

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, November 28, 2022**

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

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Neil Scarlett and Pearl Ivens. Councillor Blair Flowers was absent with notice. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Scarlett. Guest scheduled: Kathy Schoenberger.

**GUESTS**

**6:30 pm Kathy Schoenberger re Machar-South River Amazing Race**

Plans are well underway for the Machar-South River Amazing Race to be held on Sat, Jan 7, 2023 from 10 am to 1 pm. This is a free family friendly event, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual after starting last year during the Christmas break. Each team will need to provide their own transportation with a fully licensed driver (1 vehicle per team minimum of 2 people to a maximum of 6), must follow the rules of the road, no speeding, and respect the establishments/venues holding the challenges. The start of the race has been confirmed for the South River Machar Community Centre (Arena). Several venues/establishments have been confirmed. Prize sponsorship discussed and approved; Township merchandise and \$100 donation.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Nov 14, and Nov 15, 2022 minutes, Resolution**

**177-22 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we adopt Nov 14, 2022 and Nov 15, 2022 minutes. CARRIED

**2. By-Law for Development Agreement 5-170, Resolution**

Re-activated per owner request, Minor Variance Condition Agreement required per decision. Signed agreement and payment as indicated forthcoming to register agreement on title as required.

**178-22 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to By-Law No. 21-22 to authorize the entering into of a Development Agreement 5-170. CARRIED

**3. Explore South River Grant in Aid Request, Resolution**

In 2022-2025 PARC Association requests funding support for the Explore South River Project. This is a request to ensure the project can continue to provide visitors and residents of South River area with a positive, inclusive representation of the vitality of our community. The project supports the visitor economy as well as arts, recreation, culture, entertainment, learning revealing our community vitality to residents, businesses and associations and visitors. To complete the necessary updates to the app, PARC has applied for an AMP grant from ACED. Case Study and Financials also provided. Council and the Clerk Administrator are very aware of the great work that Explore South River does in our community and happy to support the project promoting economic development.

**179-22 Ivens, Scarlett**

THAT we approve grant in aid request to the PARC Association for the Explore South River Project in the amount of \$4,000 over a 4 year period. CARRIED

**4. AMO Policy Update – AMO Submission on Bill 23, Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022 Introduced – Expanding Strong Mayor Tools**

**a. Township of Puslinch Resolution, 9.3.3 Report Bill 23 Proposed Changes, Mill Creek Seward's Comments on Bill 23 Building Homes Faster Action Plan**

- b. Ontario Urban Forest Council Response to proposed Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act
- c. AMCTO The Municipal Experts, Advocacy Update, Province Provides Fall Financial Update, introduced Bill 36, Progress on the Plan to Build Act (Budget Measures)
- d. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark congratulations on your success in recent municipal elections, Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act
- e. AMCTO Advocacy Update, Response to Recent Legislation; Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act 2022, Province introduces Bill 39, Better Municipal Governance Act 2022
- f. Municipality of Lambton Shores Resolution, Letter to the Province outlining concerns
- g. City of Mississauga Resolution recommendations/comments on Bill 23, in particular the City be made whole for any revenue losses from the changes to the imposition of development changes and parkland dedication

Reviewed. Concern again expressed with the appropriateness of additional development in some zones as well as requirements around parkland dedication use. Clerk Administrator reported the news tonight advising Bill 23 passed today by the Ford Government.

#### **5. Budget Report, Administration Update, Resolution**

Reviewed. Budget Report reflects Revenues at 81% and Expenditures at 71% to Oct 31, 2022. OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund) provided for 2023. Administration Report reflects 21 tax accounts flagged for action, Interim Audit completed, Final Audit scheduled, additional Councillor training confirmed, Strategic Plan discussed with independent third party and deemed not required, upcoming future priorities: Asset Management update, Office addition, and website.

#### **180-22 Ivens, McLaren**

THAT we accept Budget Report to Oct 31, 2022 and Administration Update of Nov 7, 2022. CARRIED

### **COMMITTEES**

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

Items provided: Arena Manager Report for Oct, Arena Income Statement to Oct 31 (Revenues at 62% and Expenses at 83%), AP Ledger for Oct, Fire Chief's Report Nov, Fire Income Statement to Oct 31 (Revenues at 66% and Expenses at 57%) > Response Revenue is over budget \$35,822 compared to \$12,500 and Fire Reserves taken into revenue \$75,000 not entered yet, and AP Ledger for Oct.

#### **7. Machar Public Works minutes of Nov 17, 2022, Resolution**

Staff matters should be discussed at HR, edit to minutes noted on page 3, update provided on septic pumping inquiry as part of new lot requirements. Requiring a letter from a septic haulage company is the only way to address the policy in the Official Plan criteria to be evaluated for a consent application. This is a common item that is required in most municipalities when someone is creating a new lot. The Township requires some type of documentation that confirms at the time of the application, that there is disposal capacity for hauled sewage. Administration will advise company.

#### **181-22 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Nov 17, 2022, and planner response on New Lots by Consent General Criteria C2.17.2.1 k). CARRIED

#### **8. Machar Recreation, Christmas at the Coughlin's request**

Reviewed. Christmas at the Coughlin's scheduled for Sat, Dec 17, 2022 from 5-9 pm features horse drawn sleigh rides, homemade baked goods and hot beverages, light display, visit with Santa, farm animals, bonfire and music. It's free to attend with donations welcome. Township will supply some sand, organizer has confirmed Fire Dept to assist with traffic and safety. Donation approved \$300.

#### **9. Machar Emergency Management minutes of Nov 10, 2022, Resolution**

Annual Committee meeting and Annual training exercise completed for compliance requirements.

**182-22 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we accept Emergency Management minutes of Nov 10, 2022. CARRIED

**10. South River Machar Library minutes of Nov 9, 2022, Resolution**

Reviewed, safety procedure discussed, Librarian has resigned, last day is Nov 29, ad closes Nov 30.

**183-22 Ivens, Scarlett**

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Nov 9, 2022. CARRIED

**11. POA (Provincial Offences Act) minutes of May 26, 2022, Court Manager's Report Q3, Summary of Operations (POA Charges Received and Entered, Ticket Processing), Resolution**

Reviewed. With most of the backlog cleared as of Nov 1, 2022, POA will resume collection efforts.

**184-22 Ivens, McLaren**

THAT we acknowledge POA minutes of May 26, 2022. CARRIED

**12. FONOM (Federation of N ON Municipalities) Letters to Councils; welcome new Council**

**13. FONOM welcomes new Highway Safety Standard; applauding the provincial government's recent announcement that bare pavement on Northern highways will now be required within 12 hours of a winter storm, having highways 17 and 11 cleared quicker after the minimal standard is reached is important for road safety, FONOM will continue to work with the Ministry on matters**

**14. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin, CAO Report Nov 2022 AVAILABLE**

**INFORMATION**

**15. Municipality of East Ferris Resolution**, Looking for support to address the child care workforce shortage in Ontario by immediately increasing the \$18/hr min wage and providing benefits to RECE's in licensed child care centres to an equitable level to which is paid to RECE's employed by school boards

**16. Municipality of Huron Shores Resolution**, Requests that the Government of Ontario provide funding and change legislation to allow the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) to implement the following changes: Exempting Individualized Educations Plan's from the regulatory requirement to have Canadian experience (re-do residency) when all other requirements are met, and Implement Practice Ready Assessment programs similar to those already used in 7 other provinces

**17. Association of Ontario Land Surveyors**, Municipal Actions to Protect Survey Monuments

**18. AMO Watchfile Nov 10, 2022 In This Issue**

- Call for nominations to the ROMA Board of Directors
- Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations
- Enabling Change Funding applications now open
- Update on IESO E-LT1 RFP procurement
- ROMA 2023: Breaking New Ground: Program announcement
- ROMA 2023: registration now open
- ROMA 2023: Request ministerial delegation meetings
- AMO's iconic New Head of Council Training & New Councillor Training is back
- AMO's customized councillor training
- AMO has your training needs covered
- Webinar: A Risk & Claims Management System for municipalities
- Cloudpermit webinar: An Electronic Permitting System for Municipalities
- LAS presenting at speed enforcement event
- Canoe vendor spotlight: NIU Toilet
- Fixed Income in a Rising Interest Rate Environment – ONE Investment webinar
- Register now – Rural transit workshops
- Careers: Orillia, Loyalist, MOT, OMAA and Toronto

**19. AMO Watchfile Nov 17, 2022 In This Issue**

- 2022 Municipal Elections – post election analysis
- Call for nominations to the ROMA Board of Directors
- Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations

- Enabling Change Funding application now open
  - Don't miss ROMA Conference Keynote Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon
  - Upcoming deadlines for ROMA 2023 Conference
  - AMO's iconic New Head of Council Training & New Councillor Training is back
  - AMO has your training needs covered
  - Webinar: A Risk & Claims Management System for municipalities
  - Cloudpermit webinar: An Electronic Permitting System for Municipalities
  - Canoe Vendor Spotlight: Gtechna
  - Careers: Kingston, MOT, ADSAB, Kitchener, Lambton County and Simcoe County
- 20. Enbridge Gas**, On Nov 14 Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued the Notice of Application along with the Letter of Direction for the proceeding. Interested parties can apply to the OEB for Intervenor Status in this proceeding by Dec 2
- 21. Ontario Land Tribunal**, Ontario Land In Person Hearings Survey for Municipalities to complete and return by Nov 30
- 22. Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO)**, Lifeline: The need for cemeteries to modernize, COVID prep, New Hazardous Waste Program, Death notifications
- 23. Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)**, ROMA Conference Program Announcements
- 24. ROMA**, Important Deadlines for ROMA Conference
- 25. ROMA Insider**, ROMA 2023 and Board Elections
- 26. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Region Not Immune to Increase in Flu-like and Respiratory Illness Hospital Visits**, The N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit region is experiencing double the number of emergency department visits for flu-like and respiratory illnesses, compared to the previous 3 year average.
- 27. Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO)**, Extension of Hours for Ontario Liquor Sales Licensees During FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022
- 28. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC), News Release, MAHC Planning for Two New Hospitals Moves to Next Stage**, With provincial government support for two new hospitals, MAHC is commencing the next stage of the Ministry of Health's capital planning process for hospitals

#### INFORMATION – COVID 19

- 29. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, COVID-19 Vaccine and Flu Shot Opportunities This Week**, Mattawa Nov 14,16, Parry Sound Nov 19, N Bay Nov 15,17,21, Sundridge Nov 18
- 30. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, COVID-19 Vaccine and Flu Shot Opportunities This Week**, Parry Sound Nov 24,26, Mattawa Nov 28, N Bay Nov 21, Sturgeon Falls Nov 23
- 31. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) News Release, SMMH Managing COVID-19 Outbreak on Medical/Surgical Beds**, a COVID outbreak has been declared at the SMMH Site, impacting four inpatient rooms in the Medical/Surgical unit
- 32. MAHC News Release, COVID19 Outbreak at SMMH Confirmed Over**, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has confirmed a COVID outbreak within four inpatient rooms on the Medical/Surgical unit at the SMMH Site is now over, there are currently no units in outbreak at either of MAHC's sites

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

#### CLOSED SESSION

**185-22 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, labour relations or employee negotiations. Time 7:53 pm. CARRIED

**186-22 Ivens, Scarlett**

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:47 pm. CARRIED

#### ADJOURN

**187-22 Scarlett, Ivens**

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, Dec 12, 2022. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT