

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR**  
**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, June 24, 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, Superintendent of Public Works Clint Main and Finance Intern Jadah McLaren.

Guests Scheduled: Supernova Fireworks Co. owner Matthew Hutchinson, Fire Chief Risto Maki

Guests Observing: Mark Smuck, Kathy Schoenberger, Mark Savill, and Donald Bruce.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Jun 10, 2024 minutes, Resolution**

**116-24 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we adopt minutes of Jun 10, 2024. CARRIED

**2. Canada Day Fireworks observing from Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park, Resolution**

Mr. Hutchinson has requested permission to use the Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park for spectators of the Canada Day fireworks display on Sat, Jun 29, 2024 and confirmed paid duty OPP officers have been obtained, he also requested permission to light up fireworks from the park in case the OPP were not able to attend. Fire Chief Risto Maki confirmed they have met the requirements to set fireworks up off a barge and that they were available to attend for traffic control or road closure, whichever the case may be. Treasurer Deputy Clerk confirmed Supernova would communicate their plan with SRMFD with plenty of notice.

**117-24 Flowers, Ivens**

WHEREAS the Fire Chief has received material supplied by Supernova Fireworks and advised that it meets or exceeds MNR's Display Fireworks Manual whether fired from a barge or the Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park,  
WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have been obtained to secure a safety perimeter around the fireworks barge off shore of Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park,  
NOW THEREFORE THAT we give permission to Supernova to invite spectators to view from Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park on Jun 29, 2024,  
FURTHER THAT we give permission to Supernova to light up fireworks from Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park on this date in the event the OPP are unable to secure a safety perimeter,  
FURTHER THAT we give permission to the South River Machar Fire Dept to monitor traffic and parking on Jun 29, 2024,  
FURTHER THAT we give permission to the South River Machar Fire Dept to close Eagle Lake Rd as required 15 minutes prior, during and 15 minutes after the display on Jun 29, 2024 with appropriate notification(s) to emergency services, in the even the OPP are unable to secure a safety perimeter off shore. CARRIED

**3. Asset Management Plan, Resolution**

Finance Intern Jadah McLaren has been hard at work creating the document to bring the Township into compliance with Asset Management's Ontario Reg. 588/17 declaring current Levels of Service for Township services. Mayor Carleton appreciated the readable document that should prove to be workable/updatable for Council and Staff in the future.

**118-24 Ivens, Scarlett**

THAT we approve the Addendum to Asset Management Plan – State of Local Infrastructure, Levels of Service & Lifecycle Management Strategy 2024, to build on the Township's 2017 Asset

Management Plan and meet the current provincial guidelines set out in Ontario Regulation 588/17.  
CARRIED

## COMMITTEES

### 4. Shared Services Monthly Reports for May, Arena and Fire

Councillor Scarlett advised Council of a Beer League in Sundridge that plans to move their games to South River now that the field is updated and Sundridges rental fees have significantly increased. Council interested in more details on the Cyber Security Risk Assessment \$24,000 payment dated May 21, 2024 from NG911 Expenses.

### 5. Shared Services Fire and Arena Contract Renewal – email response from SR Clerk Administrator

Council felt the response from South River CA, to our request for an updated draft agreement, was rude in that he does not have the authority to make changes nor does he take direction from Machar Council. Council agreed that another Ad Hoc meeting would not be productive, that they'll wait to see South River Council's response and hopefully receive a draft agreement reflecting the changes that were agreed to thus far. Admin to reply as such.

#### a. Kathy Schoenberger email re: South River Machar Shared Services

Council appreciated the thorough thoughts on the subject matter, however most of the argument points have been brought up with SR and they refused to hear it. It was noted that the Arena is doing great these days; it's the conversations surrounding the agreement (contributions both monetarily and administratively) that things aren't working. Council welcome any opinions and/or questions that taxpayers wish to send into Admin.

### 6. Machar Public Works minutes of Jun 13, 2024, Resolution

#### 119-24 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Jun 13, 2024 including approve Tulloch to complete 2024 Bridge Report for \$5,500 plus HST and enter into a 3 year Pro Active Maintenance Program from Brandt for \$23,603.22 (\$9.05/hr billed monthly). CARRIED

#### a. Winter Sand Tender Submission

The Winter Sand tender came in over budget a second time so Admin worked with SPW to investigate alternative means: reducing the amount requested from the sole tenderer even further, pickling our stockpile, and the availability of winter sand delivery during the winter months in the event we run low. SPW provided two quotes for pickling the Township's sand stockpile, salt to be supplied by the Township.

#### 120-24 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we accept Green's Haulage quote dated Jun 21, 2024 for mixing winter sand in the amount of \$3.50/Tonne for a minimum of 4,000 Tonnes. CARRIED

#### b. Eagle Lake Narrows Retaining Wall - Draft Tender

Council and TDC went through the draft tender and additional Sec. 3 Schedule of Items & Prices.

### 7. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of May 21, 2024, Resolution

The Board is working with the Doctors to get additional medical services into the building.

#### 121-24 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of May 21, 2024 as follows: adopt the minutes, accept the quote from Val's Equipment Service Option #1, Pay Lists, Budgetary Control, adjourned until Jun 18, 2024... CARRIED

**8. South River Machar Library minutes of Jun 11, 2024, Boot Sale Invitation Aug 10, 2024, Resolution**

Councillor McLaren and family did a wonderful presentation on the maple syrup process with many questions answered. He appreciated that anyone who was there was there because they wanted to be. He noted that the Library was a bit tight a venue but that it would have also worked in the yard. Councillor Scarlett has planned a Dungeons and Dragons game soon, with a Highland Player available to teach Dungeon Master acting. Photography lessons are planned for Sep. The Librarian is looking for vendors for the “Boot” (trunk) sale on Aug 10 from 10am – 3pm, \$25/space.

**122-24 Scarlett, Ivens**

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Jun 11, 2024. CARRIED

**INFORMATION**

**9. Barrie Today – Guest Column: Light, noise pollution are growing hazards – Elizabeth Bradley**

[barrietoday.com/local-news/guest-column-light-noise-pollution-are-growing-hazards](http://barrietoday.com/local-news/guest-column-light-noise-pollution-are-growing-hazards)

- 10. Municipality of West Nipissing Resolution**, Support that the Province of Ontario recognize the Champlain Bridge as critical provincial infrastructure and assume responsibility for its replacement, if the assumption of the Bridge by the province cannot be undertaken, that the Province provide financial and operational assistance to the Municipality of West Nipissing for the undertaking of the replacement of the Champlain Bridge
- 11. Municipality of Mattawan Resolution**, Supports Resolution from Township of Callander, which calls on Premier Doug Ford to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Ontario Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or responds with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation
- 12. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement**, Verdict Shared on Provincial Offence Matter
- 13. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Service Announcement**, Two Birds Test Positive for the West Nile Virus in N Bay
- 14. AMO Events**, Join Us at AMO Aug 18-21, 2024: Celebrating 125 Years of Leadership!
- 15. AMO Education**, Managing Communications Through Crisis Workshop – Jun 19
- 16. AMO Policy**, Policy Update: Bill 200, Agricultural Land Protecting, Electricity Distribution Financing, and Other Updates
- 17. AMO Watchfile Jun 6, In This Issue**
- AMO Board nominations open
  - RFP for consultancy services to develop an organizational Indigenous Action Plan
  - Free AMO/Conservation Ontario webinar - Register today!
  - Municipal Codes of Conduct: Pre-Conference workshop August 17
  - AMO Conference - Be aware of scams!
  - AMO 2024 Conference: Request delegation meetings by tomorrow, June 7
  - AMO members' guide to request, prepare for & participate in delegation meetings
  - Cybersecurity June 12 workshop for Municipally Elected Officials
  - Managing Communications During a Time of Crisis - June workshop
  - Navigating Conflict Relationships: Transforming conflict into collaboration
  - AMO's Healthy Democracy Forum - September 28-29, 2024
  - 2024 Safety of Our Cities Conference
  - Careers
- 18. AMO Watchfile Jun 13, In This Issue**
- AMO Board nominations open.
  - Free AMO/Conservation Ontario webinar - Register today!
  - EnAbling Change Program funding
  - Advertisements for Justice of the Peace vacancies
  - Municipal Codes of Conduct: Do not miss our in person workshop August 17
  - AMO Conference - Be aware of scams!
  - Managing Communications During a Time of Crisis - June workshop
  - Navigating Conflict Relationships: Transforming conflict into collaboration
  - Understanding Competing Human Rights - September 26 workshop
  - AMO's Healthy Democracy Forum - September 28-29
  - Indigenous Community Awareness training

- Hunt for efficiency in water and wastewater plants
- Blog: Risk Financing
- Careers

19. **AMCTO The Municipal Minute**, Ontario’s Q1 economic update reveals modest growth, Northern Ontario mayors discuss unique service challenges, Access to Information Act includes guidance on historical records, no legislative changes, Ontario’s 2024-25 expenditure estimates unveiled, OFA urges better together planning for agri-food sector, Debate over firearm discharge signs heats up in Greenstone, Port Hope deregulates taxi industry to embrace ride-sharing
20. **Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA)**, Annual Conference Registration is Now Open
21. **Intact**, The Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants Program is Back
22. **Justice of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee**, Notification – Justice of the Peace Vacancy Posting
23. **BAO**, LifeLine: Free con-ed, Achievements & challenges of small cemetery volunteers
24. **Prime Minister’s Awards**, Congratulations 2024 PMA recipients
25. **Prime Minister’s Awards**, PMA National Ceremony on Jun 18, 2024

**ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Energy Conservation & Demand Management Plan Jul 1, 2024 – Jun 30, 2029, Resolution**

TDC has updated the Plan to include data graphs from portfolio manager through energy star. TDC requested anyone with thoughts/ideas re: reducing energy consumption to reach out to Admin.

**123-24 Ivens, McLaren**

THAT we approve the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029 and that it be submitted for compliance with Ontario Regulation 25/23, FURTHER THAT we allocate the necessary resources to implement the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan to reduce energy consumption and its related environmental impact. CARRIED

**124-24 Ivens, Scarlett**

THAT we support agenda item #11. CARRIED

**CLOSED SESSION**

**125-24 Ivens, Flowers**

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. Time: 7:24 pm. CARRIED

**126-24 Scarlett, Flowers**

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

**ADJOURN**

**127-24 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, Jul 8, 2024. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

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