

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 26, 2018**

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

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

Guests scheduled: Michael Mitchell. Guests observing: Fay Boyd and John Mowat.

Eagle Lake Conservation Assoc President Mike Mitchell; invasive phragmites next year

In 2018 the Phragmites cleanup took place over approx. 3 days and removed almost all of the current locations. The goal in 2019 is to cut all the regrowth as well as the locations not hit previously. Mr. Mitchell plans to look into drowning the plant, as an alternative strategy. Councillor Wood agrees that we will have a better idea of any progress made by the end of June. The ELCA Newsletter will go out this week and Mr. Mitchell would like to confirm the partnership between the TWP and ELCA in controlling the phragmites in Eagle Lake. Council agreed that Councillor Wood is on board. Mr. Mitchell also mentioned blue green algae is a priority for the Association this year.

BUSINESS

1. Nov 13, 2018 minutes, Resolution

214-18 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we adopt minutes of Nov 13, 2018. CARRIED

a. Blue Sky Net Tech Talk Newsletter Oct 2018 Community Broadband + Action Toolkit

Councillor Wood has tried contacting the Bell rep with no results and believes if Admin were to try we may get a response. He will forward the contact information for both Bell and Lakeland. If Lakeland were to expand into our area it would be a significant investment to the TWP, and could become obsolete just as quickly, whereas Bell has had the needed infrastructure in the TWP for decades. Bell plans to open the lines in a select area of South River; the TWP could request they extend the area further.

2. Administration Update Report, Resolution

215-18 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we accept Administration Update of Nov 1, 2018. CARRIED

a. Ministry of Finance letter to AMO – the Province is beginning the fulfillment of its commitment to provide \$40 million in funding over 2 years to municipalities

In 2019, \$40 million will be made to all municipalities on a per household basis at a minimum of \$10,000/per to enable municipalities to proceed with their planned legalization activities. Funds are to be used towards increased enforcement, increases public inquiries, paramedic and fire services and by-law/policy development.

3. Vote by Mail 2018 Municipal Election Report, Resolution

Very informative. Increased voter turnout from 20% in 2003 to 49% in 2006, 46% in 2010, 47% in 2014 and 44% in 2018.

216-18 Flowers, Wood

THAT we accept Vote by Mail 2018 Municipal Election Report of Oct 23, 2018. CARRIED

4. Accessibility Report for 2018 Municipal Election, Resolution

We are barrier free and completely compliant for accessibility requirements.

217-18 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we accept Accessibility Report for 2018 Municipal Election of Oct 23, 2018. CARRIED

5. Insurance Inspection of Township properties for renewal

Council was pleased with the quality of the very thorough report. Councillor McLaren inquired into the source of the present values as compared to the new values. TDC investigated to find present values to be historical with 2% inflation biannually. The new values are a result of the visit by Cowan's inspectors and are reflective of current replacement values according to software.

6. South River Friendly Circle request for electronic message board

Council defers; would like more information on pricing and how the Village of South River feels.

7. Almaguin Highlands Secondary School Girls Varsity Hockey request to sponsor ice time

Approved \$80.00 for an hour of ice time for the Tournament on Nov 28, 2018.

COMMITTEES

8. Machar Public Works minutes of Nov 22, 2018, Resolution

Mayor Carleton advised Councillors Wood and Scarlett of the photo taken With Frank Cowan Company and Kennedy Insurance for the Hometown Program, a total of \$5,500.00 was received for an accessible picnic table at each park, etc. The extending of winter maintenance on East Bay Rd was discussed. Per the Official Plan: An application for development or redevelopment of non-winter maintained road shall require Council approval by By-law to change the designation of the road from "Non-winter Maintained" to "Year Round". Prior to considering changing the level of maintenance of a road, Council shall be satisfied that: a) The road meets the Ministry of Transportation standards; b) the costs for upgrading the road to such a standard are borne by the residents on the road either directly or through local improvements; c) the yearly property assessment generated by the properties on the road shall off-set the costs of providing winter maintenance on the road; and d) the re-designation of the road is appropriate from a planning perspective. A legal opinion will be sought due to the road's history.

218-18 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Nov 22, 2018.

9. South River Machar Fire minutes of Nov 6, 2018, Resolution

Councillor Scarlett offered that Committee was hesitant to proceed with 2019 budget before knowing where 2018 stood, where he repeated the 2018 actual would be covered.

