

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 24, 2018**

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.

Guest scheduled: Dave Ward, A/Park Superintendent, Restoule & Mikisew Provincial Park. Guest observing: Cindy Ord.

Mikisew Provincial Park

Discussions ensued with the Superintendent. The Summer Stewardship Youth Ranger Program is a team composed of 4 students and an experienced Team Lead. The teams are located in communities across the Province and take part in a wide range of projects. The program was utilized at Restoule and Mikisew this Summer, for trails and creation of an 18 hole disc golf course at Mikisew. The disc golf course will officially open at Mikisew in the Spring, it will complement the disc golf course in South River; Mikisew is a beginner intermediate course, and South River is a higher level, so visitors can start out at Mikisew and progress into the course at South River Tom Thomson Park. Mikisew is doing quite well; visitation is up significantly from 2014 with a steady increase the last 3 years, online reservations are helpful and long weekends are pretty well full with approximately 50% of visitors coming from the GTA. The Superintendent would like to see season extensions to mirror other parks open the May long weekend to Thanksgiving. The business case for a longer Fall season is strong; fall colours, good for the local economy, creates consistency to the parks, while Spring is more difficult due to weather, and bugs. The Superintendent will submit a business case this Fall, and any changes are 2 years out; would happen in 2020. Mikisew is at approximately 40% for hydro sites, the septic/office/water treatment infrastructure have all been upgraded in the last number of years. Blue green algae protocol was discussed; Park Superintendent will notify us in future. Phragmites cut effort was discussed; Clerk Administrator to update Park Superintendent when details are available next year. Mayor Carleton inquired on effect of our boat launch upgrade at Eagle Lake Estates on boat launch activity at Mikisew; activity seems unchanged at Mikisew. It was noted that winter use (Arrowhead-Huntsville) is a significant amount of work. Discussions were a great update and were mutually beneficial.

BUSINESS

1. Sep 10, 2018 minutes, Resolution

175-18 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt minutes of Sep 10, 2018. CARRIED

Information on the Fire numbers (breakdown requested at Sep 4 Fire meeting) for the meeting scheduled tomorrow night hasn't been received yet.

a. South River reply Jan 21, 2019 will not work for Joint meeting due to CAEDA meeting

South River office will provide possible dates following the start of the next term of Council.

COMMITTEES

2. Machar Public Works minutes of Sep 13, 2018, Resolution

176-18 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Sep 13, 2018. CARRIED

Councillor Wood inquired on order of dry hydrant for Eagle Lake Rd at Riding Ranch Rd. The Clerk Administrator advised Superintendent of Public Works attempted to order, but he was

advised it was not available in a kit and pieces needed to be ordered separately. Councillor Wood indicated it is available in a kit, but specification measurements are needed for 2 items. Councillor Wood will inquire with his contact at the supplier and liaison with Superintendent.

177-18 Flowers, Wood

THAT we grant permission to Reg Wilson within his trapping area for the harvesting of fur bearing animals on Township property, including road allowances and Township owned lakeshore road allowances. CARRIED

178-18 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we appoint Alternate Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator Shawn Cyopeck as Alternate Chairperson of our Emergency Management Program Committee as well as Alternate Chairperson of our Emergency Control Group. CARRIED

179-18 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we amend By-Law No. 19-13; Schedule "B" Alternate CEMC: Shawn Cyopeck, Schedule "C" Alternate CEIO: Lynda Carleton. CARRIED

*CEMC (Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator).

*CEIO (Community Emergency Information Officer).

3. South River Machar Arena minutes of Sep 5, 2018, Resolution

180-18 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we support motions 44-47 as contained in Arena minutes of Sep 5, 2018; adopt the minutes, Account Payable Ledger/Income Statement, Arena Manager's Report, meet again on Oct 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm... CARRIED

Arena revenue discussed; ice rental +\$3,000. It seems the 2018 Fall Fair made a small profit.

4. South River Machar Culture and Rec minutes of Sep 5, 2018, Resolution

181-18 Scarlett, Wood

THAT we support motions 25-27 as contained in Culture and Rec minutes of Sep 5, 2018; accept the minutes, Income Statement/Accounts Payable Ledger, meet again on Oct 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm... CARRIED

Soccer photos need permission form. Halloween Event to be held Wed, Oct 31, 2018 from 6-8 pm at the Arena. Christmas in the Village to be held Fri, Dec 7, 2018 from 6-8 pm at the Library.

- Joint Building Committee minutes of Sep 20, 2018, Resolution

182-18 Wood, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge JBC minutes of Sep 20, 2018. CARRIED

An individual has agreed to provide Building Inspector services on a contract basis, mileage to be included in the contract, in the event the JBC vehicle is not available. Date to be corrected.

- Distr of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd representative Sep Quarterly Report...

INFORMATION

5. Township of South Glengarry Resolution petitions the Province to list Paramedic Services as a full essential service, currently operate allowing a reduction in paramedic services to 75%
6. Township of Amaranth Resolution urges the Federal Government to not allow a foreign party to interfere with our Dairy Mgmt System and that it be removed from all NAFTA negotiations
7. Town of Parry Sound supports the City of N Bay, whereas NOHFC funding of the industry is a large part of the attraction to utilizing our area, and calls upon the Province to make the funding of the film industry either more long term, as in 10 year commitments, or permanent

8. Distr of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd upcoming Housing and Homelessness Plan Update Forum, mandated to update every 5 years, hosting on Oct 17 ministry outline encourages the inclusion of municipal staff and councils to provide a clean picture of struggles ratepayers facing, look at where we were we where we are, where we want to be, rsvp Oct 11
9. N Bay Parry Sound Distr Health Unit; Harmful Algae Bloom in Lake Talon, if you live where the bloom was detected or where a bloom is visible, follow safety measures, for further details on the location of the bloom, and sampling process, contact Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Spills Action Centre 1-800-268-6060 www.myhealthunit.ca/algae
10. N Bay Parry Sound Distr Health Unit; Harmful Algae Bloom in Roberts Lake (Seguin)...
11. N Bay Parry Sound Distr Health Unit; Harmful Algae Bloom in Tilden Lake (Nip Distr)...
- N Bay Parry Sound Distr Health Unit; Harmful Algae Bloom in Deer Lake (Almaguin Highlands)...
12. Near N Crime Stoppers hosted 22nd Annual Golf Tournament; thank you for donation of \$150, a record \$8,700 was raised to continue funding for this valuable crime fighting program
13. Near North Enviro Education Centre invitation to a special event: Profiting from the Environment, Synergies with the Rural Economy, Fri, Sep 28 from 10 am – 4 pm; explore opportunities, feature presentation Dr. John Michels who wrote his PhD thesis on changes underway in rural communities using Almaguin as his case study, returns 1 year after publishing his book “Permanent Weekend” based on his experience in Almaguin to discuss his observations from his multiyear study, forum to discuss solutions with current educators and successful business people who are targeting a balance between the environment and the economy, facts and figures concerning the changing economic landscape in rural ON and the opportunities in incorporating the natural environment, lunch, admission is \$40, student free, more details and to register www.nneec.ca/profitting-from-the-environment
14. BACED (Burks Falls and Area Community Economic Development) the Many Villages, One Voice, Villages of Almaguin event is fast approaching, learn about the RED plan and enjoy an evening of networking on Thu, Oct 11, doors open at 5:30, RSVP no later than Oct 5 by email info@womensownresource.org or to 705-386-9672
15. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce Director Recruitment 2019, contact William Hollett, current president at 705-382-3802 or email info@almaguincampground.ca
16. MPAC (Mun Prop Asmt Corp) Sep 2018 – InTouch; AMO 2018: Listening to your needs
17. AMO Communications; You’re Invited! Register for AMO’s “Indigenous People in ON” 101 Webinar is free to advance Indigenous-municipal relations, introductory overview of issues
18. AMO Communications; Policy Update – Court Decision and Next Steps: Bill 5 – Reducing the Size of City of Toronto Council, invoke s. 33 of the Charter of Rights, notwithstanding clause
19. AMO Update – Urgent: AMO President Letter on Municipal Governance as relates to Toronto and the use of the Notwithstanding Clause and a Statement from the Minister Clark of Municipal Affairs and Housing, editorial in Toronto Star urged AMO to advocate for Toronto, public debate is divided and emotional, AMO in an awkward position, City of Toronto is not an AMO member, and since 2005 the City has made a point of being separate from AMO, City sought out and secured unique status with the ON government, its own dedicated legislation, AMO focuses on service to the remaining 443 ON municipal governments that do not have the benefit of their own legislation, in Aug we heard the Province would not act in the same manner that it has with Toronto, committed to discussions with AMO membership and AMO to understand what is working and what is not working, Minister is having meaningful discussions with AMO on long standing municipal concerns, urge the ON government to clearly state its interests in having a governance review and how it will proceed, government’s regional review will take a broad look at the current model which has been in place for almost 50 years, time to consider whether changes are needed to improve municipal governance in communities where populations have grown and hard earned dollars of taxpayers are being stretched, look forward to discussing with many stakeholders
20. **AMO Watchfile Sep 13, 2018 In This Issue**
 - Register for the used tires webinar
 - Webinar on accessible, inclusive communities.
 - Timmins Investment Basics session fast approaching.
 - Tailor-made workshops designed to fit your needs.
 - Facility Lighting Service webinar replay.
 - Rural Ontario Institute seeking partners for the Measuring Rural Community Vitality.
 - Micro-hydro and waterpower in Ontario communities.
 - Careers with Essex County, Perth County and Kitchener.
21. **AMO Watchfile Sep 20, 2018 In This Issue**
 - Register for the used tires webinar.
 - Cybersecurity alert concerning ransomware.
 - Webinar on accessible, inclusive communities.
 - 2019 ROMA Conference - Program update.
 - AMO’s new council term training.
 - 2019 AMO AGM and Annual Conference dates.
 - Managing trolls, negative comments & really angry people.
 - Three Investment Basics sessions coming up.

- ONE Investment High Interest Savings Account paying 2.165%.
 - Home protection plans assist with independent living.
 - CNIB Foundation's Accessible Election Guide for Municipalities.
 - Rural Ontario Institute seeking partners for the Measuring Rural Community Vitality.
 - Careers with OMSSA and Hamilton Township.
22. **MNR (Min of Natural Resources & Forestry) Great Lakes and Water Policy Section comment period for updated procedures for Regional Review under the Great Lakes-St Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agmt, regional body comment is Sep 10-Oct 10, 2018**
www.glsregionalbody.org/ProposedUpdates.aspx
 23. **OBIAA (ON Business Improvement Area Assoc) and the Province have joined forces to expand a Digital Main Street program across the Province, focused initiative to assist main street businesses, will help small businesses improve their digital capabilities and tap into the latest trends, open new markets, create jobs, press release** <http://obiaa.com/digital-main-street>
 24. **Northern ON Tourism; Indigenous Tourism is Thriving, complete this survey**
 25. **ON Local Planning Appeal Support Centre pleased to share an Interim Guide to Services and Eligibility for the new Local Planning Appeal Support Centre, conducting a consultation, would appreciate feedback on brochure through online form by Oct 31** www.lpasc.ca/consultation
 26. **The Great Trail 2017/18 Annual Report, connected from coast to coast in 2017**

183-18 Wood, McLaren

THAT we support Township of Glengarry Resolution 255-18 to petition the Province of Ontario to list Paramedic Services as a full Essential Service. CARRIED

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURN

184-18 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting schedule for Tue, Oct 9, 2018 or per Procedural By-Law. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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