

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, July 22, 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.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Jul 8, 2024 minutes, Resolution**

**134-24 Ivens, Flowers**

THAT we adopt minutes of Jul 8, 2024. CARRIED

**COMMITTEES**

**2. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Jun, Arena and Fire, SR CA response on NG911 Expense**

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Jul 2024, Income Statement for Jun (Revenue 39.17%, Expenses 26.02%), AP Ledger for Jun \$10,026.16 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Jun 2024 (preparation for HOC and soccer, Land and Lake Landscape Solutions treated baseball infield with new sand/stone and installed new pitcher's plate and home plate), Income Statement for Jun 2024 (Revenue 19.24% and Expenses 29.95%), AP Ledger for Jun \$2,606.17 Total Expenditures.

Mayor Carleton inquired about Machar contributions to the Fire Department under 50%, at 49.33%. Treasurer Deputy-Clerk explained that this is due to calculations in Q1 based off previous year figures, the amount will correct itself in the Q3 and Q4 payments. Mayor Carleton inquired about the Arena reserve transfer. This amount was the 2023 surplus, and is to be put toward the new arena pad project.

An explanation was received from SR Clerk Administrator about the Cyber Security Risk Assessment \$24,000 payment dated May 21, 2024. The cyber security is a mandatory requirement of the new NG911 system and is 100% funded by the NG911 grant.

**3. Machar Public Works minutes of Jul 11, 2024, Resolution**

Council suggested information on the Spruce Budworm as a topic in the Spring 2025 Newsletter, and also requested that a link to information on the Spruce Budworm be posted on the Township website. Phragmites removal going well based on reports from individuals involved in the effort. TDC would like to explore further options for relocating water runoff into the Eagle Lake Narrows Park to mitigate risk of damaging the proposed retaining wall and surrounding properties.

**135-24 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Jul 11, 2024. CARRIED

**a) Park Rd S Culvert Replacement Tender, Resolution**

**136-24 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we award Eagle Lake Culvert Replacement (Park Rd S) tender to HLD Muskoka in the amount of \$680,690.80 excluding HST,  
FURTHER THAT we authorize the Mayor and Treasurer Deputy Clerk to sign the Tender Agreement.  
CARRIED

**4. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Jun 18, 2024, Resolution**

Council discussed the request by the doctors at the SRM Medical Centre to hire a designer to help select paint colours for the Medical Centre. Council expressed their desire for a ballpark estimate for the cost of these services, as well as to know the process which would be followed in hiring a designer. Mayor Carleton discussed an opportunity she learned of to have a Psychotherapist at the Medical Centre for a number of months out of the year. The details of this opportunity can be sent to the Medical Board to be discussed at their next meeting. Discussion ensued around digitization of records at the Medical Centre. Funding options for the initial activities and ongoing maintenance should be explored through the budget process with the RNPGA agreement.

**137-24 Flowers, Ivens**

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of Jun 18, 2024 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists, Budgetary Control, adjourned until Aug 20, 2024... CARRIED

**5. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health agenda of Apr 24 posted on website, resolution re: access to free private well water testing**

Information about water testing suggested as a topic for the Spring 2025 Newsletter.

**6. JBC (Joint Building Committee) permit summaries for Jun 2024, Resolution**

4 of the 11 permits approved in Jun are in Machar, for projects valued at \$116,500.

**138-24 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Jun 2024. CARRIED

**7. Invitation from Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare to meet to discuss the planning for our region's future multi-site hospital: Jul 22, 23 or 29, 2024**

Councillor Ivens to attend Jul 29.

**INFORMATION**

- 8. Municipality of East Ferris Resolution**, Supports the letter received from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries
- 9. Township of Puslinch Resolution**, Regarding Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Building Act Code
- 10. Township of Puslinch Resolution**, Support Township of Alnwick/Haldimand resolution that the Ministry of Public Business and Service Delivery be requested to review MFIPPA and consider recommendations as outlined by AMCTO within their submission, "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Free of Information and Protection of Privacy Act"
- 11. Township of Emo Resolution**, Calls upon the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking, with the AMO, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario
- 12. City of Stratford Resolution**, Support resolution from Loyalist Township to resolve solutions significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs
- 13. Town of Petrolia Resolution**, Support City of Belleville resolution that the Province of Ontario take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients
- 14. Township of Larder Lake Resolution**, Requests that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario
- 15. Township of McMurrich/Monteith Resolution**, Support the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre request to contribute 10% of approximately \$20,000 to complete the Almaguin Health Care Assessment and Strategic Roadmap
- 16. AMO Draft Resolution**, AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign, urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and the rest of Ontario
- 17. Muskoka Algonquin Health Care (MAHC) News Release, Breaking Ground for Muskoka and Area's First Donor-Funded MRI**, A ground breaking ceremony was held with dignitaries and donors on Wed, Jul 10 behind the Emergency Department at the HDMH Site where excavation related to a 3,700 square foot addition to house the new MRI is getting underway

18. **AMO Policy Update**, AMO/OMA Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage, New Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017 Regulations, Update on AMO's Advocacy on Provincial Cyber Security Legislation, AMO's Advocacy to the Province's Skilled Trades Special Advisor
19. **AMO Watchfile Jul 11, In This Issue**
  - Get access to MIDAS!
  - Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Funding Applications Open
  - AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community & Supportive Housing Symposium
  - Municipal Codes of Conduct: Pre-conference workshop at AMO 2024
  - Indigenous Community Awareness training
  - Plan your fall education schedule
  - How Algonquin transformed its digital presence
  - Help your residents save thousands of dollars in service line repair fees
  - Registration now open for OMSSA's 2024 Forum!
  - Registration open for Western Ontario Municipal Conference
  - Careers
20. **AMONTario**, Planning Ahead: Preparing for 2025 Compliance
21. **AMCTO The Municipal Minute**, Mitigating foreign interference in Ontario's municipal elections, Innovative strategies for financing municipal infrastructure, Mississauga appoints first deputy mayor for enhanced governance, Toronto council explores costly takeover of Ontario Science Centre, Niagara Falls seeks provincial aid for abandoned cemetery upkeep, Sudbury introduces \$5 landfill access fee amid budget confusion
22. **AMCTO The Municipal Minute**, Ontario enhances mental health access with new care hub in York Region, Navigating foreign interference regulations in employment, Central Huron closes Clinton's pool, sparks resident backlash, Poll indicates risk for PCs if early election is held, Delayed alerts on blue-green algae bloom raise concerns, Default ruling prompts employers to review termination clauses
23. **AMCTO The Municipal Minute**, Ontario committee explores municipal reforms amid local opinions, Ontario and Alberta collaborate on credential recognition framework, Caledon mayor calls for increased provincial funding for services, Canadian unemployment rate hits 6.4% as job market slows, Ontario must 'come to the table' to resolve opioid crisis, Timmins offers financial incentives to attract new doctors, The complexities of sector sole sourcing
24. **BAO**, Reminder: Keep a record of your continuing education hours
25. **MFOA**, Secure your spot – Early bird registration ends Jul 22
26. **Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario**, IPC launches new expedited process

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**139-24 Ivens, 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 employee. Time: 7:22 pm. CARRIED

**140-24 Scarlett, Ivens**

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time: 7:40 pm. CARRIED

#### **ADJOURN**

**141-24 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, Aug 12, 2024. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

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