

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 25, 2021**

**Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Mayor Carleton with respect to Guest as a family member if employed part-time with the property owner.**

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Staff attending: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Scarlett, By-law Enforcement Officer Caitlin Deevey. Guest scheduled: Andrew Garay. Guests observing: Pearl Ivens, and John Mowat.

**Proposal for a gift of land for a wetland and wilderness preserve**

Presentation was given by owner to clarify what he's trying to do. Donation of lands proposed at Con 10, Part of Lot 16. Goal is protection of this vulnerable property from development, leaving a legacy of wild green spaces, and enhance Machar as a steward of the land, with conditions as follows: Owner will sever 60 acres of the southern portion of the lot and will bear the cost of the survey and severance. His lawyer has advised that if the severance is to the municipality then there is no need to go to the Committee of Adjustment. The Township will aid in valuation of the property for tax purposes. The Township will help with application to the Ontario Ministry of Environment to designate the donated portion as "ecologically sensitive land" (see Revenue Canada document provided). Council is requested to pass a motion to accept the donation and issue appropriate tax receipt. Council is to pass a Resolution naming the property as the property owner's name wetland preserve. The property is never to be sold for development. A sign is to be erected at the Bray Lake Rd entrance indicating that this is a natural heritage preserve. The existing trail is to be maintained as a natural trail with 5-6 interpretive signposts for identification of flora and fauna and a small viewing platform for observation of wetland wildlife. No motorized vehicles are permitted in the preserve except as needed for maintenance. The property and walking trail is to be listed in publications which list local attractions for the enjoyment of the people of Almaguin and visitors. The property is to be posted as a No Hunting zone. Mapping was provided and an additional severance of a 20' wide deeded right of way proposed to provide access.

Council thanked the owner for the presentation and further considered the proposal. The property is zoned Environmental Protection, Shoreline Residential and Rural. It currently generates approximate \$1,200 in annual taxes. The proposal's requirements are substantial. The gift would create a significant burden on the Township's resources and would entail costs to the taxpayers, at minimum starting with a legal and planning review now, maintenance and enforcement going forward. It may set a precedent with respect to EP zoned lands. A draft Resolution was considered to send the offer and requirements for legal and planning review, however there wasn't sufficient support received. Councillor Wood requested his support to send the proposal for legal and planning review be included in the minutes. The proposal is comprehensive and unfortunately the Township isn't in a position to accept the offer.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Oct 12, 2021 minutes, Resolution**

**163-21 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we adopt Oct 12, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

**2. Property Standards By-law, Resolution**

Discussion ensued. Council expressed concerns and asked several questions which were answered by the By-law Enforcement Officer indicating the by-law is utilized on a complaint based process. Amendment proposed to remove 5.13 1. (a) "with a temperature range from 60 to 73.8 Celsius or 140 to 165 degrees Fahrenheit" from the by-law and Resolution put forward to pass the by-law.

**164-21 McLaren, Wood**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to By-law No. 19-21 as amended; to prescribe standards for the maintenance and occupancy of buildings and property. DEFEATED

The By-law Enforcement Officer will redraft by-law again for Council's further consideration.

### **3. COOP (Central Ontario Orthophotography) 2021 Aerial Imagery Project update**

Further to update in Jun, the aerial imagery is done and all areas successfully captured. Blue Sky Net is signing the agreement and including all municipalities that agreed to participate. This saves money and in our case with 214 square kms of imagery tiles results in a cost of just over \$1,000. to update our data. The data has updated approximately every 5 years, previous updates 2016, 2011.

### **4. Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

The Legion will be conducting Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Cenotaph on Thu, Nov 11, assembling at 10:40 am. All Covid safety measures will be in place including 2 m distancing and the use of masks. The Village of South River will be streaming the ceremony on their Facebook page. The Legion will be following the instructions given to them by Dominion Command of the Legion meaning that only the Canada, Ontario and Enlisted Service Persons' wreaths will be placed during the ceremony. All other wreaths and crosses will be placed prior to the service and during the ceremony, each wreath will be acknowledged and if it is dedicated to a veteran, that will be given as well. As is the process, the Township will purchase a wreath to have it laid at the Cenotaph.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **5. Shared Services Monthly Reports; Arena and Fire**

As directed, we advised the Village that the Township has no contractual obligation to pay any Arena over budget amount and provided another copy of Resolution 135-21 previous provided.

