

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2022

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, Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney, and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Scarlett. Staff attending: Fire Chief Risto Maki.

Guests observing in person: Kathy Schoenberger, Marv Nolan, Pearl Ivens, Mark Smuck, and Liz Bradley.

GUESTS

Fire Chief Risto Maki, Laurier Fire Dept Training Site

Chief Maki provided his monthly report, highlighting increase in medical response calls, Firehall connected to new 8" water main, new software, delay in water shuttle accreditation, phragmites cut on Eagle Lake, training grant announced \$750,000 over 3 years, and training requirements estimated at \$7,000 per firefighter including 7-8 weekends annually, instructor costs at \$30 hour and \$25 hour for students. Departments will be required to certify members to the level of fire protection service established by their municipality. Laurier Fire Dept Training Site is open to other nearby Northern Fire Protection Plan (NFPP) departments to use and train. Chief Maki explained NFPP is for unincorporated municipalities and doesn't include our municipal dept, indicating we currently have our own training facility for live fire evolutions. We also have access to a roof and ladder prop in Sundridge.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Aug 8, 2022 minutes, Resolution

Reviewed. Extensive information provided and available on the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority website regarding On-Site Sewage System (Septic) Permits. NBMCA provides a variety of services related to on-site sewage systems including: Sewage System Permits, Plan Input and Review, File Reviews for expansions or renovations to existing structures, Concern Investigations regarding malfunctioning sewage systems, Legal Inquiries, and Re-inspection Programs. The North Bay office processes applications for properties located in Nipissing and East Parry Sound Districts: Algonquin, Armour, Bonfield, Callander, Calvin, Chisholm, East Ferris, East Mills, Gladman, Hardy, Joly, Kearney, Laurier, Lount, Lyman, Machar, Mattawa, Mattawan, McConkey, Nipissing, North Bay, Notman, Papineau, Patterson, Perry, Phelps, Poitras, Powassan, Pringle, Ryerson, South River, Strong, West Nipissing, and Wilson. The Parry Sound office processes applications for properties in West Parry Sound: Burton, Carling, Chapman, Christie, Croft, East Burpee, Ferguson, Ferrie, Foley, Hagerman, Humphrey, Magnetawan, McDougall, McKellar, McKenzie, McMurrich/Monteith, Monteith, Nobel, Parry Sound, Rosseau, Seguin, Spence, and Whitestone. These areas are under NBMCA On-site Sewage System Jurisdiction (Ontario Building Code). There are approximately 1 million systems in Ontario. NBMCA has records for more than 42,000 on-site sewage systems within Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts. Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association's; A Homeowner's Guide to a Healthy Sewage (Septic) System flyer provided. *Added to website. NBMCA's; Caring for Your Septic System mailed out with 2022 Final tax billings and available on our website. NBMCA investigates valid concerns regarding malfunctioning on site sewage systems. When a malfunctioning system is confirmed, the septic staff will work with or guide the homeowner to repair or replace the system in a timely manner. If an inspector can not acquire compliance with the homeowner then an order may be issued under Part 8 of the OBC and the Building Code Act.

Occurrences are kept on file, listed as either open or closed. Occurrences will also be reported in legal inquiries. Open occurrences (ie. not yet remedied by the owner) are monitored for follow up by NBMCA. When enlarging or renovating a home or cottage (such as adding bedrooms, plumbing fixtures or a floor area 15% greater than the existing; or a change of use), it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the existing sewage system can accommodate a potential increase of

daily design sewage flow. The Sewage System File Review application will allow NBMCA to assess whether the proposed construction will increase the dwelling's daily design sewage flow and thus initiate a reduction in sewage system performance level. This review is required prior to the Municipality issuing a building permit for construction. NBMCA offers property owners, lawyers and realtors information on the status of permits, work orders, occurrences and capability of an existing septic system. NBMCA has records for more than 42,000 on-site sewage systems within Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts going back as far as 1972. Fees are applicable. Copy of sewage system permit is \$90. Legal inquiry is \$160. NBMCA On site Sewage System services are paid by user fees.

Additional information requested and received on OTN (Ontario Telemedicine Network) funding to Almaguin Highlands Health Council. Kevin MacLeod, the Executive Director of the Burk's Falls Family Health Team, has provided information for greater clarity: The current footprint for OTN only allows 133 sq ft of usable space for patient care. The funds will support renovations to and expansion of the suite, including removal of a closet and interior wall, building of a new wall, and cosmetic touch ups required as a result of the renovations. Overall, the changes will expand the usable clinical space to 189 sq ft. This will allow greater accommodation for patients with mobility devices, for support persons to attend the appointment, and for greater functionality for the clinical team.

124-22 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we adopt Aug 8, 2022 minutes. CARRIED

2. Comparison of 2022 Tax Rates, Resolution

Annual comparison of tax rates provided indicates on a median typical property assessed at \$216,000 annual taxes are lowest in Machar at \$2,105.84 increasing to \$2,234.02 in Strong, \$3,794.35 in Sundridge, and \$4,009.40 in South River. A higher difference of \$128.17 in Strong, \$1,688.50 in Sundridge, and \$1,903.55 in South River. Year over year percentage increases were also provided: Machar = 2.5%, Sundridge = 3.1%, Strong = 3.3% and South River = 4.5%.

125-22 Wood, McLaren

THAT we accept Comparison of 2022 Residential Tax Rates. CARRIED

3. Consent Application 2-108, Resolution

Application, mapping and Planning Report reviewed.

126-22 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we receive Planning Report dated Sep 7, 2022 regarding the proposed Consent Application for the subject lands located at 771 Bray Lake Rd, Con 10, Lot 14 (File 2-108) and that Council recommend the following to the Central Almaguin Planning Board:

- 1) That the Application for Consent (to sever 1 new lot) on the subject lands located as described above be provisionally approved, subject to conditions listed in the report, including but not limited to:
 - a) That the ability of the lots to accommodate a septic be confirmed by the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority,
 - b) Confirmation from a licenced Sewage Disposal Business that they have the ability to accommodate hauled sewage from the 1 additional lot,
 - c) The standard conditions of provisional Consent be included in the decision as follows: the Township requires a copy of the decision, 2 copies of the registered survey, and a Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland payment in the amount of \$2,500 + HST per lot created = \$2,825. CARRIED

a. Consent Application 6-031, Resolution

Application, mapping and Planning Report reviewed. Environmental Impact Study, Lake Capacity Review, and applicant's Planning Review provided and information referenced.

127-22 Wood, McLaren

THAT we receive the Planning Report dated Sep 8, 2022 regarding the proposed Consent Application for the subject lands located at Riding Ranch Rd, Con 12, Lot 18 (File 6-031) and that

Council recommend the following to the Central Almaguin Planning Board:

- 1) That the Application for Consent (to sever 1 new lot) on the subject lands located as described above be provisionally approved, subject to conditions listed in the report, including but not limited to:
 - a) That the ability of the lots to accommodate a septic be confirmed by the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority,
 - b) Confirmation from a licenced Sewage Disposal Business that they have the ability to accommodate hauled sewage from the 1 additional lot,
 - c) That the owners enter into a Development Agreement with the Township to implement the recommendations of the Environmental Impact Study and Lake Capacity Review prepared by Riverstone,
 - d) That the flooded lands be transferred as applicable, to the Province or municipality,
 - e) The standard conditions of provisional Consent be included in the decision as follows: the Township requires a copy of the decision, 2 copies of the registered survey, and a Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland payment in the amount of \$2,500 + HST per lot created = \$2,825. CARRIED

4. Pay List by Fund for Aug, Resolution

Reviewed: multiple planning costs (paid by the applicants as they're applicable to their property development), cemetery maintenance, Health Unit Aug payment, Jul Policing, annual Code Red system, 3rd Quarter School Bds (4: English & French Public & Separate), and 3rd Quarter Eastholme.

128-22 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we authorize Pay List by Fund as of 31 Aug 2022: \$408,723.47 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

5. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Jul; Arena and Fire

Items provided: Update on Arena project (Generators/Kitchen) as requested; 2 outstanding items – stove is still backordered and expected by the 1st week in Sep (delayed), and external work for the generators requires Hydro One to return to install the new transformers at the rear of the Arena, Chief Operator Report (used Condenser is out performing the old unit even in extreme temps, HOC was at 50% for the 1st 2 weeks due to low attendance and staffing shortages), Fire Chief's Report (presented by Chief earlier), Arena Income Statement (Revenues are at 27.24% and Expenses are at 44.71%), Fire Income Statement (Revenues are at 46.27% noting Response Revenue near \$30,000 actual compared to \$12,500 budget and Expenses are at 35.01%), Arena and Fire AP Ledgers.

6. Machar Public Works minutes of Aug 11, 2022, Resolution

Reviewed. Updates provided; Apron paving – intersections Eagle Lake Rd and Leighton Rd, Riding Ranch Rd, and Scarlett Rd completed for this year (last year intersections completed were Tower/Municipal/Ottawa Av, Eagle Lake Rd and Municipal Rd N, and Municipal Rd S), Micro Surface application to Park Rd scheduled for this week or next, Landfill Capacity Update completed this year and every 3 years indicates we've increased life expectancy to 387 years compared to 235 years from the 2019 survey data – this reflects our due diligence, staffs' good work and our compactor.

129-22 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Aug 11, 2022. CARRIED

7. Machar Recreation; Haunted Halloween Walk

Last year's poster provided for reference. Councillor Scarlett and Superintendent of Public Works have contacted the new Park Superintendent. The Park has offered assistance. Additional volunteers and sponsors have come forward. Councillor Scarlett will take the lead on the event.

8. South River Machar Medical minutes of Aug 30, 2022, Resolution

Reviewed. Chairperson Flowers gave a report highlighting condensation in the Lower Level Administration to follow up with Custodian on the status of dehumidifiers from the Lower Level. New waiting room chairs delivered. Elevator not completed yet. Toilet complaint referred to plumber.

130-22 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of Aug 30, 2022 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, now adjourned until Oct 18, 2022... CARRIED

9. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Jul 8 & Aug 3, 2022, Resolution

Reviewed. Mayor Carleton gave a report highlighting numerous applications being received, site specific by-laws being done in several areas in Lount, funds to be returned to the Ministry as they don't support the requested use of the remaining funds (Restricted Area by-law not supported).

131-22 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Jul 8, 2022 and Aug 3, 2022. CARRIED

10. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Audited Financial Statements, FIR, and Covid-19 Update

2021 Financial Statement and municipal FIR Schedule 77 provided. There should be no additional costs to municipalities related to Covid-19 for 2022. For 2023, if mitigation funding isn't received, municipalities would be responsible for \$1,792,400 in additional funding. The availability of the Municipal Reserve (Dec 31, 2021 \$1,796,820) to help with these funding issues will enable the Board of Health to make plans for 2023 and beyond, taking municipalities funding concerns into account.

11. ACED (Almaguin Community Economic Dev); Almaguin Brand Adoption Support

Reviewed. ACED is excited to announce the completion of the Almaguin Brand Hub, which consists of dedicated staff support, a unified regional website, and branded social media channels with growing followings. The Brand hub is essentially the foundation for the remainder of the action items recommended by the Almaguin Brand Strategy. The Spotlight Almaguin Project is highly contingent on having a high degree of collaborative support from regional partners. All municipalities are requested to pass a resolution to adopt the new Almaguin brand and declare support in principle for the implementation of the Brand Strategy. Sample Resolution and Almaguin Guide Book; Identity & Brand Standards 2021 provided; Almaguin – Embrace our nature. Logo elements, tagline, variants, scale, colours, usage rules, co-branding, and email signatures defined.

12. FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic); Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution

The FONOM Executive has been discussing the Federal Redistribution and the negative impact it will have on the strength of the Northern Voice in Ottawa. FONOM Board hopes for Council support.

132-22 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we support the Township of Coleman and FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities) to petition the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission to withdraw the proposal to eliminate a Federal Riding in Northern Ontario, and not to reduce the number of MPs for Northern Ontario, and

FURTHER THAT the Federal Government introduce legislation that would provide for a minimum number of guaranteed Ridings for Northern Ontario to ensure the voices of Northern and Rural communities is not stifled. CARRIED

13. Joint Building; Permit Summaries for Aug 2022, Resolution

Reviewed. Machar has the highest number of permits issued to date of the 7 municipalities. Councillor Wood has a JBC meeting this week. Clerk Administrator is hopeful the JBC 2021 Financial Statements will be presented at the meeting for approval, as they're the last Financial Statements we're awaiting to complete our audit (Library Financial Statements were received Sep 8, 2022).

133-22 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Aug 2022. CARRIED

INFORMATION

14. **4-083; Septics** – Lake Bernard Property Owners Association Flyer Let’s Talk Poop ATTACHED
15. **4-083; Short term Rentals** – Bay Today, The Big Read: How Short term Vacation Rentals are Ruining the Neighbourhood – North Bay News ATTACHED
16. **4-083; Short term Rentals** – Cottage Life, Tiny Township approves new short-term rental regulations ATTACHED
17. **Admin; Short term Rentals** – Cottage Life, What you need to know about Sarnia’s short-term rental regulations ATTACHED
18. **Admin; Short term Rentals** – London News, Some hosts selling, other tempted to go underground following new short-term rental licencing rules ATTACHED
19. **Admin; Short term Rentals** – London News, London closes door to out-of-town and multi-unit Airbnb hosts ATTACHED
20. **4-083; Short term Rentals** – CBC London, Growing regulation of Airbnb makes hosts legally vulnerable like never before, say experts ATTACHED
21. **Town of Aylmer Resolution** – Request increased federal and provincial funding for Health Unit to develop uniform and comprehensive local responses to extreme heat and cold events
22. **Town of Hanover Resolution** – Support the motion from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requesting that the Province acknowledge the shortage in all health care worker disciplines and that they take steps to increase the number of practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario
23. **Town of Wasaga Beach Resolution** – Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, these proposed powers are not appropriate and to outline other ways for the province to institute housing and other matters, proposed changes will not demonstratively speed up the construction of housing and will erode the democratic process at the local level where members of Council have to work together to achieve priorities
24. **Northumberland County Resolution** – Keira’s Law, 1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in their lifetime, 1 woman or girl is killed every other day on average somewhere in our country, most dangerous time for a victim of abuse is when she separates from her partner, the current Canadian court system is not equipped to protect women, no mandatory education for Judges on domestic violence or coercive control, Keira’s Law is named after 4 year old Keira Kagan who was killed while in the custody of her father in 2020, Bill C233 will save lives by amending the Judges Act to establish seminars for judges on intimate partner violence and coercive control
25. **Northumberland County Resolution** – Former Mohawk Institute Residential School Document Release of all Federal and Provincial documents
26. **Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Resolution** – Requests the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs review the administration fee provided to municipalities for the ON Wildlife Compensation Program, recently increased from \$30-50
27. **Town of Kingsville Resolution** – Opposition to Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, changes are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Town, such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities, more housing in ON can be accomplished through other means including amendment to the Planning Act
28. **Village of Burks Falls Resolution** – Requests a commitment from Muskoka Healthcare to indefinitely continue the services at the Almaguin Highlands Healthcare Center
29. **City of Owen Sound Resolution** – Changes to Amber Alert System to alert the public of missing vulnerable children who have not been abducted, but are at high risk of danger, injury, or death
30. **Almaguin Adult Learning** – Sep calendar of events; Introduction to Computer, Food & Finance, Soft Skills Solutions, Getting Ahead, CPR/First Aid Certification
31. **AMO’s 2021 Annual Report** – On behalf of the AMO Board of Directors, AMO is pleased to provide the Association’s most current Annual Report. It will form part of the Secretary Treasurer’s report at the Amo Annual General Meeting on Mon, Aug 15, 2022
32. **AMO Policy Update, Throne Speech and Budget** – Priorities of interest to municipal gov’ts include:
 - A 5% increase in payments made through the Ontario Disability Support Program, with a commitment to introduce changes that will increase ODSP rates annually, tied to inflation
 - The introduction of a strong-mayor system, which the province has announced will be tabled in the legislature on Wed, Aug 10, 2022
 - Continued investments in the implementation of the Roadmap to Wellness, Ontario’s plan to build a connected and comprehensive mental health and addictions system

- A commitment to expand the scopes of practice for community paramedicine programs to allow paramedics to care for people at home, rather than in hospital or long-term care
 - A recommitment to build 30,000 new long-term care beds by 2028, with 31,705 new and 28,648 upgraded beds new in development, with a total investment of nearly \$5 billion over 4 years to hire more than 27,000 new staff that will be needed to provide long-term care home residents an average of 4 hours of direct care per day by 2025
 - A commitment to explore partnering with municipalities to leverage surplus provincial lands and add new incentives to build attainable housing that lowers costs for potential buyers and puts home ownership in reach for more families
- 33. AMO Policy Update, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act** – The Government of Ontario today introduced the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, a Bill that would, if passed, alter the governance and public administration of the cities of Ottawa and Toronto by providing the mayors of both cities with new powers. This bill is positioned as a way to provide municipalities with additional tools to increase the supply of housing and to make housing more affordable. Please see the government’s news release for available details
- 34. AMO Policy Update, Provincial Health News form a Municipal Lens, Canada Child Care Plan Update, Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program** – The province announced nearly \$764 million in funding to assist municipalities with the cost of their paramedic services operations (average increase of 5% provincially compared to 2021-22 funding levels), expansion of patient care models for eligible 911 patients to provide timely access to appropriate treatment in the community and help reduce unnecessary emergency dept visits (enable paramedics to treat and refer mental health and addictions and palliative care patients to appropriate services in the community where available), Ontario is providing \$47 million through to the end of 2023 to public health units and municipalities to provide financial stability so they can deliver key public health services across the province, improve ambulance offloading, introducing legislation that will support patients whose doctors have said they no longer need hospital treatment and should instead be placed in long term care while they wait for their preferred home, continue to fund community paramedicine to provide additional care for seniors in their own homes before their admission to a long term care home, will continue to provide Covid-19 and flu shots to Ontarians so they can stay up to date with their vaccinations to protect themselves and reduce the number of hospitalizations, key changes to support participation in the CWELCC System, up to 50% matched federal funding can be received for eligible flood mapping projects
- 35. AMO Policy Update, Standing Committee on Bill 3, Strengthening Public Health, Increasing and Preserving Purpose-Built Rental Housing Strategy** – While the AMO did not take a position on the Bill in general, the letter outlines a number of AMO Board recommendations, AMO has consistently advocated for and provided the government with advice on behalf of municipal governments about public health, the province’s housing plan must include a “made-in-Ontario” strategy to both increase and preserve purpose-built rental
- 36. AMO 2022, Thank you for Participating in AMO 2022** – more than 2,300 municipal leaders, government officials, public servants, sponsors, exhibitors, and media gathered in Ottawa
- 37. AMO Watchfile Aug 2, 2022, In This Issue** –
- An Integrated Approach to Mental Health and Addictions
 - Important AMO 2022 information to look for
 - Thank you to AMO 2022 partners, sponsors and exhibitors
 - Digital partner surveys-Feedback requested
 - Planning a Road Needs Study for 2023
 - Engaging with communities on electricity procurement
 - Municipalities, electrification and the economy of the future
 - Careers and RFP: OMTRA, KDSB and Hasting County
- 38. AMO Watchfile Aug 11, 2022, In This Issue** –
- Important AMO 2022 information to look for
 - Thank you to AMO 2022 partners, sponsors and exhibitors
 - LAS Blog: You’re invited to the AMO Conference
 - Win an iPad
 - Knowledge uncovers significant energy savings
 - Modern lighting to decrease your energy costs
 - Digital partner surveys – Feedback requested
 - Enhance your professional development with OMSSA
 - Careers: MOE, MOEDJCT, TTC, Innisfil and Simcoe County

39. AMO Watchfile Aug 18, 2022, In This Issue –

- 2022 PJ Marshall Municipal Innovation Awards.
- Blog: What are group benefits - really?
- Knowledge uncovers significant energy savings.
- Modern lighting to decrease your energy costs.
- Enhance your professional development with OMSSA.
- Careers: MOE, Legal Services Board of Nunavut and Pembroke

40. AMO Watchfile Aug 25, 2022, In This Issue

- Thank you for participating in AMO2022.
- Ontario accepting applications for Flood Hazard Identification & Mapping Program.
- Asset management training for municipalities.
- No-obligation quote for a 2023 road assessment.
- Investments 101 - Training seminars.
- Careers: Central Manitoulin and Halton Region.

41. AMO Watchfile Sep 1, 2022, In This Issue

- Anti-Stigma Advisory Table: Call for nominations.
- Ontario accepting applications for Flood Hazard Identification & Mapping Program.
- Asset management training for municipalities.
- Jump start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
- Investments 101 - Training seminars.
- ORFA's Fall 2022 professional development program, Mississauga.
- Careers: South Bruce, Hastings, Simcoe, Tillsonburg and Sables-Spanish Rivers.

42. AMCTO, Legislative Express, In This Issue – Policy Spotlight: Speech from the Throne; struck a conciliatory tone with language about working together and being united, acknowledged new fiscal challenges in Ontario and Canada, particularly given economic circumstances of inflation, indicated that prudent economic management would be required as the Province must be prepared for an economic slow down, Key themes were: keeping taxes low, promoting a competitive business environment, supporting a highly skilled workforce, building roads/highways/and critical infrastructure, ensuring livable and safe communities, Of particular note, the Government: will not be limited by conventional thinking that stifles innovation and preserves a status quo when it comes to healthcare, committed itself to avoiding lockdowns as it says it has the tools to manage the Covid-19 virus and live with variants, called on the federal government to increase its shares of Provincial/Territorial healthcare spending from 22% to 35% in the Canada Health Transfer, spoke about introducing “strong mayor” authority for Toronto and Ottawa and indicated that for urban areas these additional authorities will be important to empower municipal leaders to work more effectively with the province to reduce timelines for development, standardize processes and address local barriers to increasing the supply of housing, talked about working with municipal partners to expand transit-oriented communities, potentially partnering with municipalities to utilize provincial surplus lands and adding new incentives to build affordable housing

43. AMCTO, Advocacy Update: AMCTO at the 2022 AMO Conference – proud to take part in the first in-person AMO conference in 2 years, AMCTO Delegation with the Ontario Big City Mayors; Bill 3, potential politicization of local government leadership and the effect this can have on overall municipal workplace culture, Delegation with Ministry of Finance, the need to index the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund to inflation to ensure that municipalities have operating funds to cover their increasing costs, Delegation with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the impacts Bill 3 has on municipal staff and local accountability, continuing to work toward the reduction of the reporting burden with a public, transparent process involving the Government, AMCTO and other municipal associations, Delegation with Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, concerns regarding the 30 yr old Municipal Freedom of Information Privacy and Protection Act, emphasized call for modernization of the legislation starting with a comprehensive review, frivolous and vexatious requests that contribute to the issue of harassment of municipal staff

44. AMCTO, Advocacy Update: Response to announcement of Bill 3 – The changes proposed in Bill 3 run the significant risk of threatening the neutrality of the municipal public service and politicizing local government leadership, concerned with portions of the Bill, such as the mayoral powers to hire the CAO/certain department heads and restructure municipal departments, the Bill does little to enhance municipal accountability, with no evidence to even suggest that these proposed changes will help achieve the goals your government has provided as rationale

45. AMCTO, Advocacy Update: Standing Up for Municipal professionals at Standing Committee on Bill 3: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act – President Elana Arthurs provided remarks focused on 3 areas of concern:

1. The effective removal of non-partisan local government leaders;
2. The potential for the politicization of senior and other local government officials; and
3. The additional administrative burden the Bill would create for AMCTO members and other municipal staff.

More specifically, we put forward several recommendations for the Committee's consideration:

- That authority to appoint and remove a CAO be kept with council as a whole.
- That the CAO position be made mandatory with specific administrative responsibilities outlined in legislation.
- That appointments of department heads and senior leadership continue to be made by the CAO to ensure that staff and senior leadership remain apolitical.
- That the roles between staff and council be clarified.
- That roles and responsibilities of CAO and mayor as CEO be clarified to distinguish between administrative and political responsibilities as recommended by Justices **Bellamy** and **Marrocco**.
- That the timelines on implementing any proposed changes be extended in order to give municipal staff more time to update bylaws, policies, procedures and develop new ones as needed. This will help to ensure adequate timelines for other municipal staff in the future who may be impacted by the expanding of this new structure outside of Ottawa and Toronto.
- That changes be made to various references of minister's regulations to Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) regulations to ensure a more consultative process.
- That the Government consult with the sector including municipal staff associations like AMCTO before introducing these new types of authorities to any other municipalities.

46. AMCTO The Municipal Minute – Canada announces funding to protect against the quantum cyber threat, Former City of Windsor employees launch legal action over Covid-19 vaccine mandate, Government releases report that will advance work on Canada's first national flood insurance program, ON must consult public, groups before expanding "strong Mayor" powers: AMO, Regional Chief Glen Hare asks municipalities for support as First Nations seek funds for police, "I don't sleep" West London residents call halt to street racing noise, Hamilton is the most frugal municipality in S Ontario, Convoy organizers Tamara Lich and Chris Barber to face trial in Sep

47. MMAH, Letter from Minister Steve Clark: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act – As Ontarians face the rising cost of living and shortage of homes, our government was re-elected with a strong mandate to help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs. Pleased to inform you that the government introduced the proposed Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act on Aug 10, 2022, that, if passed, would make changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, City of Toronto Act, 2006, and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. These amendments would empower mayors in the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities and get more homes built faster. If passed, the proposed changes impacting the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa are intended to take effect on Nov 15, 2022, which is the start of the new municipal council term

48. Land Information Ontario, Updated LIO Vector Topographic Data Service Now Available – On behalf of Provincial Mapping Unit: The Provincial Mapping Unit of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is pleased to announced the release of an update to the LIO Vector Topographic Data Cache

49. FONOM, Learning Morning YouTube Links – Join FONOM for a conversation with Talent Beyond Boundaries (TBB) and Jumpstart Refugee Talent to learn how employers across Northern Ontario can fill some of the significant skill shortages they face by hiring and relocating skilled refugees to Ontario through the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot and the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program. The EMPP is a ground-breaking initiative of the Government of Canada to welcome displaced people through Canada's economic immigration pathways. The Government of Ontario is a key partner in the EMPP <https://youtu.be/L358yZaLowU>

50. **Blue Sky Net, Tech-Talk Aug 2022: Apply Today for the Business Technology Improvement Grant! SMEs May Qualify for up-to \$25,000** – If you are a business or municipality looking to learn more about the BTIF program, please visit <https://blueskynet.ca/btif/>
51. **OMBUDSMAN, Released Annual Report Today** – Covering the 2021-2022 fiscal year. You can find the entire report, media, materials, backgrounds, and statistics on our website here: <https://bit.ly/3AblTY>
52. **N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, International Overdose Awareness Day is Aug 31** – NBPSDHU region has experienced a significant increase in opioid related deaths over the past 3 years, 19 in 2019 grew to 50 in 2020 and 47 in 2021, 13 in the 1st quarter of 2022
53. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, News Release, Renovations Underway to Expand Imaging Capabilities** – Construction is underway at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Site to replace the Nuclear Medicine machine in the Sprott Foundation’s Diagnostic Imaging department, supported by the Huntsville Hospital Foundations Focus on Imaging campaign and an incredible \$2 million contribution by Eric and Vizma Sprott’s family foundation
54. **PPIU (MOH) Ministry of Health, Patient Care Models for Select 911 (Emergency) Patients: Success Stories** – 40 municipalities across the province, Implementing municipality: London – instead of visiting an Emergency Dept, eligible patients would have the option of going to a 24/7 Walk-in Crisis Centre operated by CMHA Middlesex or receiving care on scene provided by a mobile Crisis Response Team, York – eligible patients would have the option of receiving symptom management services on scene related to pain and dyspnea, hallucinations or agitation, nausea or vomiting and terminal congested, Guelph/Wellington – would have the option of being transported to a hospice
55. **Ministry of Northern Development, Regional Employer Information Session 2 Part Series** – How to Hire International Talent, Settlement Supports and Services for Newcomers
56. **IESO, Long Term RFP Community Engagement webinar** – will continue discussion with municipalities surrounding the IESO’s work that is underway to meet Ontario’s future electricity needs
57. **BAO (Bereavement Authority of ON) Lifeline** – Licensees anonymous survey, Facing the Music, Funeral establishment picks up the wrong body which was then cremated, Fees on charitable donations, Trust fund changes must be reported to the BAO
58. **Ombudsman of ON Annual Report 2021-2022** – 6th full year of reporting
59. **MPAC Aug 2022 In Touch** – New Resource: Property Taxation & Assessment 101 Video, MPAC at AMO 2022, MPAC: Playing a Key Role in Property Tax and Assessment

Several Short term Rental articles continue to come forward. Mayor Carleton commented that we continue to look at the information and act as we can under existing by-laws available; noise, etc.

134-22 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we support

24. Northumberland County Resolution – Keira’s Law, 1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in their lifetime, 1 woman or girl is killed every other day on average somewhere in our country, most dangerous time for a victim of abuse is when she separates from her partner, the current Canadian court system is not equipped to protect women, no mandatory education for Judges on domestic violence or coercive control, Keira’s Law is named after 4 year old Keira Kagan who was killed while in the custody of her father in 2020, Bill C233 will save lives by amending the Judges Act to establish seminars for judges on intimate partner violence and coercive control. CARRIED

135-22 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we support

28. Village of Burks Falls Resolution – Requests a commitment from Muskoka Healthcare to indefinitely continue the services at the Almaguin Highlands Healthcare Center. CARRIED

INFORMATION – COVID 19

60. **N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Monkeypox Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Appointment Booking Open Between 9am to 10 am Aug 10** – For more information on monkeypox and its symptoms visit www.myhealthunit.ca/monkeypox
61. **N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week, by Appointment or Walk-in** – The following clinics will take place this week:

- North Bay, Sundridge
- 62. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Elks Lodge Extended to 4 pm** – Booster doses for eligible individuals are available at all clinics. Appointments can be booked online at www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine. For more information, visit www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated or contact the Health Unit call centre
- 63. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week, by Appointment or Walk-in** – The following clinics will take place this week:
 - North Bay, Parry Sound
For more information, visit www.myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated or call the Health Unit call centre
- 64. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic in Sundridge This Week, by Appointment or Walk-in** – Wed, Aug 24 individuals aged 6 months and older, SSJ Arena from 4-6 pm
- 65. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week by Appointment or Walk-in** – Mattawa Aug 30, N Bay Sep 1
- 66. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week by Appointment or Walk-in** – Parry Sound Sep 7
- 67. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Visiting to HDMH ICU Suspended Due to COVID-19 Outbreak** – Testing of patients and staff is occurring as part of the outbreak management protocols, and enhanced cleaning practices are underway to limit spread
- 68. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Visiting to SMMH N Wing Suspended Due to Covid-19 Outbreak** – testing of patients and staff continues to occur and enhanced cleaning practices are underway

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

136-22 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; security of the property of the municipality or local board, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, labour relations or employee negotiations. Time 7:46 pm. CARRIED

137-22 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:14 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

138-22 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Tue, Oct 11, 2022. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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