

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 13, 2021**

Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Councillor Flowers with respect to 3. as he sold gravel to a vendor included on the Pay List.

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren and Councillor Blair Flowers. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul. Councillors Neil Scarlett and Bart Wood were absent with notice. Guests observing by teleconference: John Kelly, John Mowat, Pearl Ivens and Beth Lowes.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Aug 23, 2021 minutes, Resolution

137-21 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we adopt Aug 23, 2021 minutes. CARRIED

2. Adoption of By-law to Regulate Fireworks, Resolution

138-21 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 18-21; to regulate setting off fireworks. CARRIED

3.1 No person shall set off Fireworks within the Township of Machar at any time except as follows:

- a) New Year's Eve – between 8 pm and 11 pm;
- b) Victoria Day – between 8 pm and 11 pm, on the statutory holiday and the weekend directly before it;
- c) Canada Day – between 8 pm and 11 pm on Jul 1, and the weekend directly before and after it;
- d) Civic Holiday – between 8 pm and 11 pm on the statutory holiday and the weekend directly before it;
- e) Labour Day – between 8 pm and 11 pm on the statutory holiday and the weekend directly before it;

3.2 No person shall set off any firework in, on or onto any building, highway, sidewalk, Municipal Park or Municipal property without permission.

3.3 Property damage or injury as a result of the discharge of Fireworks shall be the responsibility of the person and/or organization setting off the Fireworks.

3.4 No person shall set off any Flying Lantern.

3.5 No person shall discharge any fireworks during a fire ban.

3. Pay List by Fund for Aug 2021, Resolution

Reviewed. Resolution deferred for quorum.

COMMITTEES

4. Fire; Community Risk Assessment Public Meeting

Fire Chief Maki will present to Councils and the public at the Arena and will have to limit the number

of people attending in person so would like to have it streamed online as well. OFMEM representatives will be invited as well. We're good with either date suggested: Sep 22 or 23.

5. **Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Aug 18, 2021, Resolution**

Planning remains busy across the Almaguin area and in Machar. Notice of Decisions discussed.

139-21 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Aug 18, 2021. CARRIED

6. **District of Parry Sound Municipal Association/FONOM's 6th Go North Campaign Video**

FONOM, with the financial support of FedNor, has been creating promotional videos to showcase Northern Ontario as a healthy place for business. Videos and links are as listed to date.

MetricAid, a business in the Nipissing District <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6IbAlLAoqU>
Henley Boats https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_q0PBPCPZQ
Three H Manufacturing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X81-vtsgs0w>
Board's Honey Farm <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUeGyXL2AXk>
Northern Truss <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkEeQSnLHnA>
St Charles Pharmacy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLV-SUC1J9c>
Springer Aerospace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rlrqgxn0>

INFORMATION

7. **Tay Valley Township Resolution** – Requests Staff to contact the Ministry responsible for the Alcohol and Gaming of Ontario to seek their assistance implementing an additional level of licensing which would permit small organizations to hold fundraisers as a method of sustaining their community and organizations.
8. **City of Brantford Resolution** – Actively participating in the “Year of the Garden” by promoting beautification initiatives, enhancing plantings city wide, encouraging resident engagement and creating a supporting media campaign, and that staff be directed to prepare a plan for the 2022 that highlights Brantford’s gardening excellence and commitment to environmental sustainability, along with the required budget to be submitted to the Estimates Committee for consideration through the 2022 budget process.
9. **Municipality of Trent Lakes Resolution** – The 2021 Ontario Budget did not address OHIP-insured eye care, Ontario Optometrists took action and voted to withdraw OHIP services starting Sep 1, 2021, unless the government agrees to legally-binding negotiations to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery. Therefore, requesting that the Provincial government recognize the value that access to quality eye care brings to all Ontarians and act now to protect it.
10. **AMO Communications, Policy Update, Draft Resolution for Municipal Recognition of Sep 20 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, New Municipal Resource Materials** – Recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Western Canada has led to increased calls for all levels of government to immediately address the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions’ (TRC) Calls to Action. At the Aug 14 Board Meeting, the AMO Board of Directors approved two resource papers to assist municipal councils’ efforts to support Truth and Reconciliation. The Federal Government has announced Sep 30, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday.
11. **AMO, Association of Municipalities Ontario, Resources on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action** – AMO encouragement of its members to recognize Sep 30 as National Orange Shirt Day and the flying of Every Child Matters flag for the month of Sep at municipal offices.
12. **AMO, Association of Municipalities Ontario, What Municipal Leaders Can Do to Better Support Indigenous Residents and Neighbours at This Time** –
 - Start by listening.
 - Educate yourself.
 - Speak up thoughtfully.
 - Call for action.
 - Create a declaration of mutual commitment and friendship.
 - Create urban Indigenous-municipal advisory committee.
 - Create or renew relationship agreements.
 - Support Indigenous colleagues and staff.
 - Attend memorial events of ceremonies.
13. **AMO Communications, Policy Update, MTO Regulatory Amendments, Changes to Municipal Act 2001, Rowan’s Law Timing** – From Sep 19, 2021 onwards, municipal governments will not be able to regulate noise related to the delivery of goods to the following destinations:

1. Retail business establishments;
 2. Restaurants, including cafes and bars;
 3. Hotels and motels; and
 4. Goods distribution facilities.
- Ministry of Transportation announces regulatory amendments to the Low-Speed Vehicle Pilot Program, as a result, effective Jul 30, 2021 the following four amendments have been made to the existing low-speed vehicle (LSV) pilot regulations:
- Allow LSV's to cross a controlled intersection (where there is a traffic control signal, stop sign and/or other traffic control devices (e.g., yield signs) that control traffic in all directions) with a speed limit not greater than 80 km/h;
 - Remove the requirement to have doors on LSV's;
 - Remove the limit on the number of occupants allowed in an LSV if there are the required number of seating positions; and,
 - Lower the insurance requirements for LSV's to align more closely with those of a passenger car to a minimum of \$1 million in third-party liability insurance, and accident benefits coverage of \$65,000 for non-catastrophic injuries and \$1 million for catastrophic injuries.
- Rowan's Law section 4 Proclaimed Postponed, from Jul 1, 2021, to Jan 1, 2022.
14. **AMCTO, The Municipal Experts, Conference Recap and Update on Our 2021 Delegations** – Proud to be taking part in the AMO Conference that was held virtually again this year from Aug 16-18. Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, discussed both importance of streamlining provincial processes that impact municipal service delivery, including marriage licences and death registration, and our call for modernization of the 30-year-old MFIPPA legislation. Ministry of Finance, with Parliamentary Assistant Parsa, they discussed municipal financial sustainability and how to ensure municipal resilience and recovery. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, had a productive meeting with Minister Clark and raised some new topics as well as some he is very familiar with by now.
 15. **AMO Communications, WatchFile, Aug 26, 2021, In This Issue** –
 - 2021 AMO federal Gas Tax/Canada Community-Building Fund award.
 - PJ Marshall Award recipients at 2021 AMO Conference. The road ahead for climate adaptation.
 - Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
 - Canoe Vendor Spotlight: Generac/Bobcat/Doosan/Clark.
 - New High Interest Savings Account (HISA) with National Bank.
 - Apply for Community Building Fund – Capital Stream funding.
 - Careers: WCWC, OCAD University, Ottawa, Simcoe County, and Kingston.
 16. **AMO Communications, WatchFile, Sep 2, 2021, In This Issue** –
 - Municipal Cyber Security Forum.
 - Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
 - Canoe vendor spotlight: NP Aerospace, HighCom Armor.
 - Meet the LAS energy trio: EPT, Natural Gas, Electricity.
 - Blog – A summer as LAS' first ever marketing intern.
 - New High Interest Savings Account (HISA) with National Bank.
 - Apply for Community Building Fund – Capital Stream funding.
 - Election workers – Elections Canada.
 - Careers: Municipality of Casselman and Town of Oakville.
 17. **MPAC, InTouch, Aug 2021** – MPAC welcomes new Board members, Delia Reiche, Ken Seiling, Pat Vanini, as well as new taxpayer representative Ray Kindiak. MPAC @ AMO: Property Assessment in a Post-Pandemic World, participants in the session at the 2021 Association of Municipalities of Ontario joined to learn about how property values in Ontario have changed since 2016 and the ways they continue to support property owners in understanding their assessments. Upcoming webinar, Small Business Property Tax Subclass Policy Paper, Fri, Sep 24, 2021 from 1 to 2 pm.
 18. **ENDM, Agri-Food Innovation Program** – The Ontario government is investing in new partnerships in agri-food innovation, including pilot projects in robotics and artificial intelligence, to help the industry address pandemic related challenges, ongoing labour shortages, and create new opportunities for growth across the sector.
 19. **ENDM, Rural Economic Development (RED) Program Opens ON Aug 30** - The Rural Economic Development (RED) program is open from Aug 30, 2021 to Oct 1, 2021. You can find all program information including how to apply on the program's homepage on Aug 30, 2021.
 - Sep 2, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - Sep 16, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
 20. **ENDM, Relief for the Wine, cidery, Small Distilleries, Agri-Tourism Sector** – New COVID-19 relief initiative delivering \$10 million in support of local businesses. This new relief initiative builds on government programs that aim to protect jobs and support local producers.
 21. **ENDM, New Boarder Measures, Tourism Industry Resources & Tools** – On Aug 9, 2021, the Government of Canada introduced new board measures. Some of the key changes include:
 - Fully vaccinated U.S. citizen and permanent residents who are currently residing in the U.S. may travel to Canada for non-essential reasons;
 - The removal of the requirement to stay at a government-authorized hotel for all travellers; and

- The removal of the requirement for all fully vaccinated travellers to take a post-arrival test, unless they are randomly selected to take one.
- 22. ENDM, Triple A Instagram, Triple A Program Poster** – The triple A Program is based on the business counselling platform “Growth Wheel”, this TBC program will assist businesses in their 1st to 5th operating year as they complete a 360 degree Assessment, identifying areas of opportunity or barriers to growth. For program details, eligibility, and application visit: <https://tbcnps.ca/programs/triple-a>.
 - 23. ENDM, Employers Wanted for Next Employment North, Virtual Job Fair, Sep 22, 2021** – They have held numerous sessions to date all of which have been successful and have had good participation by both employers and potential employees. Visit <https://employmentnorth.com/>.
 - 24. ENDM, Indian Agriculture Program of Ontario 2021, Now Open!** – IAPO offers financing and business support to help First Nations farmers flourish. Whether you’re a new farmer or an established farmer looking to expand, IAPO offers an assortment of financing solutions, learning opportunities and business support to help you build and grow your business. Please visit <https://indianag.on.ca/> for more information.
 - 25. MNFR, 2021-2022 AWS Inspection Notices** – The FMP notice, FMP files and AWS are now published for section on the Natural Resources Information Portal (NRIP) and can be located on the website: https://nrp.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/information-posting?language=en_US&recordId=a2q3g0000008znAAc.
 - 26. FCM Communique, Register Today for FCM’s 2021 Sustainable Communities Conference** – Oct 19-21, join them in this year’s sustainable Communities Conference (SSC), Canada’s leading environmental conference for municipal leaders and practitioners.
FCM Communique, Election 2021: Securing Progress for Municipalities, Register Now 2021 Sustainable Communities Conference, New Report FCM’s Urban Projects –
 - Register Now for the 2021 Sustainable Communities Conference, Oct 19-21. Fully virtual, \$250 for FCM members.
 - Join Us: Rural Futures Panel Discussion, Aug 24 at 1 pm.
 - Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Project Planning Applications Open.
 - New Report: City-Building, Intensification and COVID-19
 - 27. FCM Communique, President’s Corner: Or Federal Election Opportunity** – While you’re online following the campaign, be sure to register for Canada’s premier sustainability event: FCM’s 2021 Sustainability Communities Conference, held virtually Oct 19-21.
 - 28. FCM Communique, Housing: Federal Parties Engage Municipal Priorities** – Local leaders work on the front lines of Canada’s housing crisis. Every day, we grapple with its impacts on our residents and local economies. FCM has been putting forward frontline housing solutions that they’re urging every federal part adopt.
 - 29. FCM Communique, Releases Election 2021 Recommendations** – As the federal election campaign rolls on, they’re working hard to keep municipal priorities front and centre. At a press conference led by FCM President Joanne Vanderheyden, they raised the stakes by releasing Frontline Solutions for Canada’s recovery – pulling together key recommendations that FCM has been pressing with the federal parties.
 - 30. FCM Communique, FCM Voice: Lets Get Our Election Message Out, Join Doug McKenzie-Mohr at the 2021 SCC, Register Now for GMF’s E-Learning Series** – Let’s get the election message out, with less than two weeks left in the federal election campaign, we’re working hard to keep municipal priorities front and centre. The 2021 Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) is Canada’s leading sustainability conference for municipal leader’s and practitioners from Oct 19-21 – 1:00 to 2:50, you’ll be ready to participate in various training sessions being offered. The Green Municipal Fund is pleased to share their Municipal Energy Roadmap e-learning series: tackling energy use in your municipal and community buildings. Read the new Asset management insight online! Case study: one Mayor’s role in his community’s asset management journey. FCM’s climate resilience recommendations in the news, CBC obtained a copy of FCM’s climate resilience proposal for the federal election. Save the Date! Tree Day is Sep 22, celebrating the 10th anniversary of National Tree Day, find a celebration near you or plan your own!
 - 31. MGCS, Municipalities Coroner Investigators** – Effective Aug 18, 2021, changes to Regulation 1094 of the Vital Statistics Act will permanently authorize active registered nurses and nurse practitioners appointed as coroner investigators under section 16.1 of the Coroner’s Act, to complete, sign and copy Medical Certificates of Death (MCOs), including electronic Medical Certificates of Death (eMCOs).
 - 32. Ius Laboris Canada Global HR Lawyers, Mathews Dinsdale, B.C. Government Announces “Vaccine Passport” for Discretionary Events in Province** – The “vaccine passport” will come into effect on Sep 13, 2021.
 - 33. Ontario Heritage Trust, Nominate a Heritage Leader Today!** – Nominations are open for the 2021 Lieutenant Governor’s Ontario Heritage Awards, The Lieutenant Governor’s Ontario Heritage Awards recognize individual, group and project-based achievements in four categories:
 - Youth Achievement
 - Community Leadership
 - Lifetime Achievement
 - Excellence in Conservation
 - 34. Almaguin Adult Learning, Sep Calendar 2021** – Lot’s of upcoming online workshops: Soft Skills for Employment; Food and Finance for life; Computer skills for work and independence. They have limited space available for this workshop and are taking registrations through Sep for delivery beginning in Oct.