219-18 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions 50-55 as contained in Fire minutes of Nov 6, 2018; adopt the minutes, receive its Income Statement/AP Ledger, Fire Chief's Report, close the meeting adjourn from closed, meet again on Jan 8, 2019... CARRIED

10. South River Machar Culture and Rec minutes of Nov 7, 2018, Resolution

220-18 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we support motions 31-34 as contained in Culture and Rec minutes of Nov 7, 2018; accept the meeting change date, accept the minutes... with amendment, Income Statement/AP Ledger, meet again on Dec 5, 2018... CARRIED

11. South River Machar Arena minutes of Nov 7, 2018, Resolution

Councillor McLaren explained the quotes the Arena Manager is waiting for are for lightly used equipment re: generator and ice pad and he has not heard back on anything available.

221-18 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we support motions 52-56 as contained in Arena minutes of Nov 7, 2018; accept the meeting change date, adopt the minutes... with amendment, receive its Income Statement/AP Ledger, Arena Manager's Report, meet again on Dec 5, 2018... CARRIED

12. Joint Building minutes of Nov 15, 2018, Resolution

222-18 Wood, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Nov 15, 2018.

13. District of Parry Sound Munic Assoc reply from Assoc of Munic of ON on governance review

AMO's letter to members re: regional governance review was to make sure all municipalities understood the restructuring of Toronto council without a consultation process was a unique situation and it would not be used elsewhere. AMO will not get involved in specific local issues.

INFORMATION

14. Township of Machar – Resolution requests that natural gas be made available to homes in rural areas

223-18 Wood, Flowers

WHEREAS natural gas is more efficient choice to heat homes,
WHEREAS the TransCanada Pipeline transports natural gas,
WHEREAS natural gas is available to homes in urban areas,
WHEREAS natural gas is not usually available in rural areas,
WHEREAS the TransCanada Pipeline runs through many Ontario municipalities,
WHEREAS most of these municipalities are located in rural areas,
NOW THEREFORE WE REQUEST THAT natural gas be made available to homes in rural areas.
CARRIED

15. Township of McKellar – Resolution 2018-317 Government Of Ontario & AMO – Governance Models

224-18 Wood, McLaren

THAT we support Township of McKellar Resolution 18-317 whereas the goals for a Governance Review may not be the same for the Town of Parry Sound as they are for other municipalities in the District of Parry Sound, and requesting that discussions determine the desires of each municipality in regard to governance models and respect the opinions of each municipality in regards to any review of the local governance model. CARRIED

16. Great North Arrow – Great North Arrow Newspaper is back effective Jan 1, 2019, newspaper will be available in print in local stores; also offer an easy read, online version by subscription moving forward

17. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce – 2018 Annual General Meeting on Tue, Nov 27, 2018 – Agenda and Proxy Form

18. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Rebuilding a Culture of Active School Travel in NBay, new 2 year project designed to encourage students to walk and wheel to school, supported through a \$100,000 grant from Ontario Active School Travel, a Green Communities Canada program that is made possible thanks to a 3 year \$3.5 million transfer payment from Ontario, for more information on the program www.ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca

19. Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario – Initial Information for Ontario Municipalities about Cannabis Retail Store Licensing; The government of Ontario has announced the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario as the regulator for privately run recreational cannabis retail stores; The AGCO may issue a Cannabis Retail Store Authorization to an applicant unless the Registrar finds it is not in the public interest, as defined by Ontario Regulation 468/18 made

under the Cannabis Licence Act, 2018; Once a complete application is received the applicant will be notified, that they have 24 hours to post a placard at the location of the proposed retail store location be posted for 15 calendar days; applications that are placarded searchable on the AGCO's website; written submissions regarding how a Retail Store Authorization is not in the public interest, can only be made to the Registrar by: A resident of the municipality in which the proposed store is located; The municipality representing the area in which the proposed store is located

- 20. AMO Communications** – AMO Policy Up-date – Queen's Park this week; Province Changes Property Tax Treatment of Royal Canadian Legion Facilities, exempt from property tax starting in 2019; Provincial Government Consultation on a New Climate Change Strategy for Ontario, consulting on Ontario residents' priorities for a new climate change action strategy, deadline is Nov 16, AMO has prepared a general discussion paper, Upcoming Provincial Activities of Note...
- 21. AMO Communications** – AMO Policy Update – Cannabis Retail Regulations Released; proposed store location approvals for individual retail sites will come after councils have made decisions by January 22, 2019, if a council does not opt out, retail cannabis sales are allowed; Council and staff should recall that opting out of allowing cannabis retail in their communities will affect funding for the transition to recreational cannabis from the Ontario government and sharing in any surplus cannabis revenues over \$100 million
- 22. AMO Communications** – AMO Policy Update – Provincial Government Releases Fall Economic Statement; Items of particular not to municipal governments include: firefighters double-hatter protection; reform collective bargaining arbitration between municipalities and firefighting associations to make it more transparent, efficient and accountable; provincial transfer payments to municipalities, "the government is committed to driving greater efficiencies and value for money; municipal authority to determine rules regarding the consumption of cannabis and the provincial government intends to grant this authority; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will launch a Housing Supply Action Plan in the spring 2019; rural and northern areas will welcome the commitment to expand access to natural gas and broadband committed to addressing delays with the Ring of Fire and "helping Northern towns and Indigenous communities share in the benefits of resource development from mining, forestry and aggregates; references to the potential consolidation of electricity distribution
- 23. AMO Communications** – AMO Policy Update – Welcome Fire News double hatter firefighters rebalance fire arbitration in several ways
- 24. AMO Communications** – OMERS Comprehensive Plan Review Update passed two of the six measures put forward through the CPR initiative: 1) eliminating the current 35 yrs cap for credited service; and 2) to allow paramedics to negotiate NRA 60 participation, these plan changes will become effective after January 1, 2021
- 25. AMO Communications** – Draft Template Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement, yesterday's funding (OCLIF) Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund information from Ministry of Finance, provincial regulatory framework (opting out, school buffers), AGCO licensing regime, 15 day commenting period, municipal Council doesn't opt out by Jan 22 you are opted in by default, those that are thinking about a wait and see approach after Jan 22 (eg opt out now with thought to opt in after Jan 22) there are serious funding consequences
- 26. AMO Watchfile Nov 8, 2018 In This Issue**
 - Digital Signatures Town Hall webinar.
 - What makes a good leader?
 - As a member of council what you need to know!
 - Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics.
 - Communications 101 for Elected Officials.
 - Countdown to conference has begun.
 - Showcase at the AMO Conference - August 2019.
 - LAS Blog: Electricity program pricing details for 2019.
 - Ontario Active School Fund open to applications.
 - Career with AMO.
- 27. AMO Watchfile Nov 15, 2018 In This Issue**
 - Sign up for AMO's Municipal-Indigenous Relations 201 Webinar.
 - ROMA Municipal Delegation site is now available.
 - Investments Basics in Milton.
 - As a member of Council what you need to know!
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- LAS Blog: The Basics of the LAS Electricity Program.
- Canadian Rural Innovation Summit - November 19 & 20.
- Careers with AMO, Durham Region and Clarence-Rockland.

28. AMO Watchfile Nov 22, 2018 In This Issue

- Sign up for AMO's Municipal-Indigenous Relations 201 webinar.
- AGCO Offers Cannabis Retail Regulation and Licensing webinars.
- As a member of Council what you need to know!
- Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics.
- Communications 101 for Elected Officials.
- Countdown to Conference has begun.
- Showcase at the AMO Conference - August 2019.
- Demystifying PPNs.
- Tools for your 5 year Energy Plan.
- LAS Blog: Procuring for Energy Efficiency.
- ONE Investment HISA holiday closure.
- Careers with AMO, Waterloo Region and King Township.

29. AMO Communications – 2019 AMO AGM and Annual Conference will be held in Ottawa from August 18-21, 2019; AMO has negotiated Conference rates at eight hotels, details can be found at <http://www.amo.on.ca/Events/AMOCConference/Hotels>

30. ROMA Communications – 2019 ROMA AGM & Annual Conference; Conference Registration, January 27-29, 2019 early bird ends at 4:00pm November 15

31. ROMA - ROMA Conference Delegations; 2019 ROMA Annual Conference January 27-29, 2019, request form now available online, deadline December 10, 2018

32. Prime Minister's Award – 2018 Prime Minister's Awards Recipient Best Practices videos now available for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM, Excellence in Early Childhood Education; Nominate an outstanding Teacher or Early Childhood Educator for a 2019 Prime Minister's Award

33. Municipal World Canada's Municipal Magazine – Economic take on solid waste; Change, The Message, Protect the environment; Unesco biosphere reserves; Canada's Mayors speak; The gravitational pull of big cities; 10 Tips to prepare your municipality for emergency communications; Zoning for rental tenure; Rental housing licencing By-Laws; Assessing the costs of unemployment; How to be smart (er) in mid-sized cities;

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Mayor Carleton attended the "Municipal Leadership Essentials" seminar in North Bay on Nov 17, 2018. The subject of the Integrity Commissioner brought up changes coming into effect in March 2019 re: disclosure of pecuniary interest and submitting it in writing to protect both parties. Councillors plan to go to "As A Member Of Council What You Need To Know" seminar in North Bay on March 8, 2019.

ADJOURN

225-18 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Inaugural meeting scheduled for Mon, Dec 3, 2018 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

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