

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 2021

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; Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney. Guest scheduled Reanda Doornik. Guests observing: Pearl Ivens, Marv Nolan and John Mowat. All guests attending by teleconference due to Covid-19 pandemic protocols.

Almaguin Adult Learning Centre

Lead Instructor Reanda Doornik attended to share what their agency has experienced throughout Covid 19, how they're moving forward and what our support for their programs has meant to our communities. Their centres remain open by appointment, their experience with remote learning has shown them that they can provide remote services successfully, particularly to those who would struggle to attend their centres in person due to transportation, family or time constraints. Their calendar of events and posters are posted in our office. Info at www.almaguinadultlearning.org

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Sep 13, 2021 minutes, Resolution

154-21 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we adopt Sep 27, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

2. Application for Consent 4-005, Resolution

Reviewed and discussed in the context of seasonal road and proposed lot layout. Travelled road is to be surveyed and conveyed to the Township. Council requested the road be surveyed at 66'.

155-21 McLaren, Wood

THAT we support Consent Application File No. 4-005 as submitted for the creation of 2 new lots on Machar Strong Boundary Rd at Lot 22, Con 1 subject to the following:

- a) That confirmation from a licensed Sewage Disposal be provided to the Township that demonstrates the ability to accommodate hauled sewage from the 2 additional lots,
- b) That the standard conditions of provisional Consent be included in the decision as follows: the Township requires a copy of the decision, 3 copies of the registered survey, and a Cash-in-Lieu or Parkland payment in the amount of \$1,500 + HST per lot created = \$3,390. CARRIED

3. Infrastructure Ontario Broadband Auction Concerns, Resolution

Information reviewed from Lakeland Networks and Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation appreciating the Provincial Government's investment of \$4B to provide fast internet service across all of Ontario by the end of 2025, but there are concerns with how the program is being rolled out. Many Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will not be participating in the auction negating excellent local ISPs from providing exceptional service. While we're grateful to both the Federal and Provincial Governments for such a significant funding opportunity to level the Broadband playing field, the rules have to be fair and equitable, Northern Ontario doesn't deserve less.

156-21 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we support Lakeland Networks and Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation comments regarding Infrastructure Ontario's Accelerated High Speed Internet Program and ask that Infrastructure Ontario take more time in understanding the internet landscape across Ontario by meeting with local ISPs so that the best internet solution for all Ontarians can be obtained. CARRIED

4. Ontario Provincial Police 2022 Billing Statement, Calls for Service Details

Reviewed. Package contains 2020 cost reconciliation; \$433 CR. Grand Total Billing for 2022 is \$219,376 compared to 2021 \$222,323 = down \$2,947 or 1.3%. The Clerk Administrator pointed out Calls for Service Counts 2017 to 2020, with 2019-2020 comparably noticeable to Covid-19 pressures.

5. Pay List by Fund for Sep, Resolution

157-21 Wood, McLaren

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of 2021 Sep 30: \$648,721.52 Grand Total. CARRIED

Gate service call noted and inquired whether it's working, follow up with Landfill WMC required.

COMMITTEES

6. Shared Services; Arena Deficit 2021 forecasted \$30-70,000

South River has advised lack of revenue will leave a sizeable deficit despite the reduction in expenses and layoffs, anticipating a shortfall of approximately \$50,000 (\$33,350 Village and \$16,650 Township). Depending on how Covid-19 impacts user groups for the remaining of 2021, it may be as low as \$30,000 or as high as \$70,000 with another full lockdown. Discussion ensued. The Township asked for cost reductions during budget starting in Jan and the Village had a plan to voluntarily reduce staff further as necessary beginning May 15. It was noted that the Township has no contractual obligation to pay any over budget amount. The Village broke the cost sharing agreements and didn't sign either of the 2 new agreements provided by the Township. The Township passed Resolution 135-21 to resolve the matter and provided it to the Village. The Resolution provides our agreement to cost sharing, otherwise there'd be nothing in place. The Resolution indicates we'll pay up to annual budget amounts approved. Village to be advised.

Further to inquiry at our last meeting, Fire Dept purchase in question is reimbursed by Assoc.

7. Machar By-law Enforcement; set fines to regulate fireworks approved \$300 per offences 1-4

Fines approved \$300 each for offences as follows: Discharge fireworks outside of prescribed time, Discharge fireworks in prohibited area, Set off Flying Lantern, Discharge fireworks during fire ban.

8. South River Machar Medical minutes of Sep 21, 2021, Resolution

Various items discussed with respect to tenancies in the building, and funding for elevator.

158-21 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes as follows: adopt the minutes, approve Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, adjourned until Oct 19, 2021... CARRIED

9. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Sep 15, 2021, Resolution

Remains busy, policy for applications from unorganized Townships to include a planning opinion.

159-21 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Sep 15, 2021. CARRIED

10. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Sep 2021, Resolution

160-21 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we accept Building Permit summaries for Sep 2021. CARRIED

11. FONOM Resolution Consolidation of Agencies to address the Opioid, Mental Health and Addiction Crisis, streamlined agency would be able to put the combined funds to better use

INFORMATION

- 12. Town of Kingsville Resolution** – Requests that the Provincial government recognize the value that access to quality eye care brings to all Ontarians and act now to protect it and that the Provincial government address the OHIP-insured eye care immediately and enter into legally-binding negotiations with Ontario Optometrist to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery, prior to any action taking place.
- 13. Municipality of Shuniah Resolution** – Council supports the resolution from the Town of Petrolia regarding the motion to support the 988 suicide and crisis hotline.
- 14. Municipality of Shuniah Resolution** – Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding the motion to support affordable Internet.
- 15. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Four Receive 2021 Board Award of Excellence** – The winners of the 2021 Board Award of Excellence are:
- Amy Gargal, District Stroke Coordinator
 - Karen Loates, Imaging Receptionist
 - Dr. Melanie Mar, Chief of Family Medicine – HDMH Site
 - Sarah Teutloff, Pharmacy Technician
- 16. North Bay Parry Sound District News Release, See the Person, Be Kind, Everyone Has a Story, Take Action on Stigma and Homelessness** – NDHHP has launched a homelessness anti-stigma campaign called See the Person. The campaign promotes kindness toward people without a place to call home and encourages community members to learn more about housing and homelessness in their community. NDHHP is a collective of local organizations that work to reduce, address, and prevent homelessness in the Nipissing District.
- 17. AMCTO, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation** – On the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation it is important for us to come together as a sector and take time to reflect on how we can do better to stand up for our Indigenous communities.
- 18. AMCTO, Advocacy Update: Municipal and School Board Election Day 2022** – In an effort to find and interim “non-legislative” solution to the problem and to support existing local efforts, we have also sent a letter to school boards across the province formally requesting that school boards schedule a PD Day on Municipal election Day – Oct 24, 2022.
- 19. AMO Communications, Join Us for Dress Purple Day 2021 on Oct 27!** – Every Oct, Children’s Aid Societies across Ontario raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincial Dress Purple Day campaign. Join on Oct 27, 2021! How to get involved:
- Make a video using the video toolkit and sample script telling constituents on how you and your municipality support the children, youth and families in your communities.
 - Participate on social media throughout Oct.
 - Dress purple on Oct 27 and share your photo on social media.
 - Visit the OACAS’s Dress Purple Day webpage for more information about the campaign and other ways you can participate.
- 20. AMO Communications, WatchFile, Sep 29, 2021, In This Issue** –
- Report out on Sep 24, 2021 AMO Board meeting.
 - Distributed Energy Resources discussion paper now posted.
 - AMO’s participation in the provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment.
 - Municipal Modernization Program open for applications.
 - Municipal Cyber Security Forum.
 - Accessibility and year-end deadlines.
 - Risk Management Symposium; Register now.
 - Spaces remain for in demand Human Rights & Navigating Conflict Relations training.
 - Free asset management on-demand webinar series.
 - Energy reporting deadline extended to Oct 15.
 - Canoe procurement webinar: Supply chain update.
 - A canoe launch event is coming!
 - Blog: A walk Down Environmental Lane.
 - One Investment podcast: Fixed Income Investing & Changing Interest Rates.
 - Careers: City of Guelph.
- 21. NDMNRF, Skills Development Fund Now Accepting Applications!** – The Skills Development Fund offered funding to organization for innovative projects that address challenges to hiring, training or retraining workers, including apprentices, during the pandemic. The following organizations are eligible to apply to the Skills Development Fund:
- Employers with a presence in Ontario.
 - Apprenticeship training delivery agents (TDAs), other than those listed below as co-applicants.

- Non-profit organizations with a physical presence in Ontario, including Indigenous Band Offices and Indigenous Skills and Employment Training agreement holders.
 - Professional/industry/employer/sector associations.
 - Trade unions/union affiliated organizations.
 - Municipalities, District Social Services Administration Boards, Consolidated Municipal Services Managers, hospitals. Application are now open – funding proposals will be accepted until Mar 31, 2022.
- 22. NDMNRF, New Intake of CAP Now Open for Improving Productivity and Labour** – Starting today, applications will be accepted under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership), to support projects that will help the food and beverage manufacturing industry improve labour and production efficiency, and waste reduction. Funding is available to agri-food businesses that are ready to implement advanced manufacturing technology. Applications will be accepted from Sep 29, 2021 until Oct 20, 2021. OMAFRA website: <http://www.omsfra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/index/ghtm>.
- 23. NDMNRF, Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative (OAFRI) Is Now Accepting Proposals** – The deadline to submit application is Oct 29, 2021. To be eligible for funding, the lead applicant must:
- Be located in Ontario
 - Demonstrate capacity to perform quality research activities
 - Be part of one of the following:
 - A university or college
 - A research organization, institution, or foundation
 - An industry organization or business
 - A non-government organization
 - A Municipal or Indigenous government or government agency.
- 24. Canadian Agricultural Partnership, Canadian Agricultural Partnership Funding for Processors & Other Businesses, Stage 2** – Submit application between Sep 29 & Oct 20, 2021. Type of Project:
- Technology and Equipment to Improve Productivity.
Funding available:
 - 35 per cent up to \$100,000 to adopt advanced manufacturing technology.
Who is eligible:
 - Processors manufacturing in a facility with 199 employees or less.
Program guidelines: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/processorguidelines.htm>.
- 25. FCM Communique, President’s Corner: Federal election 2021: Next Steps** – FCM proposed frontline solutions that reflect what they heard from you – their members – as well as critical dialogue they’ve been having with key federal decision-makers. FCM is pleased to say that their message was heard, and that their extensive engagement helped drive some solid commitments. They saw every major party make affordable housing a priority. They saw specific commitments on mitigation and climate resilience. They saw a pledge to achieve universal broadband faster, and one to permanently double the Canada Community-Building Fund.
- 26. FCM Communique, FCM Voice: FCM’s Board Examines Next Steps, Next Support for Women Leaders, We Are Launching CEDI Phase 3** – FCM’s nation Board of Directors met virtually last week, on the heels of Mon’s federal election. Board members discussed how FCM can work with every federal party to secure swift action on their frontline’s solutions – and to build on the significant gains they’ve already made. Minority governments bring new opportunities for collaboration. Through FCM, municipalities will continue to be key partners in driving a strong and inclusive recovery.
- News:
- Introducing new support for women leaders.
 - Launching CEDI Phase 3!
- Events:
- Webinar: circular economy measurement and monitoring in cities and regions.
 - Attend GMF’s free webinar: recommissioning local buildings.
 - Learn at your own pace with GMF’s energy e-learning series.
 - Plan your schedule for the Sustainable Communities Conference, join at this year’s SCC, Oct 19 – 21.
 - Reduce your GHG emissions and carbon footprint.
- 27. FCM Voice, FCM’s Municipal Marketplace, Take the FCM-RAC Survey, Women’s History Month** – FCM is excited to announce the launch of the FCM Municipal Marketplace, a resource where you can find inspiring innovation and leading-edge solutions for your municipal challenges. The Railway Proximity Guidelines were established in 2003 to build common approach for the prevention and resolving of issues that arise when people live and work near railway operations, they will be reaching out to communities across the country to gather important data that will highlight areas they need to emphasize as they prepare to update the Guidelines by 2023. The 2021 Sustainable Communities Conference is Canada’s leading sustainability conference for municipal leaders and

