

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 26, 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, Blair Flowers and Pearl Ivens. Staff present: Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney and Finance Intern Jadah McLaren.

Guests Observing: Mark Smuck.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Aug 12, 2024 minutes, Resolution

Typo: Grant should read Grand in Resolution to approve List of Proposed Payments.

153-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt minutes of Aug 12, 2024, as amended. CARRIED

2. Provincial Planning Statement 2024, Effective Oct 2024

The Provincial Planning Statement 2024 sets out a streamlined, province-wide land use planning document that gives municipalities the tools and flexibility they need to hit their housing targets in a way that is responsive to local challenges and reflective of local priorities and replaces the PPS 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019, effective Oct 20, 2024.

3. South River Freshmart, reusable shopping bags opportunity

Council felt the shopping bags were more of a business advertising space, that the funds could be better utilized as a donation to local health care/mental health initiatives.

COMMITTEES

4. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Jul, Arena and Fire

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Jul 2024, Income Statement for Jul (Revenue 32.43%, Expenses 17.41%), AP Ledger for Jul \$62,168.54 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Jul 2024 (fairly quiet this month), Income Statement for Jul 2024 (Revenue 27.24% and Expenses 52.36%), AP Ledger for Jul \$14,885.20 Total Expenditures.

5. Arena Floor Architect Design Options

Cost estimated for the Arena Floor Design: Option A – Existing Rink Size with New Header and Refrigerant Piping \$1,302,000 plus HST and Option B – Increased Rink Size with New Header and Refrigerant Piping \$1,688,000 plus HST. South River Clerk Administrator indicates the estimates contain very large contingencies, particularly for the Design and Pricing and Location Factor estimates. South River Council recommended that only option A be pursued, no expansion of ice size and no additional valves for the curling club and the tender documents be prepared for that option. SR CA suggests The Village and Township will have to re-evaluate options, including not moving forward with the floor replacement, if the project is not possible within the approved budget. Machar Council appreciate the information and the decision to go with Option A; that expanding the ice surface into the lobby was an ambitious idea.

6. Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF)

This new \$200-million, three-year infrastructure fund will support Ontario’s growing communities with new and revitalized local sport and recreation facilities across the province. Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation and Stream 2: New Builds/Signature New Builds. Eligible projects must have existing sport or recreation programming and cannot be stacked with funding from other Ontario provincial grant programs for the same capital project. Council suggested Treasurer Deputy Clerk forward the opportunity to South River for the pickleball/baseball court or baseball diamond/lights.

7. Machar Public Works minutes of Aug 15, 2024, Resolution

Health and Safety meeting held Wed, Aug 21, 2024; safety lesson went good, safety check followed. Landfill training with the backhoe the following Thu went well. Signage for the Narrows discussed: “Park Users Only” quotes to be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

Inquiry from Councillor Ivens leads TDC to confirm complaints re: business signs on Township property should be referred to By-Law Enforcement as there is a sign By-Law and application process for erecting signage on Township road allowance.

Photo of Park Rd South closure Sep 3 – Sep 30, 2024 provided. Notice to be posted on the website.

154-24 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Aug 15, 2024. CARRIED

a) Eagle Lake Narrows Retaining Wall Tender

Tender opening 3pm Mon, Aug 19, 2024 presented 1 tender: Canor Construction \$867,272.50. The engineer reached out and the bidder is willing to negotiate the price down, however Council is not optimistic that will be enough. Alternative options were discussed, Admin to discuss with bidder and funding provider for realistic options.

b) Circular Materials Operations – Depot Operations Agreement, Resolution

Without opting in as a Blue Box Materials Collection Depot, residents would be responsible for bringing their recycling to the next closest depot. The Blue Box materials will continue to be picked up by GFL to a sorting facility.

155-24 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we agree to enter into Agreement with Circular Materials Ontario and, FURTHER THAT Mayor and Waste Management Coordinator are authorized to execute the Eligible Community Depot Operations Agreement. CARRIED

c) Engineering Quote Municipal Rd N

Discussion ensued on the need and cost of the engineering. Quote is to be discussed at Committee.

8. Machar Recreation; Candle Light Vigil – Sep 10, 2024, Halloween Walk 3 – Oct 26, 2024

World Health Organization’s suicide prevention package was provided “Light a Flame of Hope”. The Keynote speakers from last year’s Vigil seem to be unavailable for collaboration this year. After discussions, event was cancelled for this year.

Councillor Scarlett is looking for student volunteers to dress up to scare. Local businesses are lining up to decorate a campsite on the Treats Trail, but the event is always looking for more decorated campsites on the Scare Trail, volunteers welcome!

9. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Jul 16, 2024, Resolution

Councillor Flowers advised the Collaboration Care Model agreement was signed at the last meeting, Aug 20, 2024.

156-24 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of Jul 16, 2024 as follows: approve the Collaboration Care Model between the Powassan Area FHT and Physicians of the South River

Machar Medical Centre (in principal), adopt the minutes, Pay Lists, Budgetary Controls, adjourned until Aug 20, 2024... CARRIED

10. DPSMA (Distr of Parry Sound Munic Assoc) Fall Meeting Sep 27 in Archipelago

Mayor and 3 Councillors to be registered, Councillor Scarlett may be unavailable. Admin is invited.

11. DPSSSAB (Distr of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd) Jul/Aug 2024 CAO Report, available

INFORMATION

- 12. Township of Terrace Bay Resolution**, Urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Terrace Bay and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care
- 13. Township of Terrace Bay Resolution**, Requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services
- 14. Township of Terrace Bay Resolution**, Urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical labour market shortage in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development
- 15. Township of Terrace Bay Resolution**, Endorse the creation of a province-wide long-service medal for police and for paramedics, modelled after the existing such award for firefighters
- 16. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Resolution**, Urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care
- 17. Town of Grimsby Resolution**, Support correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie and Town of Lincoln regarding increased funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums be received and endorsed
- 18. Township of Stirling-Rawdon Resolution**, Recommends the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996, and further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries
- 19. Township of Nairn and Hyman & Township of Baldwin Resolution**, Respectfully demand that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation immediately halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of NORM at the ALTMA site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities: and respectfully demands full disclosure of all pertinent details regarding the proposed future NORM transportation and deposition plan, including specific transportation routes, emergency response plans, safety protocols, and the future management plan for the ALTMA site: and insists that environmental and health impact assessments be conducted with input from independent experts, and that these assessments include opportunities for public hearing to ensure transparency and community involvement: and enact Legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM
- 20. Township of Whitewater Region Resolution**, Support the request from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources
- 21. Township of Whitewater Region Resolution**, Support the request from the City of Pembroke calling upon the Province of Ontario to allocate funding specifically for the establishment of a mental health, addiction and residential drug treatment facility serving Renfrew County
- 22. AMO Policy, Update – Homelessness and Opioids, Municipal Associations are United in Calling for Provincial Action on Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions**
- 23. AMO Watchfile Aug 8, In This Issue**
 - Get access to MIDAS!
 - Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Funding applications open.
 - Feedback on Accessible Built Environment Requirements.
 - AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community & Supportive Housing Symposium.
 - Plan your fall education schedule.
 - Blog: Group Benefits Can Save Time and Money.
 - Visit LAS program partners at the AMO Conference.
 - Cyber Risk Management for Municipalities workshop.
 - Careers: Township of Hornepayne
- 24. AMO Watchfile Aug 15, In This Issue**

- Municipal leaders head to Ottawa for 2024 AMO Conference.
- Feedback on Accessible Built Environment Requirements.
- AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community & Supportive Housing Symposium.
- Plan your fall education schedule.
- AMO's Healthy Democracy Forum.
- LAS welcomes you to the AMO Conference.
- Municipal claims protection through Minimum Maintenance Standards.
- Substance Use Crisis Summit for elected officials.
- Careers.

25. AMO Watchfile Aug 22, In This Issue

- 2024-2026 Board of Directors.
- Investments in mental health & addictions supports announcement at AMO Conference.
- The Regional Municipality of York receives municipal innovation award.
- Town of Midland receives municipal innovation award.
- City of Peterborough receives municipal innovation award.
- New Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund - apply now!
- Feedback on Accessible Built Environment Requirements.
- AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community & Supportive Housing Symposium.
- Plan your fall education schedule.
- AMO's Healthy Democracy Forum.
- Substance Use Crisis Summit for elected officials.
- Careers.

26. AMCTO The Municipal Experts, Registration Now Open: Fall Workshops & Webinars

27. AMCTO The Municipal Minute, Canada's fire departments facing growing pressures, 'Ontario's moment:' Minister says Canada building blueprint for nuclear energy future, Ontario municipalities call on province to address homelessness, opioid crises, Singh advocates federal funding for anti-renoviction laws, Toronto must enforce cooling measures to combat deadly indoor heat,

28. AMCTO The Municipal Minute, \$5M funding to boost local food industry, Ottawa is contemplating an 'anti-renoviction' bylaw, Mayors campaign for Ontario to tackle homelessness, drug crisis, Ontario invests \$970M to enhance water infrastructure and boost housing, College faculty's union vote resumes after 7 years, New job posting rules ensure fairness and transparency, Ontario town offers \$80K incentives to attract family doctors

29. AMCTO The Municipal Minute, Ontario and Nova Scotia boost credential recognition for skilled trades, CFIB urges local governments to compensate businesses for construction impacts, MiWay expands transit service to address rising demand, Court defines key post-employment duties for employees, Ontario boosts funding to empower woman with skills and job opportunities, Pickering welcoming potential code of conduct changes to Ontario's Municipal Act

30. Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations (FOCA), Fall Seminar registration & more

31. Canadian Emergency Preparedness and Climate Adaptation Expo (CEPCA), Critical Conversations Happening at CEPCA- Are You In? SEPT 24-26, 2024 SHAW CENTRE, OTTAWA

32. LAS, You're invited to LAS' Water and Wastewater Open House

33. The Managed Municipality, What is Shadow IT? Risks of Shadow IT

34. Sun Life Group Benefits, 9-8-8: Canada's suicide crisis helpline, in this week's Focus Update

157-24 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we support agenda item 12, 17 and 20. CARRIED

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

158-24 McLaren, Ivens

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employee, and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board...

Time: 7:40 pm. CARRIED

159-24 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we come out of Closed Session with agreement as follows: accept update draft of Indemnity and Cooperation Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign this final draft. Time: 8:10 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

160-24 Scarlett, Ivens

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 9, 2024. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

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