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CARRIED

Municipal Recognition of Sep 30 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) reviewed. AMO encourages its members to recognize Sep 30 as National Orange Shirt Day and the flying of the Every Child Matters flag at Municipal Offices. Flag to be ordered.

INFORMATION – COVID-19

35. **City of Hamilton Resolution** – There has been an increase in complaints as a result of after-hour noise caused by construction sites impacting the quiet enjoyment of the residents of Hamilton. Therefore its requested that the Mayor contact the Premier on Ontario, and local Members of Parliament to ask that the Province promptly expediate the expiry of O.Reg 131/20, the COVID exemption for after-hours noise from constriction.
36. **Extension of COVID-19 Benefits and Business Supports** – The Government of Canada is continuing to improve the financial security of Canadians to deliver support to those who need it, heal the wounds of the pandemic recession, and build a strong recovery that leaves no one behind. The Federal Government will extend crucial COVID-19 support measures for Canadians and Canadian businesses in recognition that uneven economic reopening across regions and sectors means workers and businesses continue to need support.
37. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Mobile Vaccine Clinic is on the Move** – Starting Tue, Aug 31, the accessible and convenient mobile clinic will travel across the Health Unit’s district to help reduce barriers to getting the COVID-19 vaccine.
38. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Kale and Chopped Salad Kits Recalled due to Potential Listeria Contamination** – Health Unit is informing residents of a recall warning issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency on Creation Food and Eat Smart brand kale salad and chopped salad kits. The list of recalled products can be found on the Health Units website, please visit www.myhealthunit.ca for more information.
39. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Rapid Antigen Screening Tests Not for Symptomatic Use** – Health Unit has recently received a number of reports of individuals using rapid antigen tests to assess whether their symptoms or those of a family member are a result of COVID-19. The Health Unit would like to remind the public that this type of testing is used for COVID-19 screening only and is not to be used to determine whether someone with symptoms or a close contact of a case has COVID-19.
40. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, News Release, Health Unit Reports Increase in COVID-19 Vaccination Rates, Rates Exceed 90 Per Cent in Individuals 60 Years and Older** – Health Unit is reporting an increase in COVID-19 vaccination uptakes, particularly among those aged 29 and younger. There has been 128 per cent increase in first doses compared to the week prior and there has been a 293 per cent increase compared to the same week in Aug.
41. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be Held Aug 23-29, Walk-in Welcome** – For appointment availability, visit www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine.ca or contact the Health Unit COVID-19 Call Centre at [1-844-478-1400](tel:1-844-478-1400). For a complete list of upcoming clinics, visit www.myhealthunit.ca.
42. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be Held Aug 31 to Sep 4, Walk-ins Welcome** – Health Unit in collaboration with community partners, will be holding COVID-19 vaccine clinics this week throughout the Health Unit’s district. Individuals may walk in without booking and appointment. Clinics will offer both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. For appointment availability, go to www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine.com or contact the Heath Unit COVID-19 Call Centre at 1-844-478-1400.
43. **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement, Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to be Held Sep 7 to Sep 11** – The Health Unit a mobile clinic this week throughout the district for individuals who with to receive a first or second dose are invited to walk in without and appointment.
44. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, COVID-19 Update** – There are currently no COVID-19 positive patients receiving care at MAHC. This figure continues to be updated weekdays on their website at www.mahc.ca/COVID-19.
45. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, News Release, New Directors elected at Annual General Meeting** – Members of the corporation of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Approved the appointment of four new Director to he organizations board at the virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Mon, Aug 23. MAHC welcomes, Sally Ashton, Evelyn Bailey, Marsha Barnes and Carla Clarkson-Ladd.
46. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, New Release, MAHC to Say Goodbye to President & CEO Natalie Bubela** – Following a decade of dedicated service, President & CEO Natalie Bubela has announced her retirement from Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, effective De 23, 2021 The Board of Directors received the new at a special meeting for the Board last evening.

- 47. AMO Communications, Policy Update, Proof of Vaccination Certificates** – The Premier announced the Province will launch an enhanced vaccine certificate and verification app to stop the spread of COVID-19. Starting Sep 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities.
- 48. Mathews Dinsdale, Ontario to Require Proof of Vaccination in Certain Settings** – The Government of Ontario has announced that beginning Sept 22, 2021, proof of vaccination and photo ID will be required to access certain settings, including restaurants and bars, meeting and events spaces, gyms and fitness facilities, sporting events, casinos and concerts. Individuals with medical exceptions and children under 12 will be exempt.
- 49. BAO, Introduces Newsletter for Licensees** – As an essential service in a high-risk setting, the BAO encourages you to make sure your staff members are fully vaccinated, or provide rapid testing for those who medically can not receive it. COVID-19 restrictions remain minimized with the bereavement sector operating under Step 3 measures or reopening. Tell families about ads in obituaries posted on your website. Consumer protection and disclosure are at the core of the purpose of the funeral services contracts, which are mandated by law. Each contract with consumers must be in plain language, include an adequate description of supplies purchased, and whether consideration and benefits are due to the operator or another person. Facing the music in consumer protection. The BAO will continue to post these Registrar’s actions on their website under a section called Suspensions/Revocations/Conditions/Discipline.
- 50. BAO Registrar’s Directive: Funeral Homes and Transfer Services Must Implement Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy** – All funeral establishments and transfer service operators must implement a COVID-19 vaccination policy that requires its employee, staff, contractors, volunteers, students and interns to provide information. This directive goes into effect on Fri, Sep 10, 2021.

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

141-21 Flowers, McLaren

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; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; labour relations or employee negotiations. Time 6:55 pm. CARRIED

142-21 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:45 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

143-21 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Sep 27, 2021. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT

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