

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2024

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

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Neil Scarlett, Pearl Ivens, and Blair Flowers. Staff present: Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney and Finance Intern Jadah McLaren.

Guests observing: Mark Savill and Mark Smuck.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Mar 25, 2024 minutes, Resolution

66-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt minutes of Mar 25, 2024. CARRIED

2. Adoption of Mar 27, 2024 Joint Council minutes, Resolution

Council weighed the need for an Ad Hoc meeting to renew the Shared Services Agreement, as noted in the minutes. Councillor Scarlett suggested it was a great time to go over the many event ideas presented at the Joint meeting. TDC advised that the revisions they want to see in the agreement would be discussed there and South River's CAO could make the changes and resend the agreement for renewal. Councillor Ivens mentioned the comment was made at Joint that the agreement's ratios have not been discussed in a while, that it may come up at the Ad Hoc.

67-24 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we adopt Mar 27, 2024 Joint minutes. CARRIED

3. Eagle Lake Conservation Association; budget request email and response

Email from Mr. Savill requesting clarification be made to the minutes of Mar 11, 2024. During Mr. Livingston's presentation made by Ms. Bradley, Mark Savill was referenced as making the request for funding from the Township in support of an ELCA proposal. Mr. Savill clarified that the request was made on behalf of the ELCA in his capacity as President of ELCA. Mr. Savill's email also requested a response, outside of regular minutes, to the funding request made. TDC proposed a draft, amended a reference made therein; Council approved, Mayor Carleton signed it.

4. 2024 Draft Budget, Resolution

Budget package reviewed: Report from Finance Intern/Clerk-Administrator, Draft 2024 Budget, Tax Tools; Set 2024 Levies, 2024 Overall Levy Changes, 2024 Tax Impact on Median/Typical Property, Media Articles on 2024 Budget challenges and percentage increases; Council passes the Town of Huntsville's 2024 Budget with a tax rate increase of 10.68%, Callander residents brace for 4.5% tax increase, Muskoka Lakes estimates 14.3% tax increase for 2024, Comparison of 2023 Tax Rates, Ad required for Budget Adoption. Council were pleased with the package that the Clerk Administrator and Finance Intern worked on together. The Levy options were discussed: various percentage increases provided based on how much was taken from Road Reserve to fund the Park Rd Culverts project. Council selected the middle overall levy change of 4.360573%, not wanting the rate to be too high or too low so that we're not compromising service levels. Tax Impact on Median/Typical Property assessed at \$158,000 = \$71.72 Change for 2024. Councillor Flowers expressed concern that outside entities/departments aren't always mindful to aim at a regular inflationary increase, that our internal departments are forced to suffer lower than inflation increases in order to balance out the overall Tax impact. Machar has been the lowest tax rate in the area and has been investment minded, allowing for a \$212k return on those investments, while government transfers (Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund) are down.

68-24 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we instruct Administration to proceed with a 2024 Budget of \$2,509,174 at a 4.360573% increase. CARRIED

5. Pay List by Fund for Mar, Resolution

Council queried expenses head gaskets on the '14 pick up for \$10,920, the ongoing insurance claim invoice, and the two Tatham Engineering invoices. TDC indicated the engineering invoices were within the original quote.

69-24 Ivens, Scarlett

THAT we approve Pay List for Mar 2024: \$181,917.10 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

6. Shared Service Agreement, expiring Oct 11, 2024

Possible agreement term lengths were discussed and the merits with each. The need for Culture & Recreation to be separate from Arena was questioned by Councillor Ivens, Councillor Scarlett provided a brief history on those committee's individual roles and suggested any Rec items coming up may just be a conversation between himself and SR CA followed by Council approvals.

70-24 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we appoint 2 members of Council per Shared Services Agreement, Section 5, to an Ad Hoc Committee for the review of agreement and renewal term in Oct 2024,

FURTHER THAT the 2 members of Council re: Neil Scarlett and Pearl Ivens, with Lynda Carleton as alternate. CARRIED

7. Joint Building Committee minutes of Mar 21, 2024, Resolution

Discussions ensued around the JBC '20 truck being transferred to South River/Sundridge/Joly/Burk's Falls By-Law Enforcement for \$28,000 and purchasing a new truck for \$60,000.

71-24 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we accept Building minutes of Mar 21, 2024. CARRIED

8. Joint Building Committee Special Meeting Apr 4, 2024

Councillor Scarlett attended, discussions were centred on tendering the disposal of the 2020 truck as SSJBF BLE no longer needs it.

9. Joint Building Permit Summaries for Mar 2024, Resolution

Machar has been surpassed in Building Permit project values, Sundridge has \$2M in development.

72-24 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Mar 2024. CARRIED

10. FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic) 2024 Conference, Unlocking the North's Potential, ToR Water Wastewater Utility Corp Expert Panel LAS AMO Business Services

Local Authority Services (LAS) has been tasked with bringing a feasibility study back to the LAS Board on LAS creating a water and wastewater utility for municipalities. They are putting together an Expert Panel to guide the development of the study. LAS is looking for someone within northern Ontario with experience in operating a small water/wastewater system to sit on the Expert Panel, virtually.

INFORMATION

11. **AMO Communications**, Policy Update – 2024 Ontario Budget and National Housing Strategy Funding ATTACHED
12. **Municipality of Wawa Resolution**, Support resolution passed by Township of Amaranth regarding pausing advancement on proposed highway 413 and redirect the appropriate \$8 billion cost for highway 413 to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives
13. **Town of Fort Erie Resolution**, Requesting the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums
14. **Northumberland County Resolution**, Support regarding ‘Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates’
15. **Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Resolution**, Requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000
16. **Town of Fort Erie Resolution**, Support correspondence from the Architectural Conservancy Ontario requesting the Provincial Government to amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act by **extending** the deadline for five years, from Jan 1, 2025 to Jan 30, 2030
17. **Municipality of Wawa Resolution**, Support resolution for the Municipality of St. Charles regarding Guaranteed Liveable Income
18. **Township of Whitewater Region Resolution**, Support the resolution from Lambton County regarding appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund
19. **Town of Whitby Resolution**, Support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand
20. **Township of Clearview Resolution**, Endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a ‘digital safety commission’ and nomination of and ‘independent’ Ombudsperson
21. **Township of Asphodel-Norwood Resolution**, Support the concerns raised by former senior managers of Public Health Ontario (PHO) regarding the Auditor General of Ontario’s recommendation to close regional laboratories
22. **Township of Warwick Resolution**, Supports a measured approach to Ontario’s energy transition and recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification
23. **Township of Terrance Bay Resolution**, Supports a measured approach to Ontario’s energy transition
24. **Township of Terrance Bay Resolution**, Regarding Prince Edward County’s meeting request with respect to Fire Department needs
25. **Township of Alnwick/Haldimand Resolution**, Support of the Municipality of St. Charles resolution regarding municipalities retaining surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions
26. **Township of Greater Madawaska Resolution**, Supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course
27. **Town of Shelburne Resolution**, Encourages all levels of government to eradicate all forms of racism especially Islamophobia and antisemitism
28. **County of Prince Edward Resolution**, Support for a call to action to meet the deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025
29. **Township of Alnwick/Haldimand Resolution**, Support the Municipality of St. Charles and City of Cambridge’s resolutions regarding amendments to the Highway Traffic Act
30. **City of Brantford Resolution**, The Federal Government exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax to reduce the burden on citizens, as had been done in Saskatchewan, and the Federal Government reinstate home energy retrofit rebate and grant programs to help Brantford residents retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient and provide barrier-free options for switching to less carbon-intensive fuel sources to lower their utility bills and avoid the carbon tax
31. **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre**, Apr Calendar
32. **Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility**, Nominations for the 2024 Ontario Senior of the Year
33. **Blue Sky Net**, Mar 2024 Blue Sky Net Tech Talk Newsletter
34. **Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA)**, Join us at the Spring Cottage Life Show, AGM recap & more updates
35. **AMCTO**, Advocacy Update: 2024 Provincial Budget
36. **AMCTO The Municipal Minute, Mar 20**, Changes to law governing Ontario police coming in Apr, Eastern Ontario prepares for eclipse, Funding for Indigenous-led projects in Toronto, Ontario, to address overrepresentation in the justice system, First Nations in northwestern Ontario taking

ownership of child-family services on road to federal reform, 'Renovictions' on the rise in Ontario according to recent report by ACORN; cities should require building permits, Ontario has to pay public sector workers \$6B and counting in Bill 124 compensation, Town wants to expand heritage registry before end of year

37. AMCTO The Municipal Minute, Mar 27, The OPP doesn't have to enforce First Nation laws, Indigenous leaders say that's outrageous – and they want the Ford government to act, Ontario gears up for a spectacular solar eclipse experience, Rising insurance premiums create challenges for local municipalities, Ontario won't introduce legislation that automatically approves fourplexes, Ford says, MPP Steve Clark announces plans to introduce anti-federal carbon tax motion, Ottawa threatens to cancel \$350M in housing money from Ontario over lack of affordable units, Ontario extending gas tax cut to end of year

38. AMCTO The Municipal Minute, Apr 3, Last call for Nominations for 2024 Awards Program, Join us Online at the Municipal Leaders Forum on Apr 11, Welcome to the AMCTO Members' Discussion Forums, Email Retention Policy, Advocacy Update: 2024 Provincial Budget, Indigenous languages now allowed in legislative addresses, A new deal with City of Ottawa to take over certain costs, Unifying municipal conferences for enhanced efficiency and participation, Greenhouse growers facing increased water use charges, Ontario's climate action shortfall: a wake up call for urgent transparency, Ontario's new Inspector General of Policing begins mandate, Situational leadership practices: Essential for today's leaders, 10 remote work cybersecurity risks and how to prevent them

39. Pierrette Desrochers, Sudbury East, Nipissing & Parry Sound Ag & Food Newsletter – Apr 2024

40. AMO Watchfile Mar 21, In This Issue

- Conservation Authority regulations
- Information to assist Municipalities in flood preparedness
- Consultation on *Ontario Energy Board Act* changes
- Consultation on *Seniors Active Living Centres Act*
- Consultation on Rural Economic Development Strategy
- Nominations open for Lieutenant Governor's Award
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) data
- Applications open: My Main Street Fund
- Applications open: Rural Transit Solutions Fund
- Consultation: 2025 National Construction Codes
- Disability inclusion workshop and discussion: Beyond AODA compliance
- Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times - Limited space
- Strategies for Navigating Conflict Relationships for Strong Council Outcomes
- Land Use Planning - Foundations and Deeper Dive workshops
- Anti-Semitism and Anti-Islamophobia: Spring workshops
- Advanced Councillor Training Series to Revitalize Your Leadership
- Municipal Codes of Conduct Workshop: Essential to Good Governance
- OSUM 2024 Conference - Register today
- Blog: How AI is changing cybersecurity and impacting accessibility
- Using the Energy Planning Tool to its fullest
- Book your 2024 road and sidewalk inspections now
- Invasive Species Action Fund
- Energy procurements webinar for elected officials
- Future of Aging Summit: May 15-17
- Careers

41. AMO Watchfile Mar 28, In This Issue

- 2024 is an AMO Board election year!
- Application for the PJ Marshall Awards is open
- Conservation Authority regulations
- Information to assist Municipalities in flood preparedness
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- Land Use Planning - Foundations and Deeper Dive workshops
- Anti-Semitism and Anti-Islamophobia: Spring workshops
- Councillor Training - Refresh and refine your leadership, May workshop
- Advanced Councillor Training Series to revitalize your leadership
- Municipal Codes of Conduct Workshop: Essential to Good Governance
- Understanding Competing Human Rights - Upcoming workshop
- OSUM 2024 - Join the OSUM Executive and colleagues in beautiful Orillia
- Canoe spring webinar series starts soon

- Upcoming webinar: Measurement and Verification for Energy Projects
- Don't forget to vote for Elliot Lake on March 29 and 30 - Kraft Hockeyville!
- Ontario Bike Summit - April 3 - 5, 2024, Waterloo
- Captive wildlife resolution
- Leading local change through Canada's net-zero building codes
- Call for delegates to SIESLR Conference
- Invasive Species Action Fund
- Recorded webinar on energy project siting
- Future of Aging Summit: May 15-17
- Careers: Guelph, Georgina, and Peel Regional Police

- 42. AMO Education, New Registration Rate! Managing Communications through Crisis**
- 43. AMO Education, Advanced Strategies to Master Conflict Relationships (NCR 2.0)**
- 44. AMO Education, AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials**
- 45. AMO Education, Competing Rights: What You Need to Know!**
- 46. AMO Events, AMO Education: Apr Workshops**
- 47. AMO Communications, Policy Update – A New Deal for Ottawa**
- 48. Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), The City of Orillia Welcomes OSUM Members for the 2024 Conference**

73-24 Ivens, Scarlett

THAT we support agenda items 13 and 26. CARRIED

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

49. Notice of a Public Meeting for a Zoning By-Law Amendment 11118 Highway 124 (1-016) ATTACHED

FYI for next meeting. The subject property is designated Employment Commercial in the Twp Official Plan and is located within the Commercial Employment (CE) Zone in the Zoning By-Law. A motel and hotel is a permitted use within the CE Zone. Kitchen facilities are not currently permitted within a hotel and motel unit in the Zoning By-Law. The proposed application is to include a kitchen within a hotel or motel unit on the subject property, site specific. The existing building is proposed to have 11 units. The overall conceptual development plan includes additions to the existing building and three new buildings on the subject property, for a total of four buildings. The owner is proposing an approximate total of 57 motel/hotel units in the future. Additional review of the proposed conceptual development plan will take place through the Building Permit review process and the Site Plan Control process. Septic capacity and approvals are required from North Bay – Mattawa Conservation Authority and there is currently capacity for 11 motel/hotel units on the property.

ADJOURN

74-24 Flowers, 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, Apr 22, 2024. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

AL/bp