

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 16, 2024**

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, Neil Scarlett and Pearl Ivens. Staff present: Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

Guest scheduled Chris Bevan, Partner, Kennedy Insurance Brokers. Guests Observing: Mark Savill.

GUESTS

6:30 pm 2025 Insurance Renewal, Resolution

Mr. Bevan attended to walk us through the 2025 insurance renewal proposal. Bevan suggested the insurance spike is levelling. A slight bump in premium is due to the new grader with a replacement value of \$580,000. The overall premium increase for the 2025 term is below the average increase within the Intact Public Entities Municipal Program.

210-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we accept Insurance Renewal for Jan 1, 2025 – Jan 1, 2026 from Intact Public Entities Inc in the amount of \$69,205 representing a 5% increase. CARRIED

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Nov 25, 2024 minutes, Resolution

211-24 Ivens, Scarlett

THAT we adopt minutes of Nov 25, 2024. CARRIED

2. Adoption of Nov 20, 2024 Joint Council minutes, Resolution

212-24 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we adopt Nov 20, 2024 Joint minutes. CARRIED

3. Auditor Communication and Engagement 2024, Resolution

213-24 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we authorize the Mayor and Treasurer Deputy Clerk to execute the Auditor Communication and Engagement 2024 letters dated Dec 17, 2024. CARRIED

4. Applicant 517 Jim Young Rd correspondence

Nicely worded; to be added to the comments available to the public: dropbox.com.

5. Pay List by Fund for Nov, Resolution

214-24 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we approve Pay List for Nov 2024: \$467,389.52 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

6. By-Law Enforcement Year End Staff Report, Resolution

215-24 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we accept BLEO 2024 Year End Staff Report. CARRIED

7. Community Centre Shared Services Committee reps, Resolution

216-24 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we appoint Council representatives for the remainder of term 2022-2026 as follows:
Ron McLaren and Neil Scarlett to Community Centre Shared Services Committee. CARRIED

8. Haunted Halloween Walk Thank you, Resolution

217-24 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we approve Haunted Halloween Walk volunteer thank you. CARRIED

9. South River Machar Library minutes of Nov 19, 2024, Resolution

218-24 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Nov 19, 2024. CARRIED

10. South River Machar Medical Board minutes of Nov 19, 2024, Resolution

219-24 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Medical minutes of Nov 19, 2024. CARRIED

11. Joint Building Committee permit summaries for Nov, Resolution

220-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we accept Building Permit summaries for Nov, 2024. CARRIED

12. POA (Provincial Offences Act) minutes of May 23, 2024, Resolution

221-24 Ivens, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge POA minutes of May 23, 2024. CARRIED

13. Machar Emergency Control Group minutes of Nov 21, 2024, Resolution

222-24 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we accept Emergency Control Group meeting minutes of Nov 21, 2024. CARRIED

14. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health minutes for Nov 27, 2024 and Finance and Property Committee for Jun 26, 2024 are available on their website

15. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Emergency Management Plan has been updated

16. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health minutes – Nov 27, and Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee minutes for Apr 24, 2024 are available on their website

Council inquired after Our HealthBox *a “smart”, interactive dispensing machine that provides free and low barrier access (can be available 24/7) to self-testing kits for HIV and COVID-19 rapid antigen tests, plus essential harm reduction supplies, sexual health supplies and other supplies that we often take for granted (e.g., socks and mittens in the winter, women hygiene supplies, hand sanitizer). Harm reduction and sexual health supplies may vary depending on regional needs and supply availability. It’s also a machine that provides health information, and a support services directory for people to find the health care they need—in their community. REACH Nexus is planning to launch 25-30 machines nationally in the first year, with a goal of 100 machines deployed over the next three years.

17. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health News Release: Health Unit adds more opportunities for flu and COVID-19 vaccines

18. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health News Release: Planet Youth Nipissing Releases Survey Results: Spending time with your teen on the weekends could be good for their well-being

19. **FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic) Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development course, Jan 16, 2024** no cost to Municipal Staff and Councillors with a population base less than 2,500
20. **FONOM FWD: Announcement from the Solicitor General's Office re: Ontario Offsetting OPP Costs Increases for Small and Rural Municipalities**
21. **FONOM Conference in 2025 will be in North Bay May 9-11**
22. **Almaguin Highlands Health Council minutes of Dec 5, 2024**

