Unit reminds the public that pregnant individuals are now also eligible to receive their vaccine against COVID-19. One essential caregiver for those individuals who require regular and

sustained assistance with personal care and/or activities of daily living from the High-Risk group as well as for pregnant individuals may also book an appointment.

- 72. North Bay Parry Sound District, Public Service Announcement, Closure Order Issued for Stewart's Decorating, 1370 Regina Street, North Bay, Ontario** – The Order was issued as a result of continued non-compliance with Ontario Regulation 82/20 and current, province-wide, public health restrictions in effect, pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990, c.E.9 and the reopening Ontario. The public is reminded that non-compliance with a Section 22 Order issued by the Health Unit may, upon conviction, result in a fine up to \$5000 per day of non-compliance for individuals, and up to \$25, 000.00 per day for corporations.
- 73. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Health Unit Booking COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments for Individuals 55-59** – Effective Fri, Apr 30 at 9 am, individuals in the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit region born in 1966 or before will be able to book and appointment to attend local COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Individuals who meet the criteria can book online at [www.ontario.ca/BookVaccine.com](http://www.ontario.ca/BookVaccine.com). The Health Unit request individuals born in 1966 or before use the provincial online booking system if possible, as local Call Center volume continues to be high.
- 74. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Health Unit Launches COVID-19 Dedicated Toll-Free Phone Number 1-844-478-1400** – Individual's looking to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment or discuss general, or school concerns related to COVID-19 are not to call the toll-free number.
- 75. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Member of the Garderie Soleil Child Care Community Tests Positive for COVID-19** – As the individual was at the centre during their infectious period, the Health Unit has dismissed the preschool senior cohort. At this time, the Health Unit has not declared and outbreak.
- 76. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Same-Day COVID\_19 Vaccine Standby List Launched** – Effective May 20, 2021 the Health Unit will implement a COVID-19 vaccine standby list for individuals wanting their first vaccine dose. The standby list is available each day clinics are running through a link on our website's COVID-19 vaccine appointments page.
- 77. Canada Global HR Lawyers, Toronto Public Health, Releases Section 22 Order to Close Workplaces With 5 or More COVID-19 Cases** – The Order gives Toronto Public Health the discretion to order a full or partial closure of workplaces when five or more individuals with COVID-19 attended the workplace within a 14 calendar-day period. The Order also gives Toronto Public Health the discretion to order full or partial closure of a workplace even if less than five individuals with COVID-19 attended the workplace within a 14 Calendar day period.
- 78. Canada Global HR Lawyers, Ontario Enacts Legislation Providing Three Paid Sick Days for COVID-19 Related Reasons** – The Paid Leave will be administered by the employer and will be applied retroactively starting from Apr 19, 2021. The Paid Leave entitlement will expire on Sep 25, 2021. The employer will be required to pay eligible workers up to \$200.00 a day for up to three days. Employers will then be eligible to apply to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board ("WSIB") for reimbursement.
- 79. Canada Global HR Lawyers, Ontario's New COVID-19 Paid Sick Days, Reimbursement for Employers and the Role of the WSIB** – The Ontario Government now enacted Bill 284, COVID-19 Putting Workers First Act, 2021, providing eligible employees with up to three days of paid leave for COVID-19 related reasons.
- 80. AMO Communications Policy Update, Reports on Long-Term Care Pandemic Response** – It is the result of an initiated audit which sought access whether the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the long-term-care homes were sufficiently positioned, prepared, and equipped to respond to the issues created by the pandemic in an effective and expedient way. The independent Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission has announced that it will provide its report to the Ministry of Long-Term Care this week by Apr 30, 2021. After this it will be up to the government to release the report publicly. AMO provided a written submission and testimony to the Commission.
- 81. AMO Communications, Policy Update, Long-Term Care Commission Report Overview, Digital Ontario** – The Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission has publicly released a final report fulfilling their mandate to examine the pandemic response for long-term care in Ontario. The 322-page report contains the following:
  - The state of long-term care before COVID-19, including the longstanding challenges concerning staffing, quality of resident care, oversight, funding, and infrastructure
  - The deficiencies in Ontario's pandemic preparedness
  - The COVID-19 crisis in long-term care and its devastating impacts

- Best practices and promising ideas that can be adopted and expanded to improve long-term care, and
  - Final recommendations that build on the interim recommendations provided in Oct and Dec 2020.
- 82. AMO Communication, Policy Update, Stay-at-Home Order Extended** – as anticipated, the Ontario government has extended the Stay-at-Home Order until at least Jun 2, 2021, with the more contagious variants continuing to pose significant risk to the public.
- 83. ENDM, Latest COVID-19 Support Summaries and NEW Rapid Testing Program** – The Ontario government is making it easier for businesses to test for COVID-19 in the workplace by providing guidance to employees who want to self-swab for a rapid antigen point-of-care test on a voluntary basis under the supervision of a trained individual. This will be open to any business that applies for them.
- 84. MAG, Issuing Marriage Licences and Providing Marriage Services, Apr 30, 2021** – An extension period is triggered only if a province wide emergency is declared under the EMCPA. As a third province-wide declaration of emergency has been made, the validity period has been extended for certain licences issued. Since the extended validity periods due to the second and third province-wide emergencies overlap, please take note of the updated periods:
- Licences issued between Dec 1, 2019 and Jul 24, 2020 are still valid and can be used until Jul 24, 2022;
  - Licences issued between Oct 1, 2020 and Dec 31, 2020 are still valid and can be used until Feb 10, 2023; and
  - Licences issued between Jan 1, 2021 and the end of the third province-wide emergency due to COVID-19 will be valid from the date they are issued until 24 months from the end of the third province-wide emergency.
- 85. MAG, Letter from AG Downey and Minister Clerk: Tools for Municipalities to Modernize the Regulation of Alcohol Consumption** – The government has taken a series of actions to support Ontario vibrant hospitality sector before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the more than 17,000 local restaurants and bars that are essential to life in our communities. They will continue to work with Ontario businesses, workers and municipal partners to expand the choice and convenience for consumers across the province.
- 86. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Notice to the Profession: Notify BAO & Local Health Unit of COVID-19 Infections** – In many areas of the province, COVID-19 case counts are the highest they have been since the beginning of the pandemic. Let's keep doing our part to protect the health of grieving families and bereavement sector staff by preventing the spread of the virus during this third wave, as outbreaks are increasingly linked to workplaces. The new variants spread quickly through close contact between staff members. All licensed operators must notify the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) as well as your local public health unit if and when:
- Your facility experiences COVID-19 infections; or
  - Your staff test positive for the coronavirus.
- 87. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Notice: Government Covers Final-Transfer Costs of COVID-19 Hospital Patients Transferred for ICU Care in a Location Outside of Their Home Community** – The Province of Ontario recognizes there are financial implications related to these transfers in cases where the patient has died and must be returned to their home community. In the event of a tragic outcome following transfer of COVID-19 ICU patient, any funeral establishments and/or Transfer Service Operators contacted to transfer a deceased person from a hospital outside of the deceased person's home community back to their community may submit an invoice to recover the fees associated with this transfer.
- 88. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Notice to the Profession: Registrar's Max – 10 Directive Remains in Effect** – This message is simply to remind everyone that attendance at all funeral services is restricted to a maximum of 10 attendees in total, indoors or outdoors, regardless of location.
- 89. BAO, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Notice: Cemetery Restriction is 10-max for funerals only** – Funeral service restrictions: The 10-maximum does not include funeral or cemetery staff. But 10-maximum does include clergy. Non-funeral cemetery visits: The maximum number of people in one gathering who can visit a cemetery, when not attending a funeral service, is one household of people living together plus one person outside of that household. Cemeteries must control access: Being private property, cemeteries have the right to control access and may limit numbers even further.

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

Councillor Wood advised the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for the ELCA Phragmites effort this year is on Thu.

Councillor Flowers advised half of the South River Machar sign on Hwy 11 is down and requested it be referred to the SPW. The Clerk Administrator advised it was damaged in a motor vehicle collision and the highway is not our jurisdiction. Council instructed it be referred to SPW for appropriate contact.

**ADJOURN**

**89-21 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, Jun 14, 2021. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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