practitioners. From Oct 19-21, you'll be able to participate in various training sessions being offered. Oct 19-21 from 1:00 to 2:50, learn about natural asset management in Canada. Attend GMF's free webinar: recommissioning local buildings, Oct 5 at 1:30 pm to learn how to improve air quality for safer reopening while also making your local recreation facilities more energy efficient through building recommissioning (EBCx). Roadmap to connectivity: a community guide to high speed internet. FCM, in partnership with Telesat, published Roadmap to Connectivity: A guide to connecting your community to high-speed, reliable Internet. New: over 100 asset management resources. Check out the new Asset Management Resource Library, you'll find over 100 resource covering relevant topics such as:

- Asset management planning;
- Community engagement;
- Financial planning;
- And more.

Applications now open for community greening projects!

- 28. FCM, Plan your schedule for the Sustainable Communities Conference** – Canada's leading environmental conference for municipal leaders and practitioners. You'll learn the importance of natural infrastructure and its role in protecting municipalities from the effects of climate change, creating economic opportunities, and improving quality of life. Join virtually Oct 19-21, 2021.
- 29. FONOM, FONOM's Learn Morning Series** – The next FONOM's Learning Morning will be held on Wed, Nov 10, 2021; the Session times and lessons:
- Ryse Solutions – 8:30 am
 - Local Authority Services (LAS) – 9:05 am
 - Tourism Industry Association of Ontario – 9:40 am
 - Mentor Works – 10:20 am
 - Guarantee Funeral Deposits – 10:55 am
- 30. Explorers Edge, Regional tourism Update: Sep 2021** – To help regional tourism businesses attract employees and to fill immediate gaps in the labour market, RTO12 has created a Job Bank that will be promoted through social media content marketing to hyper local, domestic and scholastic target markets. Operator Development Session Wed, Oct 20, 2021 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. RTO12 Partnership Program, the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries has allocated specific funds for the RTO to partner with tourism stakeholders on projects that align with the strategies and objectives identified in the ROT's annual Business & Operational Plan (BOP). Outreach Efforts Recognized, Explorers' Edge is honoured to have been unanimously selected by the faculty of the Ted Rogers School of Hospitality & Tourism Management to be the recipient of the 2021 HTM Industry Award. Regenerative Strategy Update, in an effort to inform its new regenerative strategy, Explorers' Edge has accepted an invitation from the Muskoka Watershed Council (MWC) to join the prominent environmental sustainability organization as a new member. Social Media Safety Recommendation, an increasing number of Facebook business pages are being taken over by hackers. The challenges to regaining control of your page once this has happened are significant. To avoid this stressful occurrence, be sure to implement the "two-factor identification" feature. Consumer Marketing Update, RTO12 will now target hyperlocal, domestic and international visitors using its successful "Great Canadian Wilderness just north of Toronto" (GCW) brand. Ontario releasing guidance to support proof of vaccination policy, requiring proof of vaccination will help increase vaccination rates, protect individuals in higher-risk indoor settings, and keep businesses open. Ontario Tourism Summit 2021, Join on Oct 26 & 27.
- 31. MPAC, InTouch, Sep 2021** – Optional small business subclass report now available, the report was developed by a working group brought together to discuss local policy objectives and share timely feedback and guidance on if and how to design local programs. Upcoming webinar: Appeals Update – Thu, Oct 7 from 1 to 2 pm.
- 32. Ontario Heritage trust, Supporting Indigenous Youth with The Ontario Heritage Trust** – As we head into fall, they appeal to your generosity to make a gift to the Ontario Heritage Trust. Faced with the challenges of the pandemic, lockdowns, masks and social distancing their innovative team has reinvented their programs to serve communities better. Your support enables them to carry out a vast range of programs and services that have a positive impact in our diverse communities now and for generations to come.
- 33. BAO, Bereavement of Authority of Ontario, Notice: BAO Recommend Price List Templates to Support Operators and Enhance Transparency for Consumers** – The BAO is providing a set of six price list templates as a useful option for your consideration. The six templates (in MSWord files) are in these categories:
1. Sample Price List for Funeral Establishment Operator – Class 1.
 2. Sample Price List for Transfer Service Operator – Class 1.
 3. Sample Price List for Transfer Service Operator – Class 2.
 4. Sample Price List for Cemetery Operator and Crematorium Operator.
 5. Sample Price List for Crematorium Operator.

6. Sample Price List for Alternative disposition (Hydrolysis) Operator.
The BAO templates are a useful tool option for operators to help provide grieving families with a more effective means to compare prices of service and products.

161-21 Carleton, Wood

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INFORMATION – COVID-19

- 34. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Public Health Officials Across Northern Ontario Increase COVID-19 Protection for All Users of Indoor Sporting Facilities** – Activities related to organized sports have the potential to increase COVID-19 transmissions. Specifically, close contact, heavy breathing, long exposure times, crowded indoor spaces, and masks removed during physical activity, all contribute to increased risk of COVID-19 transmission. Requiring more groups to be protected with COVID-19 vaccinations will help reduce this risk while maintaining opportunities for sport. Northern Ontario Medical Officers of Health advise that we are currently in the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the highly transmissible Delta variant the dominant strain causing COVID-19 cases.
- 35. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Mobile and Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be Held Sep 27 to Oct 3** – To stay up to date with upcoming clinics, visit www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated.
- 36. North Bay Parry Sound Public Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Mobile and Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be Held Oct 5 to Oct 8** – To stay up to date with the upcoming clinics, visit www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated.
- 37. North Bay Parry Sound Public Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Consider the Risk as You Plan for Thanksgiving** – The fourth wave is upon us, and although the Health Unit has experienced low case numbers, it is important that we continue to keep them low.
- 38. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Release, CEO Blog: COVID-19 Vaccine – An Added Layer of Protection** – For previous blogs from Muskoka’s Algonquin Healthcare CEO Natalie Bubela, visit their blog site at <http://muskokaalgonquinhealthcare.blogspot.ca>.
- 39. MMAH, A Message from Minister Steve Clark, Expiry of Temporary Regulation (130/20 and 131/20) Limiting Municipal Authority to Regulate Construction Noise** – From Oct 7 onwards, municipalities will again have the authority to regulate construction noise in their communities at all times of day and night.
- 40. Amo Communications, AMO Policy Update, Queen’s Park News, Speech from the Throne Highlights and More** – Building Ontario roads and highways and expanding transit across the province to support post-COVID-19 recovery in the province and create the conditions for long-term economic growth. The Ontario government has made COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for all in-home staff, support workers, students, and volunteers by Nov 15, 2021, unless a staff member has a valid medical exemption. The AMO Board of Directors took this position at a recent Board meeting and welcomes the implementation of the updated mandatory vaccination policy. Homes will be randomly testing fully vaccinated individuals, including staff, caregivers, and visitors to help detect possible breakthrough cases of COVID-19 as early as possible.
- 41. BAO, Notice: Emergency Death Registration Will Not be Available on Sep 30** – The BAO is sharing this memo on behalf of the Office of the Registrar General Government of Ontario. On Sep 30, 2021, the ServiceOntario centre located at 47 Sheppard Avenue East, in Toronto, and ServiceOntario’s Office of Registrars General will be closed to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

ADJOURN

162-21 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Oct 25, 2021. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT