

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, November 25, 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 Pearl Ivens. Councillor Blair Flowers via teleconference until 7:10 pm. Staff present: Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

Guests Observing: Mark Savill, Stephanie Apollonio and Clint Main.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Nov 12, 2024 minutes, Resolution**

**200-24 Scarlett, Ivens**

THAT we adopt Nov 12, 2024 minutes. CARRIED

**2. Property owner 4-05219 Compliment on Professionalism in Communications re: OPA/ZBA**

Compliment was very appreciated, it's always nice to get positive feedback.

**3. Eagle Lake Conservation Association Letter to its membership re: OPA/ZBA process/roles**

The correspondence to their membership was very thoughtful and considerate of Township staff. Admin to send a thank you to the ELCA.

**4. Public's Letter to MPPs, MP & MMAH RE: Proposed Amendment to the Township's Official Plan**

Correspondence has been added to the comments package being provided to the Ministry.

**5. Budget Report to Oct 31, 2024, Resolution**

Reviewed. Budget Report reflects Revenues at 86.34% and Expenditures at 84.97% to Oct 31, 2024.

**201-24 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we accept Budget Report to Oct 31, 2024. CARRIED

**COMMITTEES**

**6. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Oct, Arena and Fire**

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Nov 2024 (Received Enbridge grant for combination smoke and CO alarms, Discussion point: 2024 Community Risk Assessment), Income Statement for Oct (Revenue 44.07%, Expenses 42.68%), AP Ledger for Oct \$6,380.77 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Oct 2024 (averaging 26.5 hours of ice time weekly Mon-Fri, with weekends varying but mostly busy), Income Statement for Oct 2024 (Revenue 64.66% and Expenses 70.68%), AP Ledger for Oct \$17,779.45 Total Expenditures.

**7. Appointment of Keaton Brown to SRM Fire Department, Resolution**

It's nice to see the next generation take an interest in the roles that hold a community together.

**202-24 Ivens, Scarlett**

THAT we approve the appointment of Keaton Brown to the South River Machar Fire Department. CARRIED

**8. Arena Ice Rink Slab Replacement, Resolution**

Council agreed it was best to continue with the tendered repairs while we have the funding, costs (and risk of failure) are only going to increase with time.

**203-24 Scarlett, Ivens**

WHEREAS the Village of South River received tenders for the Ice pad replacement, lowest bid coming in at \$815,000 + HST,

WHEREAS the Village of South River approached NOHFC (Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation) who is currently funding \$600,000, for additional funding and was denied, THEREFORE THAT we support the revised project budget of \$1,422,068, resulting in an additional municipal contribution of \$222,068, being \$111,034 from South River and \$111.034 from Machar. CARRIED

**9. Shared Services Agreements, Resolution**

2025-2027 South River and Machar will be equal partners (50/50) on both Fire and Arena, for both operational and capital spending. Committees will resume, per Machar's request, bi-annually for Fire and quarterly for the Community Centre.

**204-24 Ivens, McLaren**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to By-Law 17-24; to enter into both agreements for Shared Services (Community Centre and Fire) with the Village of South River. CARRIED

**10. District of Parry Sound EMS (Emergency Med Services) Directors Report, Town of Parry Sound Council Report & Recommendation Nov 5, 2024**

Reviewed.

**11. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Sep 17 and agenda of Nov 19, 2024, Resolution**

Reviewed.

**205-24 Flowers, Scarlett**

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of Sep 7, 2024 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists, Budgetary Control, adjourned until Nov 19, 2024... CARRIED

**12. Joint Building Committee minutes of Nov 21, 2024, Resolution**

Council was concerned with the extra work for staff resulting from recommendation that any outstanding building permit maintenance fees after 6 months be added to the tax roll including interest monthly charges. The municipality will retain a \$5000/year admin fee and remainder to be submitted to the JBC once collected.

**206-24 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we accept Building minutes of Nov 21, 2024. CARRIED

**13. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health Letter of Recommendation for Provincial Oral Health Strategy**

Reviewed.

**14. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health agenda – Nov 27, and Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee are now [available](#)**

**15. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health – Safe Sharps Handling and Disposal Campaign Mon, Nov 18 through to Fri, Nov 29, 2024**

Reviewed, posted on the public board in office entryway.

**16. Almaguin Highlands Health Council meeting minutes of Nov 7, 2024**

Reviewed.

**17. District of Parry Sound Social Serv Admin Bd; CAO Report Nov 2024 AVAILABLE**

**INFORMATION**

- 18. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare; News Release – Community Funds New Bone Mineral Densitometry Machine**
- 19. The Township of Amaranth Resolution**, re: Establishing an Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program
- 20. The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Resolution**, Supports with respect to Good roads – Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
- 21. The Township of Clearview Resolution**, Supports OPP Annual Billing Statement and Whereas historical increases in OPP Billing Statements have trended around 2%
- 22. The Municipality East Ferris Resolution**, Supports Northern Ontario Perspectives on Public Health Funding Review
- 23. The Township of Georgian Bay Resolution**, Supports Bracebridge resolution re: AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act, Council to direct staff to draft a letter to the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTKO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities
- 24. The Township of Georgian Bay Resolution**, re: Support Urging the government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle, 2024-08-07 Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan
- 25. The Town of Grimsby Resolution**, re: endorsing the resolution from The Municipality of Callander in regards to urging the provincial government to promptly resume the assessment cycle
- 26. The City of Hamilton Resolution**, Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative that Seeks to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures
- 27. The Township of Horton Resolution** re: OPP Costs and Sustainable Funding 2025
- 28. The Township of Howick Resolution** re: OPP detachment billing increases that will significantly increase 2025 tax rates in the Township of Howick
- 29. The Municipality of Huron shores Resolution**, Supports Recommendations to Update Municipal Election Act to make elections clearer, easier to manage, and more secure
- 30. The Township of Larder Lake Resolution**, Supports the Municipality of Callander re: Urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle
- 31. The Township of Larder Lake Resolution**, Supports the Town of Aurora re: /request to the Provincial and Federal government for the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
- 32. The Municipality of Leamington Resolution**, re: OPP Detachment Billing Increases
- 33. The Township of McGarry Resolution**, re: Official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads. The Township of McGarry request that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead
- 34. The Township of McGarry Resolution**, re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
- 35. The Township of Papineau-Cameron Resolution**, re: Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individual
- 36. Town of Pelham Resolution**, supporting Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program The County of Peterborough Resolution, re: Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
- 37. The City of Port Corburn Resolution**, re: Support for Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program – Ontario Good Roads Association
- 38. Township of Puslinch Resolution**, re: Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practice
- 39. Municipality of North Perth Resolution**, re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
- 40. The Township of Terrace Bay Resolution**, re: Shortages and Healthcare Systems Issues. The Township of Terrace Bay is gravely concerned about the ongoing shortage and staffing challenges facing Superior North EMS (SNEMS)
- 41. The Township of Terrace Bay Resolution**, Supports NOMA Representing the Districts of Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay, re: NOMA Letter, the future for Billy Bishop Airport requiring Urgent Action and Modern Governing. The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is seeking urgent action from the City of Toronto, Ports Toronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport
- 42. The Township of Terrace Bay Resolution**, Supports the Town of Pelham resolution re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

43. **The Township of Terrace Bay**, Letter of Support for Halton Hills Resolution regarding Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act
44. **Township of Uxbridge**, re: AMCTO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATES TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT – TOWNSHIP FILE: A – 00G
45. **TORONTO CITY COUNCIL**, adopted the following: City Council express its opposition to the proposed regulations, both of which contradict the stated purpose of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow the City to determine what is in the public interest of the City
46. **AMO Education Nov 7**, Two Keys to Municipal Success – Pre-conference workshop at ROMA
47. **AMO Education Nov 12**, Upcoming AMO 2025 Education Workshop
48. **AMO Education Nov 13**, Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials
49. **AMO Education Nov 14**, New 2025 AMO Workshop - Building Resilient Communities through Managing Assets
50. **AMO Education Nov 15**, New Workshop: Equity, Inclusion, in Municipalities
51. **AMO Education Nov 18**, Two Keys to Municipal Success – Pre-conference workshop at ROMA
52. **AMO Education Nov 19**, Building Resilient Communities through Managing Assets – New 2025 AMO Workshop
53. **AMO Education Nov 20**, AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials
54. **AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials**
55. **AMO POLICY Update AMO POLICY Update Oct 30**, Fall Economic Statement
56. **AMO POLICY Update AMO POLICY Update Nov 7**, Encampment and Opioid Crisis
57. **AMO POLICY Update AMO POLICY Update Nov 19**, NDP Motion on Municipal Fiscal Sustainability, Mental Health and Addictions, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure
58. **AMO Watchfile Nov 7**, In This Issue,
  - ERO posting on changes to excess soils regulations.
  - ERO posting on proposed changes to energy legislation.
  - Emergency Treatment Fund - Deadline November 8.
  - Applications open for Codes Acceleration Fund.
  - ROMA 2025 Annual Conference - Rural Routes - Request delegation meetings.
  - ROMA 2025 Rural Routes: ROMA Exhibit Hall is close to sold out!
  - Register for a discounted AMO Workshop at the ROMA Conference.
  - Plan your professional development for 2025 with AMO Education Workshops.
  - Outdoor Ice: Managing Risk Related to Skating Rinks webinar.
  - New Where to Recycle map.
  - OAITH Wrapped in Courage Campaign
  - Early rate pricing for HSC's 2025 Regeneration Forum.
  - Webinar for municipalities on LT2 energy procurements.
  - Food waste: Initiatives Leading Change Symposium.
  - Careers
59. **AMO Watchfile Nov 14**, In This Issue,
  - OEB Bulletin for re: new connections.
  - Human Rights Impact Assessment for AI Tools.
  - ERO posting on changes to excess soils regulations.
  - ERO posting on proposed changes to energy legislation.
  - Applications open for Codes Acceleration Fund.
  - ROMA Conference: Rural Routes – Program Updates.
  - Request Your Delegation Meeting at 2025 ROMA Conference by Deadline November 27 5:00pm.
  - Tips to how to best prepare for your provincial delegation meetings at the ROMA Conference.
  - ROMA 2025 *Rural Routes*: ROMA Exhibit Hall is almost sold out!
  - Foundations in Planning & Advanced Land Use Planning – Winter Workshops.
  - Indigenous Community Awareness – February 2025 Workshop.
  - ROMA Pre-conference Workshop January 18 - Two Keys to Municipal Success.
  - NEW Workshop! Apathy to Action: Building Resilient Communities through Managing Assets.
  - NEW Workshop! Equity, Inclusion and Innovation in Municipalities, March 25.
  - Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official - March 2025 Workshop.
  - Disability Inclusion Virtual Workshop – March 27.
  - Managing Communications through Crisis – April 2025 Workshop.
  - Canoe webinar: Leveraging Stakeholder Relationships for Procurement Success.
  - Lighting upgrades in 2025? Talk to LAS!
  - New Where to Recycle map.
  - OAITH Wrapped in Courage Campaign.
  - HSC's 2025 Regeneration Forum: Levelling Up – Transforming Housing.
  - Food waste: Initiatives Leading Change Symposium.
  - AdvantAge Annual Seniors' Housing Forum.
  - Careers.
60. **AMCTO, Legislative Express**
61. **BAO, LifeLine**: Licence renewal season begins for personal licensees, FE & TS operators

- 62. **BAO, Chief Coroner for Ontario memo on Body Transportation Phase 2 RFR**
- 63. **CTS, Enhance the Visibility of Traditional Signs**
- 64. **EPA – ENERGY STAR, WATCH LIVE: Empire State Building turns blue for ENERGY STAR!**
- 65. **Invasive Species Centre Nov 6, Invasive Species Forum Registration and Award Nominations**
- 66. **Invasive Species Centre Nov 19, Now Accepting Applications to the Invasive Species Acton Fund, Applications must be submitted by electronically by Wednesday, January,15, 2025 at 11:59**

Forwarded to ELCA, per Mr. Savill’s request upon exiting the meeting.

- 67. **Invasive Species Centre Nov 20, UPCOMING WEBINARS Assessing the Risk Posed by Spongy Moth to Canada’s Forests plus the Impact of Forest Pest and Pathogens on Climate Resilience**
- 68. **MFOA OCT 30, Summary of the 2024 Fall Economic Statement**
- 69. **MFOA Nov 12, Upcoming Training**
- 70. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, COVID Outbreak Lifted on South Wing at HDMH**
- 71. **Near North District Schools, NNDSB Community Partnerships – available space, 2024 11 06 Email Community Partners NNDSB.pdf**
- 72. **North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, re: Recommendation for Provincial Oral Health Strategy, Including Evaluation of Current Funding Model**
- 73. **Northern Ontario Art Association NOAA, 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition 2024-2025 & 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Opening Show**
- 74. **One Point Association of REALTORS - Muskoka & Area**
- 75. **OMPF Funding Announcement -James King | Constituency Assistant. MPP Smith will be hosting a funding announcement to highlight the recent Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations for 2025. The announcement will be held at the Gravenhurst Municipal Office (5 Pineridge Gate, Gravenhurst, ON P1P 1Z3) on Friday, November 15th at 12:30pm. Please RSVP to this email at your earliest convenience.**
- 76. **Prime Minister’s Awards, Nominate an educator today**
- 77. **Prism Engineering, News Why your strata needs an EPR, new funding opportunities, innovative building design, team milestones and other highlights**
- 78. **ROMA Communication, ROMA Board Update: Meeting Min. Calandra, broadband and more**
- 79. **ROMA Events, Conference: Program Update**
- 80. **RPRA, Datacall, The Datacall portal will close on December 15,2024 – Download your files now**
- 81. **Sun Life Group Benefits, Quebec group insurance pooling update for 2025, and more, in this week’s Focus Update**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**207-24 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 employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. Time 7:10 pm. CARRIED

**208-24 Scarlett, Ivens**

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:32 pm. CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

**209-24 Ivens, Scarlett**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Dec 16, 2024. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney

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