

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 26, 2020**

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

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett. Councillor Blair Flowers absent with notice. Staff present: Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk Angela Loney.

Guests scheduled: Fire Chief Risto Maki.

Guests observing: Marv Nolan.

All guests attend by teleconference.

GUESTS

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Oct 13, 2020 minutes, Resolution

155-20 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we adopt Oct 13, 2020 minutes. CARRIED

2. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks reply; Waste Management services in Lount, Laurier and Ballantyne Townships

Council request further information: letter to be sent asking where the residents of these townships are to dispose of their waste as there is no active disposal site.

3. Riding Ranch/Bray Lake Rd Inquiry, Resolution

Provided the road passes inspection by the Superintendent of Public Works.

156-20 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we agree to accept a deed for the travelled portion of Riding Ranch Rd pending survey of Lot 20, Concession 11 and 12 with all costs to the applicant. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

4. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Sep; Arena, Culture & Rec, Fire

Fire Chief Risto Maki updated Council on a communique from ON Fire Marshal Jon Pegg on a union ruling on fire safety that came out of Sudbury: The Firefighter's Union feels that 2 firefighters attending to a call is not safe, that there should be 4. The Fire Marshal is of the mind that rural municipalities with smaller response vehicles that 2 should be safe enough, and is at the discretion of the Fire Chief and the Municipality to determine in their Community Risk Assessments and Levels of Service. This is good news for Machar since the Mini Pumper, holding 2 Firefighters, is the most agile emergency vehicle to respond to properties on Eagle Lake and they wouldn't have to wait for the second pumper to respond before attempting a six-foot radius of entry rescue.

Mayor Carleton requested details on the Radio License and Tower Rental being so over budget, Maki explained it was a case of budgeting 2% increase for insurance for the following year when known figures aren't available until midway through that year, wasn't enough this year. Also the radios crashed so they needed to renew the tech support, when they were hoping not to. New LEDs are installed, with the exception of the 6 on backorder.

5. South River Machar Library minutes of Oct 14, 2020, Resolution

157-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Oct 14, 2020. CARRIED

6. Joint Building minutes of Oct 15, 2020, Resolution

Emergency Pandemic Leave policy provided.

158-20 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we acknowledge Building minutes of Oct 15, 2020. CARRIED

7. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Sep, Resolution

Machar is doing very well with permit values.

159-20 Wood, McLaren

THAT we accept Building Permit summaries for Sep 2020. CARRIED

8. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit 2020 municipal levy reduction

2020 levy has been revised from \$29,728 to \$27,335. 2019 levy was \$29,313.

- **District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Oct Quarterly Report**

INFORMATION

- 9. City of St. Catharines** – Motion re. development approval requirements for landfills (Bill 197), calls upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the “host” municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.
- 10. Township of Asphodel–Norwood** – Resolution requests more support for municipalities with respect to a governing body in cannabis production that takes a unified approach to land use planning restrictions, enforces the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification on any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region. Communicated more readily with local governments and provides local governments with more support.
- 11. Township of Lake of Bays** – Request to reform to the Municipal Insurance Policy, consider an amendment to Bill 124 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance, thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone.
- 12. Township of Blandford–Blenheim Resolution** – Unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations have increasingly become a problem in communities in Ontario, Council of Township of Blandford–Blenheim urges Federal Government to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities.
- 13. Township of Madawaska Valley** – Supports the following resolution from the Municipality of Tweed, Pharmaceutical companies and industries are required to follow strict regulations and governing legislation to produce medicinal products including Narcotic Control Regulations. Municipality of Tweed requests that immediate action be taken by all levels of government for medical cannabis licensing to follow similar regulations and guidelines as all other pharmaceutical industries.
- 14. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release** – Health Unit accepting bookings for the flu shot, Oct 19, 2020 the Health Unit will start to offer appointments for the flu shot at the North Bay and Parry Sound office locations, to book an appointment call 1 800 563 2808 ext. 5377.
- 15. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Public Service Announcement** – Flu Shot Appointments Available in Mid-November, has received above average requests for the flu shot, now booking into mid-Nov and will not be accepting further appointment bookings until the 1st week of Nov. Information on community flu shot clinics will be made public in the coming weeks. There are currently no active cases of the flu within the district.