INFORMATION

23. **Almaguin Adult Learning**, Dec Calendar
24. **Explore Almaguin**, Almaguin Brand Alignment & Regional Signage Plan
25. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare**, 2025 Political Leader Forums resume Thu, Jan 9, 2025
26. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Joint release**, Hospital to home Program Here to Stay Securing Base funding Nov 29, 24
27. **Town of Ryerson Resolution**, Supporting the resolution from the NBPSDHU pertaining to the Provincial Oral Health Strategy
28. **Municipality of East Ferris Resolution**, supporting recommendation for NBPSDHU pertaining to the Provincial Oral Health Strategy
29. **Tay Valley Township Resolution**, re: Establishment of an Ontario Road Safety Program
30. **Town of Aurora Resolution**, re: Request the Reintubation of the municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure funding
31. **Peterborough County C Resolution**, re: Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program
32. **Town of Puslinch Resolution**, re: Enabling greater beneficial reuse excess soil
33. **Town of Aurora Resolution**, re: Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
34. **Township of Uxbridge**, re: AMCTO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATES TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTONS ACT
35. **Municipality of Wawa Resolution**, re: with respect to requesting the redistribution of provincial land transfer tax and GST to municipalities for sustainable in infrastructure funding
36. **Municipality of Wawa Resolution**, supports the Township of Papineau Cameron, regarding the Ontario Building Code
37. **Municipality of Wawa Resolution**, supports the Township of Essa Motion No. CR172-2024 Fair Share of Provincial and Federal Government Financial Support
38. **Municipality of Wawa Resolution**, support the Urging the Government to Promptly Resume the Assessment Cycle
39. **Town of Parry Sound**, re: Request Province implement a rural road safety program to reduce fatalities and injuries
40. **Municipality of Perth**, re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
41. **The County of Northumberland Resolution**, Support for Family Physician's
42. **City of Brantford**, Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
43. **Town of Saugeen Shores Resolution**, Support for Intimate Partner Violence
44. **Town of Tillsonburg Resolution**, Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
45. **Township of Terrace Bay Resolution**, Support Province, implement a rural road safety program to reduce fatalities and injuries
46. **Town of Kearney**, Support Resolution re: Critical Infrastructure
47. **Town of New Tecumseth Resolution**, Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST
48. **Regional. Clerk**, Motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for sustainable Infrastructure Funding
49. **Municipality of St-Charles Resolution**, Ontario Deposit Return Program
50. **Municipality of St-Charles Resolution**, Support Tay Valley Township, regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure
51. **The Regional Municipality of Durham**, re: Motion Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
52. **The Regional Municipality of Durham**, re: Motion Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
53. **Town of South Bruce Peninsula**, Letter of Support Establishment of Rural Road Safety Program, 241204 Support Lett re; Good Roads ORRSP
54. **City of Port Colborne Resolution**, Support for Township of McGarry re: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax
55. **Municipality of St.-Charles Resolution**, re: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax\
56. **AMO Education Nov 21**, Become an Equity Informed Leader
57. **AMO Education Nov 22**, Disability Inclusion Workshop and Panel Discussion
58. **AMO Education Dec 9**, AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials
59. **AMO Education Nov 25**, Indigenous Community Awareness Training

60. **AMO Education Nov 26**, Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official (NCR1.0)
61. **AMO Education Nov 27**, Managing Communications through crisis
62. **AMO Education Nov 27**, Pre-Conference Workshop Opportunity at ROMA Conference
63. **AMO Education Nov 28**, Competing Rights: What You Need to Know!
64. **AMO Education Nov 29**, Municipal Codes of Conduct: Essential to Good Governance
65. **AMO POLICY Update** OPP Billing, Bills
66. **AMO POLICY Update** - 2024 Housing Targets in Ontario,
67. **AMO POLICY Update**, – Webinar: Navigation the New Broadband Municipal Access Agreement Template
68. **AMO POLICY Update**, - Pre-Budget Submission 2025
69. **AMO POLICY Update**, - Pre-Budget Submission, Advocacy on Water, Recent Bills and Building Officials
70. **AMO POLICY Update**, - Gender-Based-Violence Toolkit
71. **AMCTO, Advocacy Update**: AMCTO At Queen’s Park and Recent Submissions
72. **AMO Watchfile**, In This Issue, November 21, 2024
- Human Rights AI Impact Assessment tools.
 - OMAFA webinar on land-use siting for energy projects.
 - ERO posting on changes to excess soils regulations.
 - ERO posting on proposed changes to energy legislation.
 - ERO Posting on changes to electricity system connection infrastructure.
 - Integrated Energy Resource Plan Consultation.
 - Intake announcement - Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund.
 - ROMA Conference: *Rural Routes* - Program updates.
 - ROMA Conference: *Rural Routes* - Request your delegation meetings.
 - ROMA Pre-conference workshop January 18 - Two Keys to Municipal Success.
 - ROMA Conference: *Rural Routes* - Exhibit Hall is almost sold out!
 - Foundations in Planning & Advanced Land Use Planning - winter workshops.
 - Indigenous Community Awareness, February 2025 workshop.
 - NEW! Apathy to Action: Building Resilient Communities through Managing Assets workshop.
 - NEW! Equity, Inclusion and Innovation in Municipalities, March 25 workshop.
 - Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official, March 2025 workshop.
 - Disability Inclusion, March 27 virtual workshop .
 - Managing Communications through Crisis, April 2025 workshop.
 - Canoe webinar: Leveraging Stakeholder Relationships for Procurement Success.
 - Use Canoe for easy budget pricing.
 - Plan for your 2025 road need study now.
 - Blog: Fortifying Your Municipality Against Cyber Threats.
 - Enbridge Gas Integrated Resource Planning webinars - Register TODAY!
 - New Where to Recycle map.
 - OAITH Wrapped in Courage campaign.
 - *HSC's 2025 Regeneration Forum: Levelling Up - Transforming Housing.*
 - AdvantAge Annual Seniors' Housing Forum.
 - Careers and RFP.
73. **AMO Watchfile**, In This Issue, November 28, 2024
- Municipal Access Agreement Light Template webinar.
 - Cyber Security Ontario launches Tabletop Exercise in a Box.
 - ERO Posting on changes to electricity system connection infrastructure.
 - Integrated Energy Resource Plan Consultation.
 - Health Canada webinars on the overdose crisis.
 - Intake announcement - Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund.
 - ROMA Program - Check out the *Rural Routes* programming.
 - ROMA Pre-conference workshop January 18 - Two Keys to Municipal Success.
 - AMO is here to support your leadership - 2025 Workshops.
 - Canoe - your municipal sector partner.
 - Blog: Turning the Tables on Food Waste.
 - *HSC's 2025 Regeneration Forum: Levelling Up - Transforming Housing.*
 - Careers.
74. **AMO Watchfile**, In This Issue, Dec 5, 2024
- AMO President Robin Jones provides highlights from Board meeting.
 - ERO Posting on changes to electricity system connection infrastructure.
 - Integrated Energy Resource Plan Consultation.
 - Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) with new funding.
 - Health Canada webinars on the overdose crisis.
 - Intake announcement - Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund.
 - ROMA Program - Check out the *Rural Routes* programming.
 - ROMA Pre-conference workshop January 18 - Two Keys to Municipal Success.
 - AMO is here to support your leadership - 2025 Workshops.
 - The NWMO announces future site for Canada’s deep geological repository.
 - Webinar on risk management for Battery Energy Storage Systems.
 - Careers.
75. **BAO, Notice**: BAO shares Chief Coroner’s memo on Alternate Methods of Call Distribution Requirements
76. **BAO, Lifeline**: Notice to the Profession – BAO is moving to a 2-page overview of its **Consumer** Information Guide as it’s standard handout to consumers

- 77. **FOCA Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations**, bubbler safety, new LPP videos, Black Friday savings, funding opportunities & more
- 78. **Invasive Species Centre**, Media, Research and Events Scan: Nov 8 - 21
- 79. **Invasive Species Centre**, Media, Research and Events Scan: Nov 22 -Dec 5
- 80. **LAS, REMINDER-**
- 81. **Invasive Species Centre**, UPCOMING WEBINARS, Assessing the Risk Posed by Spongy Moth to Canada's Forests + The Impact of Forest Pests and Pathogens on Climate Resilience
- 82. **Mathews Dinsdale** – Federal Sector Update 2024
- 83. **MFOA**, Messenger Celebrating Success: A look back at 2024
- 84. **MPAC**, Oct/Nov 2024 InTouch
- 85. **MunicipiPaid**, New Municipal Funding Study,
- 86. **Managed Cemeteries by TMM**, Transform Your Cemetery Records Management
- 87. **Prime Minister's Awards**, re: Consider nomination an educator for a 2025 Prime Minister's Award!
- 88. **Prime Minister's Awards**, deadline is fast approaching!
- 89. **ROMA Communication**
- 90. **Provincial Offences Act Unit**, re: Canada Post Disruption
- 91. **ROMA Events**, Exciting Mainstage Panels at ROMA
- 92. **ROMA Events**, A Few Things to Know about ROMA 2025
- 93. **ROMA Events**, So Many Great concurrent at ROMA
- 94. **TRAICON Nov 6, Non-Profit Management Essentials**

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

223-24 Flowers, Scarlett

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 employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. CARRIED

224-24 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:47 pm. CARRIED

225-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 18-24; being a by-law to appoint a Clerk Administrator. CARRIED

226-24 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 19-24; being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk. CARRIED

227-24 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 20-24; being a by-law to appoint a Treasurer. CARRIED

ADJOURN

228-24 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, Jan 13, 2024.

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney