

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 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 Blair Flowers and Pearl Ivens. Councillor Neil Scarlett was absent. Staff present: Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney, and Administrative Assistant Planning Teresa Coombs.

Guest Observing: Mark Savill

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Jun 24, 2024 minutes, Resolution

128-24 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we adopt minutes of Jun 24, 2024. CARRIED

2. By-Law for Canada Community-Building Fund, Resolution

Previously known as Gas Tax, the Canada Community-Building Fund is annual federal funding; \$60,931 in 2024, allocations are based on 2021 population of 969 (previously 882 in 2016). Funding has aided in Surface Treatment projects. The Village of South River, 2021 population of 1,101 will receive \$69,231 and the Township of Strong, 2021 population of 1,566 will receive \$98,470 in 2024.

129-24 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 11-24 to authorize the execution of Municipal Funding agreement on the Canada Community-Building Fund. CARRIED

3. Burk's Falls Art and Crafts Club – Northern Ontario Art Association Juried Art Show and Exhibition Sep 6 & 7, 2024 at Magnetawan Community Centre - Donation Request

Approved \$75.

4. Pay List for Jun, Resolution

Council inquired after reflective signs (replacing outdated traffic signs), invoice for a culvert (to replace one on Quirt Rd), planning invoices (Zoning Applications vs Pre-consults), and the funding structure for the monthly OPP invoice (mostly based on 2022's 949 "households").

130-24 Ivens, McLaren

THAT we approve List of Proposed Payments for Jun 2024: \$190,276.71 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

5. Shared Services Fire and Arena Contract Renewal – email response & resolution from SR Council

South River Clerk Administrator relayed his Council's disappointment in Machar Councils decision to withdrawal from contract renewal meetings. South River Council has passed a resolution that the South River Machar Fire Department costs be based on the same cost per household in both communities. SR CA indicated in the resolution they offer two solutions that strive to reach a fair, equitable, and sustainable funding model for the Fire and "Community Centre" agreement. Machar TDC only found the one noted above.

6. NBPSDHU (N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit) Strategic Plan, News Release: Whooping Cough in Nipissing, Parry Sound Districts

Available for viewing: [2024-2027 Strategic Plan](#). The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) has declared a local whooping cough (pertussis) outbreak affecting residents across the Health Unit region. Since Jan 2024, 16 confirmed cases of pertussis have been reported to the Health Unit. This is an increase from the previous five years, where we had an average of only 3.8 cases per year. News release has been shared with the South River Machar Medical Centre receptionists. Admin to post the news release on the Township website.

7. DPSSAB area rep, CAO Report Jun 2024 AVAILABLE

8. Almaguin Highlands Health Council minutes of Jun 6, 2024, Statement of Work Strategic Healthcare Roadmap for Almaguin Highlands

The objective of the project is to conduct a focused assessment of the current state of healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands region of central Ontario and develop a practical strategic roadmap for the next three to five years. The assessment will take into account the unique geographical, demographic, and seasonal challenges faced by the region and anticipate future healthcare trends that will impact communities such as the Almaguin Highlands.

9. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare; Political Leaders Forum Jul 5, cancelled

10. ACED (Almaguin Community Economic Development) RCIP (Rural Community Immigration Pilot) Letter of Support from Municipalities

North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce requested from ACED municipalities a letter of support in principle of the NBDCC's application to be the lead proponent for the Rural Community Immigration Pilot (RCIP) initiative for our area. NBDCC has been successful delivering the current North Bay and Area Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) over the last few years, assisting employers fill their labour shortages and fostering positive relationships with community partners in the boundary.

INFORMATION

- 11. Northumberland County Resolution**, Support Hastings County resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities
- 12. Northumberland County Resolution**, Support Municipality of St. Charles resolution regarding Catch and Release Justice
- 13. Northumberland County Resolution**, Support Municipality of St. Charles resolution regarding Social and Economic Prosperity Review
- 14. Town of Saugei Shores Resolution**, Support other municipalities recommendations, including the Township of Clearview, and request that the Province of Ontario immediately provide a funding stream to municipalities for the preservation, repair, and ongoing maintenance of active and inactive cemeteries
- 15. Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Resolution**, Supports the request from the City of Peterborough that the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsmen Act
- 16. Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Resolution**, Supports the resolution passed by Public Health Sudbury & Districts on Jan 18, 2024, regarding household food insecurity
- 17. Township of Larder Lake Resolution**, Calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO)
- 18. City of Hamilton Resolution**, Designates itself a "Paid-Plasma Free Zone" and declares that private for-profit blood collection companies are not permitted to operate in the city, and resolves to protect marginalized and vulnerable populations from exploitation resulting from for-profit plasma collection by advertising financial payment for the sale of their blood-plasma
- 19. Municipality of Tweed Resolution**, Call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities
- 20. Township of North Glengarry Resolution**, Support resolution No. 13 being a resolution regarding Infrastructure in Small Municipalities
- 21. City of Brantford Resolution**, Express its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and respectfully requests that the Ontario Government allow the decision to stand
- 22. Town of Smith Falls Resolution**, Petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to

guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population

23. **NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Resolution**, That until the federal regulatory gap is closed the Board of Health urges the Ontario governments to take immediate steps to restrict youth access to these products by amending provincial regulation to require that nicotine pouches, like Zonnic, be only available for purchase at pharmacies and kept behind the counter
24. **NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Public Service Announcement, More Public Walk-in Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Vaccine Clinics Throughout West Nipissing**, The Health Unit has had additional cases of whooping cough (Pertussis) within the West Nipissing region and across the Health Unit's district, due to cases not having epidemiological links, we can say with much certainty that there is a community spread and other undetected cases in the district
25. **NBay Board of Health Communications**, Media Advisory, Jun 26 from 5pm – 7pm
26. **Enbridge Gas Inc**, 2023 Utility Earnings and Disposition of Deferral & Variance Account Balances – OEB Notice of Application
27. **Land Information Ontario**, 2023-24 Update to Ontario Integrated Hydrology
28. **Pierrette Desrochers**, Excellence in Agriculture Awards Now Open!
29. **AMO Events**, AMO Healthy Democracy Forum Sep 28 and 29, 2024 – Registration Open
30. **AMO Education**, Indigenous Community Awareness Training, Oct 8, 2024
31. **AMO Communications**, 2024-2026 AMO Board of Directors Election: Secretary-Treasurer's Nominations Report
32. **AMO Communications**, Looking back on AMO's work in 2023
33. **AMO Policy**, AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments
34. **AMO Policy**, AMO Policy Update: New AMO Advocacy on Homelessness, Opioids, and Water Infrastructure Demonstrate the Critical Need for Social and Economic Prosperity Review
35. **AMO Watchfile Jun 20, In This Issue**
 - AMO Board nominations - Deadline to submit: June 24
 - Webinar recording: Conservation Authorities & Municipalities Working Together
 - New *Senior Active Living Centres Act* regulation
 - Enabling Accessibility Fund - Small Projects Component
 - Municipal Codes of Conduct: Do not miss our in person workshop August 17
 - AMO Conference - Be aware of scams!
 - Navigating Conflict Relationships: Transforming conflict into collaboration
 - Indigenous Community Awareness training
 - Blog: Risk Financing
 - Hunt for efficiency in water and wastewater plants
 - Registration opens for Western Ontario Municipal Conference
 - Careers
36. **AMO Watchfile Jun 27, In This Issue**
 - Get access to MIDAS
 - New *Senior Active Living Centres Act* regulation
 - Municipal Codes of Conduct: Pre-conference workshop at AMO 2024
 - Indigenous Community Awareness training
 - Plan your fall education schedule
 - Buying ambulances in Ontario: Canoe Procurement Group
 - Hunt for efficiency in water and wastewater plants
 - Registration now open for OMSSA's 2024 Forum!
 - Registration opens for Western Ontario Municipal Conference
 - Opportunity to help project researching municipal energy needs
 - Careers
37. **AMO Watchfile Jul 4, In This Issue**
 - New *Senior Active Living Centres Act* regulation
 - Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Funding Applications Open
 - Municipal Codes of Conduct: Pre-conference workshop at AMO 2024
 - Indigenous Community Awareness training
 - Plan your fall education schedule
 - BLOG: What is the Value of High Interest Savings Accounts for your municipality?
 - What does it really cost to repair damaged residential sewer lines?
 - Opportunity to help project researching municipal energy needs
 - Careers
38. **AMCTO**, Board and Management Committee Highlights – Jun 2024
39. **AMCTO The Municipal Minute**, Premier Ford Announces Cabinet Shuffle, Canada Community Building Fund Renewed, Can Taylor Swift boost Toronto's tourism? Ransomware surge prompts new cybersecurity standards in Canada, Easter Ontario boosts cell service in 21 communities, Wildfires worsening Canada's air quality, Ontario municipalities receive \$4.7 billion for infrastructure, housing focus, Ottawa commits to new Algonquin space near Parliament, Mississauga's next mayor faces push for new deal with Ontario
40. **AMCTO The Municipal Minute**, Ontario invests \$2.5M to manage old oil and gas well risks, Mississauga's new mayor faces challenges and questions, The future of municipal infrastructure lies within, Bill extends heritage

protection deadline but adds twists, Metrolinx contract includes bus charging units for Sudbury, Interest in fair trade still strong in Ontario's last designated town

- 41. **AMCTO The Municipal Minute**, Conference networking helps municipal professionals tackle challenges, Canada invests in Ontario's forest restoration and nursery sector, Audit finds Sudbury councillor likely breached campaign finance laws, Ontario allocates \$16M to combat invasive species, Sudbury residents calls for transparent accessibility committee
- 42. **Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA)**, Capital Gains Tax Vote, Boating & Fire Safety Updates and more
- 43. **BAO**, LifeLine: Coroner's memo, 3 online applications, Website compliance
- 44. **BAO**, Notice to the Profession: Estate tax webinar counts towards your required continuing education credits
- 45. **Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA)**, Board Nominations and Member Roster Updates
- 46. **MFOA**, MFOA Messenger
- 47. **Ombudsman Ontario**, Our 2023-2024 Annual Report is now Available!
- 48. **ENERGY STAR**, Jul Training Opportunities with ENERGY STAR
- 49. **TELUS Health**, Courage to change: Guidance for substance use, Heartbeat Newsletter
- 50. **Ontario Municipal Human Resources Association (OMHRA)**, Your Invitation to Join Us at OMHRA Summer Webinar Series
- 51. **Canadian Emergency Preparedness and Climate Adaptation Team (CEPCA)**, Join us as a special delegate – Register now
- 52. **Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association**, Early Bird Registration Expires Jul 15, Please join us at our 2024 Fall Conference at Casino Rama and Resort & Conference Centre!

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Late Tender Opening Councillor Ivens would like to see a note in the minutes of Jun 24, 2024 "6. a) Public Works Committee Winter Sand Tender Submission" explaining a tender received after the deadline was opened, contrary to the Township's Policy for Procurement of Goods By-Law 9-23 which states that the whole tender is to be returned unopened. TDC reminded Councillor Ivens that the resolution to accept the minutes as written was carried at the start of this meeting. Councillor Ivens suggested a note in the minutes of the current meeting and TDC conceded while stating that the tender was opened in a public forum for transparency and return-to-sender purposes, and Council had agreed.

CLOSED SESSION

131-24 Ivens, McLaren

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; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. Time: 7:00 pm. CARRIED

132-24 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time: 7:46 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

133-24 McLaren, 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, Jul 22, 2024. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

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