Sep reports provided: Chief Arena Operator Report, Income Statement, AP Ledger, Fire Chief's Report, Income Statement, AP Ledger. It was noted the Generator Pads were to be poured for the generators at the Arena in early Oct were delayed due to weather. Current status is unknown.

### **6. Machar Public Works minutes of Oct 14, 2021, Resolution**

#### **165-21 Flowers, Wood**

THAT we approve Public Works minutes of Oct 14, 2021. CARRIED

Council were updated that the Landfill entry gate has been damaged yet again. Public Works remain busy on Ottawa Av where the beavers have been busy and replacement of culvert is scheduled Wed. Councillor Wood queried Narrow's Beach project height. SPW responded approximately 4' and needs to be engineered. Pre-cast concrete comes engineered. Councillor Wood thinks railing may be required. The project's total estimated is ¼ million. Administration are pursuing funding opportunities. Application for \$100,000 to NOHFC is proceeding for further review/evaluation.

#### **a. Haunted Halloween Walk at Mikisew on Sat, Oct 30, 2021 update**

Councillor Scarlett provided an update; good amount of volunteers coming forward to help. If this event is successful, he would like to keep the momentum going and look at other events. Clerk Administrator advised we've completed the Event Agreement with Mikisew, obtained insurance coverage, provided volunteer sign up sheets, insurance recommended a volunteer policy and so that's in the packages this evening. It was noted the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit has recommended ways to enjoy Halloween safely and help reduce the risk of Covid-19. This information also provided in packages with attention to people handing out treats; use tongs to hand out the treats (or gloves), do not have children grab from a communal bowl of treats... Fire Chief Maki has requested details for firefighters volunteering. The Clerk Administrator suggested bonfire and assistance with parking, but will ask Councillor Scarlett to contact him directly. Thank you and compliments to Carly Paul for designing the poster.

## **7. Emergency Control Group minutes of Oct 14, 2021, Resolution**

### **166-21 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we accept Emergency Plan Control Group minutes of Oct 14, 2021. CARRIED

Pandemic Plan 2021 (updated) provided and Councillor Wood confirmed it's acceptable.

### - **Joint Building 2020 Financial Statements available**

## **8. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration area rep; CAO Report Oct 2021**

Extensive report with statistics. NOAH Facebook page was changed to The Meadow View. This is the new Senior's apartment complex originally slated for Sundridge that is progressing in Powassan.

## **INFORMATION**

- 9. Municipality of Leamington Resolution** – Strongly urges the Provincial Government to move forward with implementation of recommendations, one of the key recommendations of the AMO submissions is that the Ministry of Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health review the adequacy of infection prevention and control programs under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 in preventing and managing COVID-19 outbreaks, and to institute higher standards with increased funding to homes to complement these standards.
- 10. Township of Enniskillen Resolution** – Requests that the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs re-evaluate their position that cannabis is not an agricultural product such as food, fur and fiber but is in-fact Industrial/Commercial in nature; That Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs supports all Ontario municipalities to be able to determine appropriate setbacks in Zoning By-Laws as appropriate for their municipality for the placement of cannabis facilities within their Official Plan knowing full well that one size does not fit all.
- 11. City of Vaughan Resolution** – Concerned about the continued occurrence of serious motor vehicle collisions involving newly licensed drivers and drivers under the age of 18, the City of Vaughan wishes to see a change effected to Ontario's driving law, with respect to newly licensed drivers.
- 12. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Leaders Forum with MAHC, Jan 2022** – A reminder the next meeting is Fri, Jan 2022 at 9 am.
- 13. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update, Increased Staffing in Long-Term Care and Red Tape Reduction Bill** –
  - Ontario Taking Action to Increase Staffing in LTC – Three hours per resident per day, by the end of this fiscal year.
  - The Province Releases Fall Red Tape Bill
  - Canada Infrastructure Bank Low-Interest Municipal Loans
  - Cannabis Delivery and Curbside Pick-Up
  - Cargo Bikes
  - Consolidating Government Transfer Payments
  - Employment Services
  - Enhancing Government Productivity through Digital Tools
  - Environmental Approvals & Changes to Transparency
  - Fee Elimination for Police Records Checks for Volunteers
  - Liquor Licensing Act
  - Public Pools: Amendments to R.R.O. 1990, Reg565
  - Streamline Planning Approvals: More Municipal Tools
- 14. AMO Communications, AMO Policy Update. Phase 1 Regulations of Conservation Authorities Act Released** – On Thu, Oct 7 the province filed three new regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act to implement the changes that we required by Bill 229 the Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act.
- 15. AMO's CCBF Team, AMO's Latest Report on the CCBF is Now available** – AMO's latest report on the Canada Community-Building (CCBF) is now available. The report describes how municipal governments across Ontario are investing the Fund to build, enhance, and renew local infrastructure. Explore the map to see how the Fund is shaping your community – and connect with them on Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

**16. AMO Communications, AMO WatchFile, Oct 7, In This Issue –**

- AMO Youth Fellowship Program accepting applications.
- Municipal Cyber Security Forum.
- 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.
- Workshops available for GHG reductions in municipal buildings.
- Canoe Vendor Spotlight: Xerox, Epson.
- Canoe Launching on Oct 27.
- ONE Investment podcast: Fixed Income Investing & Changing Interest Rates.
- The Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants now accepting applications.
- ESA warns of hazards associated with raising of buildings.
- Careers: McKellar, Markham, Thunder Bay, Simcoe Country and Halton Region.

**17. AMO Communications, AMO WatchFile, Oct 14, 2021 In This Issue –**

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- Municipal Cyber Security Toolkit.
- Consultation open on 2022 Excess Soil Registry Fees.
- Spaces remain for in demand Human Rights & Navigating Conflict Relations training.
- Free asset management on-demand webinar series.
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- Teeny Tiny Summits: Dec 1 and Mar 22, 2022.
- Energy reporting deadline extended to Oct 15.
- Blog: Streetlights – The End of an Era.
- Canoe Vendor Spotlight: Ventrac/Toro.
- Canoe Keeps it Local.
- Two weeks until (Canoe) launch.
- ONE Investment podcast: Fixed Income Investing & Changing Interest Rates.
- Register for OMSSA’s Defining Pathways to Reconciliation Forum.
- The Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants now accepting applications.
- IESO releases Natural Gas Phase Out Report.
- Careers: Cambridge, Thunder Bay, Minden Hills, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Casselman.

**18. AMCTO, Legislative Express, Oct 13, 2021, In This Issue –**

- Introductions and Highlights
- Policy Spotlight
- Policy Updates
- Bills and Law Making
- Resources

**19. AMCTO, Happy Local Government Week!** – Every year, AMCTO and its members take time to recognize Local Government Week (LGW) in Ontario. LGW, Oct 18-22 this year, represents an opportunity to municipal government professionals to celebrate our individual and collative accomplishments and to talk about their role in making the communities better places to work, live and play.

**20. MPAC: 2022 Provincial Municipal Levy Announcement** – In recognition of the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, MPAC’s Board of Directors approved the 2022 operating budget with a total municipal levy increase of 0%. This is the second year in a row with no increase in the levy. MPAC data shows that in 2020, residential building permits for home improvements jumped by 15% compared to the year before. The pandemic has presented a challenge to MPAC’s effort to capture this new assessment. However, by working with municipal partners on innovations such as sharing electronic building plans, they have been able to continue capturing the value on Ontarians’ home improvements.

**21. ROMA, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, ROMA Launches its 2022 Virtual Conference** – ROMA 2022: Rural Opportunities to be held Jan 24 – 25. The conference will again be a virtual so that municipal leaders can join safely from anywhere in Ontario. Registration is now open, and early bird rates are in effect until Nov 1.

**22. ROMA, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, ROMA 2022 and Zone Vacancy** – The annual ROMA Conference will be a virtual event from Jan 24 – 25, 2022. ROMA is working on an important discussion paper, “Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a Post-COVID World” to flesh out the new realities in rural communities and looks at how they can redefine success and achieve growth in their own terms. The ROMA Board is comprised of zone representatives elected at the annual conference for four-year terms, as well as members of AMO’s Rural Caucus.

**23. ROMA Communications, ROMA 2020 Annual Report** – Municipal governments have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic since it began. ROMA responded by meeting more frequently

to ensure leadership and support was in place for rural municipalities. They were also pleased to join their peers in the sector to push for municipal financial relief and broadband funding. Heading into 2022, ROMA is focused on rural economic recovery and growth. Virtual 2022 ROMA Conference from Jan 24-25.

- 24. NDMRF, Ministry of Northern Development Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry** – On Oct 7, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade introduced the proposed Supporting People a Businesses Act, 2021 in the Ontario Legislature. Also, in this issue:
- Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994
  - Professional Foresters Act, 2000
  - Public Lands Act
- 25. NDMNRF, Ontario Tourism Recovery Program, Now Open** – The Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the Ontario Tourism Recovery Program (OTRP). This \$100-million program supports Ontario-based tourism businesses in the for-profit attractions, accommodations, and transpiration sectors that have been hardest hit by COVID-19. The deadline to apply to the Ontario Tourism Recovery Program is Nov 10, 2021 at 11:59 pm.
- 26. NDMNRF, Ontario’s New Online Business Registry** – The new Ontario Business Registry replaces an out dated and inefficient process, providing business owners and not-for-profit operators with direct access to government services, available online 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Registration or filing that were previously submitted by mail or fax, taking four to six weeks to complete, can now be done instantly through the online registry. To see more about the Ontario business and not-for-profit corporation you can visit [www.Ontario.ca/BusinessRegistry.com](http://www.Ontario.ca/BusinessRegistry.com).
- 27. NDMNRF, Ontario Permitting Sale of Locally-Made Craft Beer at Farmers’ Markets** – The Ontario government is supporting jobs in the province’s hospitality and agriculture sectors by allowing eligible local brewers to sell their beer at farmers’ markets. Expanding the farmers’ market program to include beer, announced in the 2021 Ontario Budget, is part of the government’s commitment to support brewers, winemakers and distillers working in the province’s alcohol manufacturing industries and to help them respond to the impacts of COVID-19.
- 28. NDMNRF, Ontario helps Industrial Sites Become “Investment Ready” with Investment Ready Certified Site Program** – The Program is open to publicly-owned and privately-owned land. The applicant must be the Registered Owners of the Site(s). If the Site(s) is/are a combination of multiple Lots, the Lots must have the same Registered Owner on title. Registered Owner(s) must be willing to enter into a contract with the Province of Ontario to participate in the Program. You can request instructions and requirements guide by emailing [investmentready@ontario.ca](mailto:investmentready@ontario.ca) or by calling 1-855-585-0475.
- 29. NDMNRF, NEW CAP Targeted Intake for Ontario Pork Producers, Processors and Other agri-Businesses** – New investment will strengthen Province’s prevention, planning, and preparedness for African swine fever. Starting Nov 5, 2021, a new targeted intake under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership) will provide funding to Ontario pork producers, processors and other agri-businesses to support their training, education and planning, as well as for supply and infrastructure investments and modifications needed to strengthen swine-related operations, support industry businesses, and protect the herds and livelihoods of Ontario pork producers.
- 30. MECP, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Regulations Under the Conservation Authorities Act** – As part of Ontario’s efforts to implement amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act made in 2019/2020 to ensure that conservation authorities focus and deliver their mandates of protecting people and property from flooding and other natural hazards, and conserving natural resources, three new regulations have been made under the Conservations Authorities Act:
- Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services.
  - Ontario Regulation 687/21: Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.2.3. of the Act.
  - Ontario Regulation 688/21: Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas.
- 31. MECP, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Clarifying the Authority to Change the Classes of Projects that Follow a Class Environmental Assessment Process** – The Environmental Assessment Act is to amend a class environmental assessment (Class EA) the Minister’s amendment or by regulation. As part of our ongoing work to modernize the environmental assessment program, the ministry is proposing a minor amendment to the Environmental Assessment Act to clarify the authority to make changes to the types of projects that can follows a class EA.

- 32. MECP Land Policy, Decision on the Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline** – Ontario is committed to preventing negative impacts from conflicting land uses within communities, such as the effects of industrial noise and odour pollution on residential areas. The ministry has decided not to move forward with the version of the Land Use Compatibility Guideline they proposed. The current d-Series guidelines for land use compatibility will remain in effect and will contribute to be the provincial guidelines referenced in the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe land use compatibility policies.
- 33. MMAH, 2022 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Delegation Form** – Available online, the deadline to submit requests is Mon, Nov 15, 2021.
- 34. FCM Communiqué, FCM Voice: SCC 2021 Kicks Off Tomorrow, Big-City Mayors Host PM, New Support for Women Leaders** – SCC 2021 Conference was Oct 19. FCM’s Big City Mayors’ Caucus met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last Wed to discuss municipal proposals to drive a strong, nationwide post-COVID recovery. On the agenda: creating jobs while tackling the housing affordability crisis and moving Canada closer to net-zero emissions. Reminder: Their Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) project launched its first round of application for Inclusive Community Initiative (ICI). This is an opportunity for 20 to 25 communities to receive up to \$10,000 each for initiatives that support women. FCM scholarships for young women are back! The deadline for applications is Jan 21, 2022. New guide for municipal climate change professionals, the guide with give you access to practical information, resources, checklists and templates. Big City Mayors talk about their priorities for the recovery, The Canadian Press covered the event. Municipal World is proud to share your stories. They strive to deliver high-impact, independent journalism and case studies from peers from coast to coast.
- 35. Enbridge Gas Inc, 2022 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application** – Enbridge Gas is filing this Application in connection with the federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (the “GGPPA”). A federal carbon pricing program (“FCPP”) under the GGPPA applies to any province or territory that requested it or that didn’t not have an equivalent carbon pricing system in place by Jan 1, 2019. Enbridge Gas is seeking OEB approval of just and reasonable rates effective Apr 1, 2022 for the EGD rate zone and Union rate zones, to recover the costs associated with the GGPPA as a pas-through to customers. Enbridge is also seeking OEB approval to dispose of the 2020 balances recorded in its FCPP-related deferral and variance accounts effective Apr 1, 2022 and to approve an amendment of the working of the FCPP-related deferral and variance accounting orders recognizing the change from the federal OBPS to the provincial EPS.
- 36. BAO, Lifeline: Professional Adapting; Vax Policy, Ads in Obits; New Videos: Price List Templates** – Funeral & transfer operator set example on vaccination policy directive. The directive requires that all Ontario funeral homes and transfer services operators implement a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy to have their staff members show proof of vaccination, a medical exemption or COVID-19 testing for those who are not vaccinated.
- 37. Heather Pitman, Home Floor Protection Program and Research Paper** – As the threat of flooding becomes more of a reality of Canadians, we need to arm ourselves against the rising waters and rainfalls. AET has written a research paper about lot-level flooding and increasing resilience in Canada, and we thought you might be interested in reading it and learning more about the Home Flood Protection Program. Please visit <https://www.aet98.com/about/learning-downloads/flooding-in-canada-why-is-it-happening-and-what-are-we-doing-about-it/> to receive your copy of the research paper.
- 38. Northeastern Ontario Tourism, Oct Newsletter** –
- Request for Proposal for a Manitoulin Island/Mnidoo Mining Culinary Tourism Strategy
  - RFP Closes on Oct 27 at 12 pm
  - Government Announces New Ontario Tourism Recovery Program
  - Minimum Wage Increase
  - Comparing CEWS to the Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHP)
- 39. Ontario Heritage Trust, Oct Edition** – Up Front, Beth Hanna, CEO of the Ontario Heritage Trust, expanding the narrative: The question of commemoration. Commemorative work across Canada and abroad. Making a difference. Share Heritage Matters and more with your friends and colleagues!
- 40. The Friends, Navigating Your Way Into Fall! In This Issue** –
- From the CEO’s Desk, Jobs in the Window.
  - Thanksgiving Approaches, A Hands-on Hit.
  - A careful Thanksgiving Living Alone.
  - The Mayonnaise Jar Quote of the Day.

- Destination Fall Colours, Quick and Easy Dip.
- What is Virtua Programming? Fun Facts about Apples.
- Food Trivia, Resources.
- Support Gizmo, Bill of Rights.
- Please Provide us with your Friendly Feedback.

#### INFORMATION – COVID-19

- 41. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Reaching People Where They Are At** – Between Sep 4 and Oct 4, 2021, the mobile vaccine clinic has administered 1,984 doses of COVID-19 vaccines; 848 doses, 1,080 second doses and 66 third doses to those eligible.
- 42. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Walk-in and Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be hold Oct 13 to Oct 17** – Clinics this week includes the following locations:
- North Bay, Sturgeon Falls, Parry Sound, South River, Trout Creek, Callander, Astorville, Corbeil
- 43. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Mobile and Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be Held Oct 18 to Oct 24** – Clinics this week include locations in:
- Parry Sound, North Bay, Mattawa, Emsdale, Burks Falls, Sundridge, River Valley, Verner
- To stay up to date with upcoming clinics, visit [www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated.com](http://www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated.com).
- 44. Ius Laboris Canada Global HR Lawyers, Mathew Dinsdale, In a Flash, Mandatory Vaccination Requirements Imminent for Federal Public Servants, Federally Regulated Transportation Sector, and Travellers** – Details have now been released. This article provides available information on key aspects of imminent vaccine policy requirements being mandated for all employees in the federal public administration, and for specified federal employers.
- We also provide details of upcoming fast-approaching vaccine mandates for Canadian travelers using air, rail, and specified transportation services.
- 45. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Huntsville Hospital Prepared for Six-Hour Emergency Back-Up Power Outage** – On Wed, Oct 20, 2021, the HDMH Site will experience a planned six-hour outage of the emergency back-up power system. The outage is scheduled to begin at 9 am and end by 3 pm.
- 46. MMAH, Memo from Deputy Minister Kate Manson-Smith** – In advance of Oct 22, the government is making the enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code and the free verification app, Certify Ontario, available for download. Enhanced Vaccine Certificates, starting Oct 18 at 6:00 am, the portal will be open for any individual to download their enhanced vaccine certificate, regardless of their birth month. Individuals can also call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at [1-833-943-3900](tel:1-833-943-3900).
- 47. NDMNRF, Enhanced COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate with QR and Verify Ontario App Available for Download Now** – In advance of Oct 22, the Ontario government is making the enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code and the free, made-in Ontario verification app, Verify Ontario, available for download. Enhanced vaccine certificates with official QR codes will be made available for download from the COVID-19 vaccination portal over three days based on birth month. Ontario has updated regulations and guidance for businesses to support the implementation of the enhanced vaccine certificate with a QR code and the Verify Ontario app. **For more information on these matters visit, [www.gov.on.ca](http://www.gov.on.ca).**

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

**48. Minor Variances 3/21 and 4/21 Notice of Public Hearing Nov 8, 2021**

Circulated for Council information. Property locations are Scarlett Rd and Hawthorne Dr.

**49. Budget Report to Sep 30, 2021**

Revenues are at 91.09% consisting of Administration General Government Fees, Landfill Entry and Tipping Fees, sale of Snowplow Truck and Planning. These revenues are coming in higher than expected due to the significant increased volume we've been experiencing; property sales, zoning compliances, tax certificates, Landfill usage, etc. We currently have 15 planning applications underway where we'd normally see maybe 2-3 in a year. Expenditures are at 75.94% which is exactly where they should be for year to date. This means we're maintaining expenditures at current levels while experiencing increased demand for services. Council expressed we have great staff thanking them for their continuing great work. The Clerk Administrator reiterated the same.

**167-21 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we accept Budget Report to Sep 30, 2021. CARRIED

**50. OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund)**

Municipal allocations announced by the Province on Thu afternoon as follows: Machar \$554,900. Comparables provided; Strong \$525,100, Sundridge \$462,200, South River \$615,800. Allocations are the main municipal operating grant and determined through a formula that includes households and assessment. It was noted that Strong has a higher assessment base than Machar which is reflected.

**ADJOURN**

**168-21 McLaren, Wood**

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 8, 2021. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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