

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, November 9, 2020**

**Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; nil.**

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

Guest observing: Metroland North Media Reporter Lee McConnell.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Oct 26, 2020 minutes, Resolution**

**161-20 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we adopt Oct 26, 2020 minutes as amended. CARRIED

**2. Renewal of Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc, Resolution**

**162-20 Scarlett, Wood**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Council approves the form of draft by-law and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act.
2. This Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Township of Machar is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 (4) of the Municipal Franchises Act. CARRIED

**163-20 Flowers, Scarlett**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to a By-Law to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Machar and Enbridge Gas Inc. CARRIED

**3. CAFT to AFT Migration Direct Deposit Agreement, Resolution**

**164-20 Wood, Flowers**

THAT we authorize Direct Deposit Agreement between Kawartha Credit Union and the Corporation of the Township of Machar,  
FURTHER THAT we authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator to execute the Direct Deposit Agreement. CARRIED

**4. 2021 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)**

Allocations announced: Machar \$545,500, Strong \$517,600, South River \$615,800, Sundridge \$462,200. The Province recognizes the importance of the OMPF for many of Ontario's communities. The allocations are based on A: 1-4 components and B: 1-7 key OMPF data inputs.

**COMMITTEES**

**5. Shared Services Monthly for Oct; Arena and Fire**

Income Statement and AP reviewed for Arena and Fire. Manager's Report for Arena reviewed. Mayor Carleton inquired on the Halloween Event at the Firehall. Councillor Wood advised attendance was 200+. Mayor Carleton advised the Senior's stretch class will be at the Arena.

**6. South River Machar Medical minutes of Oct 20, 2020, Resolution**

Reviewed. Still awaiting payment of additional rent for additional space requested by tenant.

**165-20 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we support motions 1-3 as contained in Medical minutes of Oct 20, 2020 as follows; adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, now adjourned until Nov 17... CARRIED

**7. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Oct 21, 2020, Resolution**

Mayor Carleton advised the Board is very busy. The Board discussed the idea of hiring an Assistant to the Secretary Treasurer for succession planning as well as reducing some of the current workload.

**166-20 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Oct 21, 2020. CARRIED

**INFORMATION**

- 8. City of Clarence-Rockland, Resolution** – Regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores, Council considers a matter of public interest to include a 150-metre distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores, as the Board of Health has noted concerns that excessive clustering and geographic concentration of cannabis retail outlets may encourage undesirable health outcomes, and Economic Development and Planning are concerned that over-concentration may cause undesired impacts on the economic diversity of retail streetscape including the distortion of lease rates, economic speculation, and the removal of opportunity for other commercial businesses.
- 9. Norfolk Country Resolution** – Reads as follows:
- Illicit cannabis grow operations are a significant issue in many municipalities in Ontario;
  - There are often significant negative impacts from illicit cannabis operations upon surrounding communities and residents;
  - The intent of legalizing cannabis was to eliminate the “black market” not allow it to expand with relative impunity;
  - Norfolk Country estimates that there are approximately 70 cannabis operations in our municipality; Norfolk Country Council request that solutions to the current crisis which may include but are not limited to; better regulation and tracking of the prescription of cannabis in Canada by doctors, increased regulatory and enforcement presence by Health Canada, increased OPP resources, increased funding to municipalities to deal with complaints and By-Law issues generated by illicit cannabis grow operations.
- 10. Township of Huron-Kinloss Resolution, Heritage Bill** – Supports the Town of Amherstburg in recommending that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 be amended to remove the powers provided to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, retaining authority for hearing certain appeals by the Conservation Review Board; and, to return the authority for final decisions to municipal council’s as the elected representative of the communities wherein the property and its features of cultural heritage value exist.
- 11. Township of Huron-Kinloss Resolution, Municipal Elections** – Supports Wollaston Township in requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing review the Municipal Elections to play schemes in rural communities where non-residential electors are permitted to participate in elections and provide more clear guidelines to assist Municipal Clerks in defining the voters’ list and to ensure there is a clear way to report election fraud.
- 12. Country of Prince Edward Resolution** – Supporting Ontario’s Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020 is proposing changes to the Municipal Elections Act of 1996:
- To prohibit the use of ranked ballots in future Municipal Elections
  - Extend nomination day from the end of Jul to the second Fri in Sep
- Local governments are best poised to understand the representational needs and challenges of the body politic they represent, and when looking at alternative voting methods to ensure more people vote safely, it becomes more difficult to implement these alternatives with the proposed shorter period between Nomination day and the Oct 24, 2022 Election day.
- 13. City of Belleville Resolution** – Regarding accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and web site support for new business. The AODA contemplates the need to consider technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards. The Corporation of the City of Belleville requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to municipalities to meet these compliance standards.

**14. Municipality of Magnetawan Motion Passed** – Regarding the EMS Supplemental Billing at the Oct 14, 2020 meeting. Municipality of Magnetawan thanks Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services/Fire Chief for his correspondence regarding the supplemental EMS levy. Council has reviewed the correspondence and Report to the Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee. Council directs Staff to write a letter to the Town of Parry Sound to advise if the Province’s share in the EMS budget is 50%, have the previous years’ deficits been covered the same and is the anticipation that Province will be covering their 50% portion of the deficit for 2020.

Magnetawan Council has, at this time, not authorized the payment of the levy.

**15. Municipality of St. Charles Resolution** – Wishes to support Resolution Number CX93-20 from Grey County, the Corporation recognized that the need for reliable access to affordable broadband is required for education and business purposes to ensure continuity and success. Reliable broadband will continue to play an essential role in economic and social recovery across Ontario post-pandemic.

**16. Loyalist Township Resolution** – On Oct 28, 2020 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of Loyalist Township motion regarding funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic that was passed on Sep 28, 2020, requests confirmation from the governments of ON and Canada that funding will be available for these local smaller charities, community groups and service clubs.

**17. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Nov is Fall Prevention Month** – Nov is here, meaning it is time to talk about fall prevention. The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit in collaboration with the local Stay On Your Feet (SOYF) coalition is bringing fall prevention conversations online. Information and weekly contests will be shared throughout the month of Nov on the Health Unit’s Facebook page and website. Each week will focus on one of the following themes:

- **Medication Management**
- **Nutrition**
- **Physical Activity**
- **Home Hazards**

For more information on fall prevention visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/soyf](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/soyf)

**18. Near North Crime Stoppers** – Recognize Crime Stoppers in our region! Presenting a motion to proclaim Jan 2021 as “CRIME CTOPPERS MONTH”. Crime stoppers, an internationally recognized program, is a partnership of the public, the police and the media providing citizens with a proactive program to anonymously assist our police partners in the solving of a crime, contributing to an improved quality of life in our communities. Citizens are encouraged to call the anonymous TIP line 1-800-222-8477 or submit a tip online at [www.nearnorthcrimestoppers.com](http://www.nearnorthcrimestoppers.com)

**19. FONOM Media Release** – The Ontario Ministry of Finance shared with the Municipalities their 2021 allotment of the OMPF. The total fund of \$500 million is dispersed to 389 municipalities in Ontario based on their local circumstances, using the same formula as 2020. Each local government in Northern Ontario received a share of the OMPF, totaling \$206,624,500.00. This amount is an increase of \$700,200 from the previous year. The board is aware that not all members received an increase; due to the formula, several are receiving less than in 2020.

**20. Enbridge Gas Inc, 2021 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application** – On Sep 20, 2020 Enbridge Gas filed an Application with the Board requesting an Order or orders for gas distribution rate changes related to compliance obligations under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*, S.C. 2018, c. 12, s.186. On Oct 14, 2020, the Board issued the Notice of Application and the Letter of Direction for the proceeding. The Board has directed Enbridge Gas to Serve Board’s a copy of the Notice of Application, the Board’s Letter of Direction along with Enbridge Gas’ Application on the clerks of all the municipalities in which Enbridge Gas Inc. supplies gas.

**21. Enbridge Gas Inc, 2021 Rates** – On Oct 5, 2020, Enbridge Gas filed an application with the Board for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas as of Jan 1, 2021. Specifically, Enbridge Gas applies for approval of unit rates related to its 2021 Incremental Capital Module (“ICM”) requests. On Oct 30, 2020, the Board issued the Notice of Application and the Letter of Direction for the proceeding. The Board has directed Enbridge Gas to serve a copy of the Notice of Application along with Enbridge Gas’ Application and evidence to the clerks of all municipalities in which Enbridge Gas supplies gas.

**22. AMO Policy Update – Build ON, Red Tape and Off-Peak Deliveries** – The Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, announced legislation Thu, the Ontario Rebuilding and Recovery

Act, 2020, extending a range of measures to build provincial infrastructure fast by reducing planning and administrative time to construction and providing a “backstop” if agreement cannot be reached, Measures include:

- **Transit:** Expanding designations for major provincial transit projects streamlining project management and accelerating development as under the *Building Transit Faster Act*. The legislation also amends the *Transit Oriented Communities Act* to exempt Hearings of Necessity under the Explorations Act for provincial transit projects and allows the government to pursue new types of commercial arrangements.
  - **Highways:** Amends the Public Service Works on Highways Act to require utility owners to relocate infrastructure in the highway corridor, facilitating faster construction.
  - **Long-Term Care:** The announcement signals the potential use of Minister’s Zoning Orders (MZO) to facilitate the building of long-term care residences.
  - **Broadband:** Expansion of broadband to unserved and underserved areas and incentivizing private sector investments.
  - **Municipal Tools:** Intention to consult municipalities on additional tools and power required to expedite critical local infrastructure projects.
  - **Skills Development:** Leveraging recent apprenticeship system investments to build a workforce pipeline in the skilled trades.
- 23. AMO Policy Update, 2020 Provincial Budget Date Announced** – The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Rod Phillip, has announced that the Ontario government will be releasing its 2020 Budget on Nov 5, 2020. The budget will provide a three-year outlook that will build on the \$30 billion response to COVID-19 found in Ontario’s Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19. The proposed budget will include three different economic scenarios for Ontario’s economy and finances given the ongoing COVID-19 related uncertainty. The Province is planning to get back on the traditional budget calendar and will provide another multi-year update by the end of Mar 2021.
- 24. AMO Policy Update, COVID-19 Resiliency Stream Launch and New Funding to Fight Human Trafficking** – The fund allocated \$250 million for Ontario’s municipal infrastructure projects, with and 80/20 federal/provincial cost share and no municipal cost match. The municipal portion includes \$6.5 million for Indigenous, on-reserve education projects. Applications will be available on Nov 16, 2020. The province is reinvesting \$2.5 million to combat human trafficking across Ontario through the Civil Remedies Grant Program that will provide funding to law enforcement agencies and community partners for 33 local projects. This investment builds on the \$20 million Ontario invests annually in anti-human trafficking initiatives and the Province’s \$307 million Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy (2020-2025).
- 25. AMO Policy Update, Standards of Care in Long-Term Care Homes** – The Province announced that the 2020 budget will include a commitment to increase the hours of direct care for each long-term care resident to an average of four hours per day, to be provided by nurses or personal support workers (PSWs). This is a 31.25% increase of the current standard that exist today (2.75 hours). In addition to this commitment, hard targets will be set over the next four years to achieve this standard by 2024-25. Progress against these targets will be measured and reported regularly. There will also be changes to educate and recruit the tens of thousands of new PSWs, registered practical nurses, and registered nurses that will be required.
- 26. AMO Policy Update, COVID-19 Response Framework and AMO’s Bill 2018 Submission** – The provincial government has now released their COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open. The framework outlines provincial priorities, principles, and the approach to implementing measures to address the pandemic including the indicators that will guide decisions that impact municipalities. The government is also making \$300 million available for rebates to businesses required to close or significantly restrict services in areas subject to modified Stage 2 public health restrictions (Ottawa, Peel, Toronto and York Region). The financial assistance will also be available going forward in areas categorized as Control or Lockdown. Beginning Nov 16, 2020, eligible business will be able to apply for temporary property tax and energy cost rebates directly to the Province through a single, online application portal.
- 27. AMO Policy Update, Additional Funding for Broadband** – The province announced an additional \$680 million to improve and expand broadband and cellular access across the province. This funding is on top of the \$315 million to support the Up to Speed: Ontario’s Broadband and Cellular Action Plan. It is also consistent with the Ontario Onwards Action Plan’s commitment to improve access to broadband and cellular services. Investment doubles the Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) program, to \$300 million to support rural, northern, and remote connectivity. Details on the remaining funding announced should be available in the coming weeks.

**28. AMO Watchfile, Oct 22, 2020 In This Issue –**

- Is flooding a local issue?
- Blue Box draft regulation posted – Webinar November 4.
- ROMA 2021 Virtual Conference registration open.
- There is still time to register for the October 28 Land Use Planning Workshop.
- Lighting retrofits are saving municipalities money!
- Introducing the new and improved EPT!
- Group Buying Program Webinars – Zamboni, Tech Supplies.
- Investments 101 Training now available.
- Careers with Burlington, Cobourg, Kitchener, and Toronto Transit Commission.

**29. AMO Watchfile, Oct 29, 2020 In This Issue –**

- Seeking expressions of interest for 2 municipal staff vacancies on AMO Board.
- Accessible municipal websites.
- Community Net Metering Demonstration Projects.
- Federal Rapid Housing Initiative - Applications open.
- ROMA 2021: Early Bird rates close December 31.
- The "Echo" Pandemic: Supporting employee mental health in wake of COVID-19.
- Coming next week: The all-new EPT!
- Group Buying Program Webinars you'll want to see.
- Investments 101 Training now available.
- Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship.
- Careers with Peterborough Police Services Board and CLASS.

**30. AMO Watchfile, Nov 5, 2020 In This Issue -**

- Accessible municipal websites.
- eSCRIBE's Ontario Made certification.
- Federal Rapid Housing Initiative - Applications open.
- ROMA 2021: Request for delegation meetings is open!
- ROMA 2021: Exhibitor information now available.
- City of Brampton Economic Empowerment and Anti-Black Racism Conference.
- The "Echo" Pandemic: Supporting employee mental health in wake of COVID-19.
- AMO partner webinar: Digital Contract Tracing Solutions.
- LAS Blog: LAS Natural Gas Program price change notice.
- Upcoming Municipal Group Buying Program webinars.
- Investments 101 - Online training.
- Careers.

**31. AMCTO Board of Directors Meeting –** Annual indexing of AMCTO Membership Fees and Program Fee frozen at current rates, 2021 AMCTO conference structure and planning activities. Response to OMERS Board composition and Board Effectiveness Review. Next steps in addressing systemic racism, discriminations and injustice. Executive Director recruitment process.

**32. AMCTO, The Municipal Experts, October 26 2020, In this Issue-**

- **Policy Spotlight**
- **Policy Updates**
- **Bills and Lawmaking**
- **Resources**

Government introduced Bill 218: Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020, provides organizations including municipalities, their officers and staff, with liability protection for acting in good faith following public health guidelines for COVID-19. AMCTO made a Fall pre-budget submission to the Ministry of Finance, promote municipal fiscal sustainability, accelerate digitization of provincial tools and modernization of provincial processes, promote the application of "future-ready", agile lens for legislative and regulatory development and review. Two-year Transition Period for Community Benefits framework begins. COVID-19 Update: Face Coverings and Additional Health Measures.

**33. MPAC, InTouch Oct 28, 2020 –** Hearing from our Municipal Liaison Group. Upcoming webinars: Monitoring the Market & Industry Engagement, Thu, Nov 19, 2020 from 1 to 2 P.M., Tax Applications – Who does what and how MPAC works with your municipality, Wed, Nov 4, 2020 from 1 to 2 P.M. Past webinar: Spotlight on the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program. Moving forward: updates to the PAN and AboutMyProperty. AMO's Cyber Security tool kit. New feature in Municipal Connect.

- 34. Municipal Delegations at ROMA 2021 Conference** – Be advised that the Municipal Delegation Request Form for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association 2021 Annual Conference is available online. Information about delegations and a link to the form are available, the deadline to submit requests is Mon Nov 30, 2020.
- 35. FCM Communique, Oct 22, 2020** – Garth Frizell is a councillor for the City of Prince George, BC, he was elected FCM President in Oct, 2020 Simply put: this is the fight of our time. The choices we make now will reverberate for years to come. I believe in FCM, and I believe in all of you. Let's fight-together and united and let's build a Canada we can all be proud of!
- 36. FCM Communique, Oct 29, 2020** – Register for our new webinar series! In our inaugural edition of Collective: An FCM Webinar Series, we will tackle the complex issue of the future of work – a challenge made all the more complex by the need in 2020 to be more “virtual” than ever before. Join us on Thu, Nov, 5 from 1-2 pm for an in-depth discussion and a chance to ask questions.
- 37. FCM Communique, Oct 26, 2020** – What's next after the 2020 Sustainable Communities Conference. Women in Local Government scholarships-share with your networks! Webinar: Building the right workforce. GMF Compendium Quebec's electric vehicle-sharing system.
- 38. FCM Communique, Nov 2, 2020** – New funding for deeply affordable housing. FCM CEO Carole Saab named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40. New FCM partnership with StatsCan. CMHC Rapid Housing Initiative information session. Webinar: Building a modernized workforce. Canada's first all-hybrid bus fleet in Banff, AB. How prepared is your municipality to communicate during a crisis?
- 39. Rain Rural Agri-Innovation Network** – SNAPP, Sustainable New Agri-Food Products & Productivity Program, open for application from Nov 9, 2020 to Feb 12, 2021. Last call for fall 2020 soil sampling. From Variety Trails to Seed Saving: Lettuce production in the Northeast. Selling Food to Ontario training workshop, Nov 5, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Northern Ontario Virtual Field Day Pastured pigs in a multi-species rotational grazing system, Thu, Nov 5, 2020 7pm – 8:30pm. Cover Crop Grazing 2020 webinar series Nov 10, 17, 24. Virtual Funders Forum, Nov 17 and 24. Fair Finance Fund- monthly loan information sessions. 2020 Virtual Municipal Agriculture, Economic Development and Planning Forum, Nov 18 & 19. Grocery Innovation Canada Show Goes Virtual! Nov 24–26, 2020. Forage Focus: Wrap It Up – Harvest, Storage, and Recycling, Dec 1,2, & 3. Webinar Series, Exploring the Impact of Ontario's Research.

#### **INFORMATION – COVID-19**

- 40. Mayor Bob Burton** – Written to Premier Ford and the Minister of Health requesting a targeted approach on specific sectors that are seeing increased infection rates as an alternative to ordering the full closure of an entire municipality or region as most recently been the case in York Region and its other municipalities. In order for our municipalities to avoid a full shutdown that will unnecessarily damage our local economies, we need to advocate for a targeted approach from the Province by writing to Premier Ford and Health Minister Christine Elliot.
- 41. Town of Oakville, Advocacy Letter to Premier** – Advocating for a targeted approach that is data driven and backed by evidence in order to maintain public support for public health guidelines. A continued use of restrictions on a geographic or blanket basis that arbitrarily shuts down entire sectors without explicit evidence or virus spread will erode buy-in from our residents and unnecessarily harm businesses that have been COVID-19 free by following our rules. It remains unclear to the public which types of activities, businesses or public spaces contributed to the spikes in cases in Ottawa, Toronto, Peel and York regions and what specific factors persuaded the Province to revert them back to a modified Stage 2. Sharing this vital information can help reinforce good behaviours in municipalities that are approaching a negative 7-day trend or that want to maintain their success.
- 42. Service Canada Update** -The Government of Canada began transitioning Canadians back to the Employment Insurance (EI) program on Sep 27, 2020, when some workers began to reach their 28-week maximum of the CERB. Transitioning to the employment insurance (EI) Program and supporting economic recovery.
- 43. Muskoka Algonquin Health Care** – Take it from us and do your part to #stopthespread. Earlier this year collective sacrifices helped flatten the curve of COVID-19. But the growing case count is a warning that our hard-won progress is slipping away. For months now, our health care teams at Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare have been working tirelessly on the front lines to keep our patients and our greater communities safe. With lived experience they see the pandemic through different eyes. Many have come forward to share the everyday practical choices they're making and decisions

they have made personally to protect others from COVID-19. They challenge you to join them in taking the pledge to #StoptheSpread.

**44. Northern Development Division, Canada United Small Business Fund** – The Canada United Small Business Relief Fund will be managed by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to help small Canadian businesses with their recovery efforts as a result of COVID-19. If awarded, a relief grant can be used for any of the following activities:

- Purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks, face shields, and latex gloves.
- Renovating physical space to adhere to local, Provincial or Federal reopening guidelines.
- Developing or improving e-commerce capabilities for your business.

Successful applicants will receive a relief grant of up to \$5,000.

**45. Sudbury East, Nipissing & Parry Sound, Agriculture Development Advisor** – The applications for the Northern Ontario Recovery Program are now available on the NOHFC site, Funding is limited and will be on a first-come basis. This program will be of interest to Northern Ontario Businesses with at least one year of operations as of Mar 17, 2020 and were impacted by the Province of Ontario's Emergency Order that closed non-essential businesses on Mar 24, 2020.

**46. ENDM** – Register now! To learn about the New OTF Community Resilience Fund, link to their program: <https://otf.ca/resilient-communities-fund>. The Resilient Communities Fund is a fund to support the non-profit sector recover and rebuild from the impacts emerging from COVID-19 so they can effectively meet the needs of communities across Ontario, Nov 9 to 27, 2020. Telephone and Virtual Q&A Coaching Clinics, one-on-one coaching, application deadline: Dec 2, 2020, 5 p.m.

### ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

#### Explore South River – Ontario Northland Rail Service Survey

If you have ever enjoyed traveling to Toronto on the train or invited visitors to do the same or would like to host travelers coming to our area by rail, you will be interested in this survey. A strong message from our area could result in restoring train travel from Union Station in Toronto to South River. Deadline is Nov 20, 2020. <https://www.ontario.ca/form/survey-transportation-opportunities-along-rail-corridor-northeastern-ontario?fbclid=IwAR0m-S13a5AfsZJq4wUZUEVbjzX0XcziU2psC32Vv8aBtuYoLIGF4n7fB1U>

#### Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

Under the new COVID stream, \$250 m in combined federal-provincial funding will be dedicated to local governments across the province. Our allocation is \$100,000. The federal government has indicated that investments under this stream are to support public infrastructure, defined as tangible capital assets, including temporary infrastructure related to pandemic response, primarily for public use and/or benefit. According to federal parameters, eligible projects include (see Appendix B for full details):

- **Retrofits, Repairs and Upgrades** for municipal, provincial, territorial and indigenous buildings, health infrastructure and educational infrastructure;
- **COVID-19 Response Infrastructure**, including measures to support physical distancing;
- **Active Transportation Infrastructure**, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths; and
- **Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation**, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, tree planting and related infrastructure.

Municipalities will not be required to cost-share under this stream. The federal government will cover 80% of the total eligible costs associated with any approved project and Ontario will cover 20%, however, total eligible costs for all submitted projects cannot exceed your municipal allocation. The federal timelines of this program require all parties to work together quickly to implement funding. Applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the province based on a rolling intake (i.e. first-come, first-served), but the following deadlines will apply:

- Applications for single projects must be submitted to the province through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system by December 21, 2020;
- Applications for multiple projects must be submitted to the province through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system by January 7, 2021;
- Projects must have started construction by September 30, 2021; and,
- Projects must have completed construction by December 31, 2021; except for remote communities which will have until December 31, 2022 (see below).

Only projects that meet the above criteria, as well as those that will follow in the provincial program guidelines will be considered for nomination by the Province to the federal government. As per federal parameters, remote communities will receive additional time and have until December 31, 2022 to complete project construction. Communities who fall under this definition, as per the Canada-Ontario Integrated Bilateral Agreement, are outlined. **Application materials (i.e. application forms, program guidelines and federal Environmental Assessment/Duty to Consult forms) will become available on the TPON website once the stream has officially launched the week of November 16th.**

Information has just been received. Email received from South River Clerk Administrator proposing; upgrading the Arena and Community Centre with generators, a proper commercial kitchen, and thermal temperature scanners would fit 3 of the 4 categories. He will discuss at South River's meeting tonight. Information package to be distributed to Machar Council by the end of this week for review.

#### **ADJOURN**

#### **167-20 Scarlett, 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, Nov 23, 2020. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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