- 16. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, News Release** – Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) has partnered with PocketHealth to empower patients to use technology for convenient, secure and simple web access to view and share their imaging records from any device anywhere. Enroll for personal access to their imaging record by visiting www.pocket.health/MAHC.com.
- 17. AMO Policy Update – Ontario Proposes New Blue Box Regulations, Modified Stage 2 Restrictions Expanded to York Region, and Halloween Guidance** – proposed producer responsibility would make producers responsible for the Blue Box Program, meeting diversion targets to address plastic waste, recover resources for use in the economy, expand the list of materials accepted, draft regulation will be posted for a 45 day consultation period on the Environmental Registry, comments due on Dec 3. York Region joined Ottawa, Peel and Toronto public health regions in a modified Stage 2 for a period of 28 days as a result of including higher than average rates of Covid-19 transmission, traditional door-to-door trick or treating not recommended in these regions, for other areas use measures to make Halloween safer while enjoying the holiday, check with local municipality or public health and urges not to travel outside of their neighbourhoods to celebrate Halloween.
- 18. AMO Watchfile Oct 8, 2020 In This Issue**
- Seeking expressions of interest for 2 municipal staff vacancies on AMO Board.
 - Save the date! ROMA Annual Conference January 25-26, 2021.
 - Space still available for AMO's Land Use Planning training.
 - LAS Blog: Cyber Security.
 - Vendor Spotlight: Municipal Group Buying Program.
 - Investments 101 Training now available.
 - Ontario Trillium Foundation: Resilient Communities Fund.
 - Infographic on reserves and reserve funds.
 - IPAC's Virtual Conference-AC2020: Building the New Normal.
 - Careers with Bruce County, Northumberland, Casselman, Halton and Windsor.
- 19. AMO Watchfile Oct 15, 2020 In This Issue**
- Seeking expressions of interest for 2 municipal staff vacancies on AMO Board.
 - Ontario Great Lakes Local Action Fund - Funding proposals due November 6.
 - Ontario Cannabis Store survey on social responsibility.
 - ROMA 2021 Virtual Conference registration open.
 - Municipal Cyber Security 101 forum: What You Need to Know.
 - Municipal Group Buying Program - New office supplies contract.
 - Investments 101 Training now available.
 - LAS Energy Planning Tool - Completely new and improved!
 - Conservation Authorities and development process roles.
 - Careers with Montague Township, Essex County and Greater Sudbury.
- 20. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MMAH** – On Oct 1, 2020 the Helping Tenants and Small Business Act, 2020 received Royal Assent. The amendments set the 2021 rent increase guideline to zero per cent and freeze annual rent increases starting Jan 1, 2021 and lasting until Dec 31, 2021, rent freeze applies to the majority of rental units that are covered by the RTA, including:
- Newly built units occupied for the first time on or after Nov 25, 2018, which are typically exempt from the rent increase guideline;
 - Purpose-built rental apartments, condos, houses and basement apartments;
 - Rented suites in mobile home parks and land lease communities;
 - Care homes, including retirement homes;
 - Affordable housing units created through various federally and/or provincially funded programs; and
 - Households living in community housing that receive rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance or pay low end of market rent, with the exception of non-profit housing co-op members who pay market rates.
- 21. Tribunals Ontario, ARB Legacy and Expert Report Initiative Update** – Legacy appeals initiative, expert report initiative, changes effective Nov 1, 2020.
- 22. Tribunals Ontario, Proposed changes to the Assessment Review Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure** – writing to seek your input, proposing the following changes: reducing the Schedule of Events timelines from 66-104 weeks to 40 weeks, removal of any reference to mediation, streamlining, clarifying and re-positioning the rules and language to help with understanding processes, available on website, emails comments, consultation will end on Nov 19, 2020.
- 23. Ministry of the Solicitor General** – Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Review, Request for Services issued to retain an external vendor to review programs that support the delivery of court security and inmate transportation across the Province, now retained Goss Gilroy Inc, will engage ministry stakeholders including municipalities, police services and other justice sector partners, will explore best practices and ways to improve the delivery of services, streamline processes and maximize effectiveness to ensure the continued safety of Ontarians.

24. **ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Assoc) Annual Conference** – Connecting Rural Ontario 2021 virtual conference Jan 25-26, Chantal Hebert conference opening keynote speaker, early bird registration rates until Dec 31 www.roma.on.ca/Events/2021ROMAConference.aspx
25. **ROMA Insider: 2021 Conference, new Board members, Blue Box news and more** – plenary and in depth concurrent sessions on rural priorities like broadband, policing, flooding and much more, 2 new members Mayor Christa Lowry of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills and Mayor Christine Robinson of the Municipality of West Grey serve alongside 10 zone representatives, producers will either provide the service directly to the public or they can negotiate commercial terms with a municipality to provide services on their behalf, municipalities will have to decide if they want to stay in the business of recycling, ROMA supported measures by the Ontario Government to help secure safety on farms, now providing input on Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, LAS Spotlight: Municipal Group Buying Program, more than 100 different suppliers.
26. **FCM Communique, Oct 13, 2020** – Join Dr. Katharine Wilkinson at SCC 2020 next week, don't miss our AGM this Thu. GMF Compendium: Iquluit's LEED-certified aquatic centre, discover the compendium. Transport Canada offers rail safety webinars for municipalities, Report: building momentum for local climate action, crush unstable internet issues: Jesse Hirsh shows how.
27. **FCM Communique, Oct 14, 2020** – SCC 2020 is next week, have you sign up yet? Don't miss Canada's leading sustainability event – register today. Sign up before Tue, Oct 20, 2020 to get the full conference experience, don't miss your chance to attend!
28. **FCM Communique Oct 19, 2020** – Sign up for the Sustainable Communities Conference before it's too late! 3 days of interactive and engaging workshops, training sessions, \$75 for FCM members.
29. **FCM Communique Oct 20, 2020** – Introducing Collective: An FCM webinar series. Monthly series will bring in-depth conversations and discussions designed to connect you to the latest thinking around some of the most pressing challenges in Canadian municipal life. Presenting this discussion alongside launch partner Ceridian. Building the right workforce, with the right skills, right now will examine how the Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way we work and what public sector leaders can do to respond. Thu, Nov 5 from 1-2 pm.
30. **Welcoming FCM's new President and Board** – Table Officers: President Garth Frizzell, First Vice-President Joanne Vanderheyden, Second Vice President Darren Hill, Third Vice President Scott Pearce, thank you to everyone who ran for Board positions.
31. **FCM Voice** – Welcoming our new President and Board, Sustainable Communities Conference 2020 starts tomorrow.
32. **October news from the Ontario Heritage Trust** – Recognizing women for their contributions to Ontario's heritage, Exploring a different perspective with Digital Doors Open, Exploring the contributions of women through provincial plaques, the Trust raises more than 65% of its funding.

INFORMATION – COVID-19

33. **Loyalist Township, Council Resolution Re Funding for Community Groups and Service Clubs** – Requests confirmation from the government of Ontario and Canada that funding will be available for these local smaller charities, community groups, and service clubs.
34. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release** – School in the Nipissing District has First Individual Test Positive for Covid-19. The Health Unit is working with the school board to ensure that all close contacts are contacted directly. The individual is currently self-isolating. Individual is a close contact of another positive Covid-19 case in our district and there is no evidence to suggest that this case was exposed at school. At this time there is no outbreak at the school.
35. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release** – The Health Unit Confirms Second Case of Covid-19 in a School in the Nipissing District, tested positive for Covid-19 at Chippewa Secondary School. The Health Unit has not declared an outbreak, as the cases do not have an epidemiological link, meaning they are not a part of the same class or cohort and transmission took place outside of the school. Health Unit is working with the school board to ensure that close contacts are contacted directly. Individual is self-isolating. If you think you may have Covid-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool to see if you need to seek further care. More information www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19
36. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit News Release** – Halloween Recommendations. The Health Unit does not recommend door-to-door trick-or-treating or congregating with others outside of your household. Due to the increase in Covid-19 cases in our district, do not recommend trick-or-treating locally. We need to act now to help stop the spread of Covid-19. These activities could allow the virus to spread more easily. Ways to balance Halloween fun with keeping yourself and

your loved ones healthy. The province is in the 2nd wave of Covid-19. Now is not the time to become unconcerned.

- 37. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, COVID-19 Update** – In the Simcoe Muskoka region as of Tue, Oct 13, 2020 the Health Unit reported 1,083 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Simcoe Muskoka, 68 are reported in Muskoka with 62 recovered and 1 deceased. (Gravenhurst 12; Huntsville 21; Muskoka Lakes 14; Lake of Bays 2; Bracebridge 13; Georgian Bay 6). There are currently no positive cases at either of MAHC's sites.
- 38. AMO Communications Policy Update, Oct 9, 2020** – Main street recovery plan & increased mental health services expansion, province's Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2020, Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) clarification on staffing levels and firefighter safety, Ontario releases child care reports and plans new actions to improve child care.
- 39. AMO Communications Policy Update, Oct 9, 2020** – Modified stage 2 restrictions for high-risk areas, caution for rest of province and support for small businesses. New temporary COVID public health measure in high risk areas. For the next month the Province will implement temporary and targeted measures that include, but are not limited to, a combination of:
- Reducing capacity limits on indoor sporting games and capping events to 10 people;
 - Prohibiting indoor dining in restaurants and bars, and personal care services where face coverings must be removed for the service; and
 - Closing businesses where it is difficult to adhere to public health measures, including indoor gyms and fitness centres, cinemas and casinos, among others.
- 40. AMO Policy Update – Covid-19 Liability Protection, Municipal Elections Act; An Ontario Digital Identity; Public Health Orders; and Child Care** – will provide targeted liability protection for health and long term care, non profit and private sector workers, volunteers and organizations, will also maintain the right to take legal action against those who willfully, or with gross negligence, endanger others, proposing to remove the option to use ranked ballots for municipal elections, nomination date for municipal elections will also be changed from the 4th Fri in Jul to the 2nd Fri in Sep in the year of the election, new Action Plan – Ontario Onwards: Ontario's Covid-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government, Emergency Orders Changes, Ontario extended most orders by 30 days until Nov 21, 2020, Provincial Investment for Schools and Child Care, government will invest \$550 million to build and upgrade schools in 2020-21, will add 870 new licensed child care spaces, government has reconfirmed commitment to create up to 30,000 new child care spaces over 5 years, including up to 10,000 spaces in new schools
- 41. News Release Ontario Supporting Local Festivals and Events** – Government investment will help promote creative and safe programs during COVID-19. \$9 million through the new Reconnect Festival and Event Program. This funding will be used to maintain public safety requirements and allow people to reconnect with their communities through online, drive-through and other innovative experiences.

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Public Service Announcement – Phone Scam Alert warning the public, a caller pretending to be a Health Unit employee asked questions about their Covid-19 status, pets, and the number of people in the home, the Health Unit is not conducting a survey specific to Covid-19, do not share personal information

ADJOURN

160-20 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, Nov 9, 2020. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk Angela Loney