

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 27, 2024**

6:30 pm 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 and Blair Flowers. Councillor Pearl Ivens via teleconference until 7:13 pm. Staff present: Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney and Superintendent of Public Works Clint Main.

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

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of May 13, 2024 minutes, Resolution

96-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we adopt minutes of May 13, 2024. CARRIED

2. By-Law to Appoint By-Law Enforcement, Resolution

New By-Law Enforcement Officers Jason Newman and Bryan Austin will start next week.

97-24 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 8-24 To Appoint By-Law Enforcement Officers. CARRIED

3. NOHFC Legal Agreement, Resolution

\$260,625 awarded for Eagle Lake Narrows Beach and Playground retaining wall and other upgrades.

98-24 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we agree to enter into agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, THAT we approve Project Summary and Project Plan as shown on Schedule A of the agreement and Project Costs and Project Funding as shown on Schedule B of the agreement, FURTHER THAT Mayor and Treasurer Deputy Clerk are authorized to execute the Conditional Contribution Agreement. CARRIED

4. South River Friendly Circle invitation to celebrate members aged 85+

Celebration is scheduled 1:30-3:30 pm Jun 19, 2024. Mayor Carleton plans to gift the honoured with a box of chocolates on behalf of the Township. Councillor Ivens will be present to serve tea.

5. ELCA email re: Phragmites removal dates, invasive Japanese Knotweed request for mail out

The phragmites cutting dates will be provided to Public Works for review. The request for pamphlet mail out cannot be accommodated. If Mr. Savill would like to provide a copy of the pamphlet, we could review for placement in our information area available to the public.

6. Patrick O'Neill, Integrated Engineering email re: Funding request denied for the ELCA, att. Letter

Council stands by the decision that they cannot partner with the ELCA for this purpose. Unfortunately, the Township doesn't have the funds to support the association, that health care is also a concern of Councils' and more in line with its mandate. A suggestion was made that perhaps Mr. O'Neill could contact the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for guidance.

7. Council Remuneration and Expense Record, submit at end of May

Acknowledged.

COMMITTEES

8. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Apr, Arena and Fire

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for May 2024 (attended 4 open air burning complaints, there will be an open house at the firehall on Jun 8th from 10-2pm), Income Statement for Mar (Revenue 31.91%, Expenses 17.76%), AP Ledger for Apr \$43,145.71 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Apr 2024 (rentals are up, staff decluttering storage rooms, painting of the lobby, change rooms, door frames, and benches, boards around the arena were scrubbed down and puck marks were removed, finish the last piece of the kitchen renovation which included securing and sealing a corner piece of the counter tops, caulking all around the countertops and any other open cracks where food contaminates may get into, and putting baseboard around the walls), Income Statement for Apr 2024 (Revenue 11.76% and Expenses 25.26%), AP Ledger for Apr \$16,455.90 Total Expenditures.

9. Machar Public Works minutes of May 16, 2024, Resolution

SPW explained signage is required to be reflective now, quote to replace signage was reviewed at Public Works and recommended to Council for approval.

99-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of May 16, 2024 including quote from BMR manufacturing in the amount of \$8,508.13 for new reflective signs. CARRIED

Park Rd Culvert replacement tender is now ready to be posted publicly. Tatham Engineering is covering all the admin work for the project.

10. Machar Recreation, Baseball Diamond in South River, Candle Light Vigil

Councillor Scarlett read aloud his letter request: "This letter is in regards to the current state of the baseball diamond in South River. As you may know, it has been neglected and is in need of repair. Land and Lake Maintenance and Excavating is willing to put in the time and hard work to upgrade the diamond for free. However, there is a cost of \$900 for the materials involved, including granite screening and baseball equipment. We're approaching the Township to ask if you would be willing to donate \$300 to help make this happen. Letters are also being sent to the South River Lions and Village of South River, in the same amount, to cover the rest of the cost. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely Neil Scarlett and Ginny Ball". Council approved \$300 donation to Land and Lake Maint & Exc. Councillor Scarlett updated Council that fertilizer has been applied and fences are being looked at. Jeremy Bean plans to look at the lighting to see what can be done in future years.

Councillor Scarlett to reach out to the Canadian Mental Health Association to firm up a Sep date for this year's Candle Light Vigil. Once a date is known, letters can be sent to neighbouring municipalities to participate and a flyer made up to invite the public.

11. South River Machar Library minutes of May 14, 2024, Resolution

Library looking for a student, instead of rushing to fill the casual position. A library fundraiser is planned for the Classics in Tom Thomson Park Auto Show, making bagels and cream cheese. Staff are looking for suggestions on activities for teenagers.

100-24 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of May 14, 2024. CARRIED

12. EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Agenda for May 23, 2024, Package AVAILABLE

13. DSSAB 2024 Final Budget posted to website www.psdssab.org/budget

14. **DSSAB (Distr of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd) area rep, CAO Report May 2024 AVAILABLE**
15. **FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic) would like to share a Research Study focusing on N ON**
16. **FONOM Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, Phase 2 Letter of Comment, Enbridge Gas Inc's Rate of Rebasing Application Phase 2 (EB-2024-0111), Resolution**

FONOM is looking for municipalities to send letters of comment to the Ontario Energy Board re: securing access to natural gas for Ontario's future.

INFORMATION

17. **County of Prince Edward Resolution**, regarding seeking the support for the Province and Federal Government to work together to help end the national housing affordability crisis
18. **Township of Puslinch Resolution**, regarding Operational Budget Funding, Township of Amaranth call on the Province of ON to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all ON municipalities
19. **Township of Puslinch Resolution**, regarding the Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing, supports the letter from Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee requesting that the Province not proceed with the recommended phase out of free private well testing in ON
20. **Township of Alnwick/Haldimand Resolution**, supporting the resolutions of the Town's of Hanover and Orangeville regarding a request to the Province to undertake with AMO a comprehensive review of municipal finances across Ontario
21. **Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution**, supporting St. Catharines regarding the need of Provincial regulations to restrict the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals
22. **Town of Greater Napanee Resolution**, regarding support for Protecting Our Community's Water
23. **City of Welland Resolution**, supports the correspondence from the City of St. Catharines regarding Provincial Regulations needed to restrict keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals
24. **Township of Lake of Bays Resolution**, request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act
25. **Town of Deep River Resolution**, support the County of Renfrew regarding Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
26. **Township of Amaranth Resolution**, requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services
27. **Township of Larder Lake Resolution**, regarding a request to the province to amend the blue box regulation for ineligible sources
28. **Township of Lanark Highlands Resolution**, supporting Town of Cobourg to Amend the Blue Box Regulations
29. **MSONorth (MMAH), Affordable Housing Bulletin**, Ontario's Spring 2024 Red Tape Reduction Package, including the proposed Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024, the Province announced it will bring into force on Jun 1, 2024, through a proclamation, the relevant provisions from the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 to provide exemptions and discounts from MDRCs for affordable residential units
30. **Minister Seniors and Accessibility (MSAA)**, Jun is Seniors Month: Keeping seniors fit, active and socially connected
31. **AMO Communications**, Get involved with AMO! Board Nominations Now Open, Have you considered serving on AMO's Board of Directors?
32. **AMO Policy Update**, National Housing Strategy Funding, Ontario Health Teams, Enhancing Digital Security and Trust, Next Building Code Edition, Affordable Housing Bulletin, Housing and Planning Submissions
33. **AMO Watchfile May 9, In This Issue**
 - Nominations open for AMO Board of Directors
 - Submit your application for the PJ Marshall Awards
 - Save the date - Conservation Authorities Act webinar
 - ERO posting: Development Charges
 - ERO posting: Land Use Planning matters under Bill 185
 - ERO posting: Newspaper Notice Requirements
 - ERO posting: Removing Barriers for Additional Residential Units
 - ERO posting: Municipal Planning Data Reporting Regulation
 - ERO posting: Streamlining Pipeline Relocation to support Transit
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Lake Erie habitat restoration efforts

- AMO 2024 delegation request forms launched!
- AMO members' guide to request, prepare for & participate in delegation meetings
- Disability Inclusion Virtual Workshop
- Cybersecurity workshop for Municipally Elected Officials
- Councillor training - Refresh and refine your leadership, May workshop
- Councillor workshops
- Understanding Competing Human Rights - Upcoming workshop
- Managing Communications During a Time of Crisis
- Navigating Conflict Relationships: Transforming conflict into collaboration
- Streetlogix makes asset management simple
- Future of Aging Summit - May 15-17
- Careers

34. AMO Watchfile May 16, In This Issue

- AMO Board nominations open
- Submit your application for the PJ Marshall Awards
- Save the date - *Conservation Authorities Act* webinar
- IPC Transparency Challenge
- AMO 2024 Conference: Request delegation meetings by June 7
- AMO members' guide to request, prepare for & participate in delegation meetings
- Understanding Competing Human Rights - May 23 workshop
- Advanced Councillor Training workshops
- Disability Inclusion Virtual Workshop - June 5
- Cybersecurity June 12 workshop for Municipally Elected Officials
- Managing Communications During a Time of Crisis - June workshop
- Navigating Conflict Relationships: Transforming conflict into collaboration
- Blog: The water service line to a resident's home erupts. Now what?
- Join a live discussion on Ontario Health & Safety challenges and opportunities
- Canoe spring webinar on streamlining procurement
- Careers

35. AMCTO The Municipal Minute, AMCTO Conference App Available Now, Gain Access to Key Municipal Contacts with the ON Municipal Directory, Welcome to the AMCTO Members' Discussion Forums, Bylaw options for alcohol sales in Norfolk and Haldimand, Boosting emergency readiness in local communities, Enhancing public input in policy making, Ottawa to increase municipal development charges by 11%, Kirkland Lake pushes for equitable revenue sharing, Upcoming municipal events, Municipal career opportunities, Mayor Charlie Clark on family priorities and fresh perspectives, Everyday practices to build trust

36. AMCTO The Municipal Minute, Ottawa bylaw services overwhelmed by high volume of calls, New way of funding \$10-a-day child care coming in 2025, Court mandates ongoing municipal duty for building permit monitoring, New penalty system for parking and camera tickets, Ontario introduces tougher penalties for impaired drivers

37. AMCTO Advocacy Update, Bill 185 Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes

38. AMCTO Advocacy Update, Province Introduces Bill 194 Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act

39. AFMO, 2024 Annual Convention in Clarence-Rockland from Sep 26-28

40. Federation of ON Cottagers (FOCA), Spring Fire Safety, taxation updates, FOCA is hiring and more

41. Mathews Dinsdale, In a Flash, New Workplace Investigation Ordered due to Procedural Flaws

42. IESO Community Engagement, Connect with the IESO about long-term procurements

43. Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO), LifeLine special: Judge orders \$386,000 restitution and house arrest for a former Simcoe funeral establishment owner

44. BAO, Notice to the Profession: Transparency to consumers on services, products and fees is essential

101-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we support agenda item 17. CARRIED

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

102-24 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to;

advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

A meeting of council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied: 1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members. 2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 103 (1). Time: 7:13 pm. CARRIED

103-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we come out of Closed Session with the agreement as follows: Winter Sand re-tender with an ad in the North Bay Nugget Extra, and Granular A tender be awarded to the lowest complete tender. Time 7:47 CARRIED

104-24 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we award Granular A Tender to Muskoka Truck & Equipment Sales Ltd c/o Green's Haulage in the amount of \$189,445 + \$24,627.85 HST = \$214,072.85 Total Estimated Tender. CARRIED

ADJOURN

105-24 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, Jun 10, 2024. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

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