

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 28, 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 Blair Flowers and Pearl Ivens. Councillor Neil Scarlett absent with notice. Staff present: Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney and Administrative Assistant – Planning Teresa Coombs.

Guests Observing: Mark Savill.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Oct 15, 2024 minutes, Resolution

188-24 Ivens, Scarlett

THAT we adopt Oct 15, 2024 minutes. CARRIED

2. Letter on Short Term Rentals 5-117

Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong write to express their strong support for the establishment of a by-law to license and regulate all short term rentals, that just as the Township of Machar has a permitting and inspection process to ensure that renovations and new builds are undertaken such that they align with goals and objective of the Township’s Official Plan, the Township should also play a role in supervising the existence of short term rentals (which in some instances amount to the very definition of small businesses). Armstrong would welcome a decision by Council to outlaw short term rentals by businesses operated by absentee landlords, they also recognize a complete ban on other forms of short term rentals may not be fair or reasonable. Armstrong lists concerning behaviours of some short term rentals on Jim Young Road very near to where they live: too many occupants that over-stress the septic system, excessive noise from outdoor amplified sound and music systems run at full throttle throughout the day and well into the early hours of the morning, loss of privacy due to inebriated renters stumbling about neighbouring properties often at night playing games or in search of fuel for shoreline bonfires, renters hitting apparently unlimited number of golf balls into the lake, absentee landlords that they have no idea who to contact about any concerns with respect to this behaviour. Armstrong goes on to suggest that part of any new short term rental by-law include a requirement for landlords to advise renters in writing that the unit they will be occupying is part of a residential community and that renters must not make excessive noise at any time or undertake any action that invades the privacy of local residents or that damage the land or water environment, the Township publish on its website contact information for every licensed short term rental or post at the roadway into the property so that local residents can take any concern that they have with respect to the behaviour directly to the landlord (at any time of day or night), and finally that any fines or other punitive actions taken by the Township for non-compliance have sufficient “teeth” that they actually promote compliance and deter bad behaviour rather than just be seen by landlords as a cost of “doing business”.

Council agreed the letter contained very good points and some great suggestions. Mayor Carleton advised that the Short Term Accommodations By-Law remains in review. Treasurer Deputy Clerk suggested the letter be forwarded to By-Law Enforcement for review with the Armstrong’s re: violations of the Noise By-Law and to work with Admin on some short term rental education to the Landlords on the community guides available: townshipofmachar.ca | [community-guides](#)

3. Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) 2025 Annual Billing Webinar Sessions Oct 25 or 28, 2024

Webinar was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances and will be rescheduled.

COMMITTEES

4. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Sep, Arena and Fire

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Oct 2024 (Discussion point: The current Fire Protection Agreement with Joly expires the end of December, sunset clause is annual increase of 2.75%/year), Income Statement for Sep (Revenue 40.60%, Expenses 32.80%), AP Ledger for Sep \$11,079.74 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Sep 2024 (Sep has been a good start into the regular hockey season, elevator problems persist and remains out of order), Income Statement for Sep 2024 (Revenue 62.95% and Expenses 65.41%), AP Ledger for Sep \$14,368.75 Total Expenditures.

5. Machar Public Works minutes of Oct 17, 2024, Resolution

Council inquired after the cross training of EORLA from Landfill to Roads, TDC will have to follow up.

189-24 McLaren, Ivens

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Oct 17, 2024. CARRIED

a) Application for Consent to Remove Trees, Alter and Conduct Works on an Unopened Road Allowance

Application approved to conduct works on Birch Lane to widen 3-5 feet on the south side.

6. South River Machar Library minutes of Oct 22, 2024, Resolution

South River Councillor Scott was concerned about advertising non-Library events on the Library's social media. Librarian updated posting to read "This is not a Library Sponsored Event".

190-24 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Oct 22, 2024. CARRIED

7. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health [agenda](#) of Oct 16, [minutes](#) of Sep 25 posted on website

8. Parry Sound EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Advisory agenda of Oct 24, 2024

Councillor Ivens has forwarded minutes and notes for review next meeting. they are expecting a 3.5% budget increase, 80% of that budget is salaries, 2 new ambulances and 17 new defibrillators.

9. DSSAB (Distr of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd) CAO Report for Oct 2024 AVAILABLE

There are still apartments for rent in Powassan's Meadowview and a new childcare website for parents to apply online for spaces: psdssab.org | [early-years-services](#) | [child-care-application-portal](#)

10. Almaguin Highlands Health Council minutes of Oct 10, 2024

A motion will be made to the MAHC Board of Directors on Oct 10 recommending that MAHC redevelopment Stage 1.3 move forward with an increase in the number of net new beds at the Bracebridge site by 10, at a cost increase of between \$45-50 million including an estimated additional \$10 million Local Share. Councillor Flowers' thought is that Huntsville site should be the bigger site since Bracebridge has closer access to Orillia services.

INFORMATION

11. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Release – MAHC Once Again Celebrated for Organ and Tissue Donation

12. Township of Clearview Resolution, supporting Township of Adelaide Metcalfe's request that the Province consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit

13. Municipality of St. Charles Resolution, supporting the Town of Cobalt resolution calling upon the province to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete asset retirement obligations

14. Municipality of St. Charles Resolution, supporting the Town of Petrolia supporting the City of Belleville regarding family doctors

15. **Municipality of St. Charles Resolution**, supporting the City of St. Catharines regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project
16. **Municipality of St. Charles Resolution**, supporting the Township of Terrace Bay regarding sustainable funding for OPP in small rural municipalities
17. **Municipality of St. Charles Resolution**, supporting the Municipality of Wawa regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector
18. **Municipality of St. Charles Resolution**, supporting the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle
19. **Municipality of St. Charles Resolution**, supporting the City of Quinte West regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund
20. **Municipality of St. Charles Resolution**, supporting the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin regarding concerns with the Transport and deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTM)
21. **Town of Tillsonburg Resolution**, urging the province to continue funding Southwest Community Transit beyond Mar 2025 to ensure the ongoing viability of this essential service for small urban...
22. **The Township of Georgian Bluffs Resolution**, supporting the resolution from the City of Toronto regarding Provincial Support for Family Physician
23. **The Township of Georgian Bluffs Resolution**, supporting the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries
24. **The County of Northumberland Resolution**, supporting the Township of Stirling-Rawdon regarding 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure'
25. **Town of Bracebridge Resolution**, calls for the Province to update the Municipal Elections Act with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review...
26. **Town of Smiths Falls, Resolution**, calls for the Province to update the Municipal Elections Act with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review...
27. **The Township of McGarry Resolution**, calls for the Province to update the Municipal Elections Act with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to...
28. **Township of Nairn and Hyman Resolution**, opposing to the transportation and deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site...
29. **Municipality of Magnetawan Resolution**, supporting the Township of Ryerson and Township of Perry regarding Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) Proposed - Multi-Site Regional Hospital
30. **Township of Puslinch Resolution**, supporting AMO & OMA's Joint Health Resolution Campaign for the Province to recognize the physician shortage in Ontario
31. **Township of Puslinch Resolution**, supporting the City of Quinte West regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund allocation increases are less than 2% year over year for the next 5 years and the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year. non residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since 2020.
32. **AMO Education Oct 15, 24** – AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials
33. **AMO Education Oct 22, 24** - Celebrates Local Government Week
34. **AMO Policy Update Oct 16, 24** – Province to Introduce Legislation Governing Bicycle Lanes
35. **AMO Policy Update Oct 21, 24** – Advocacy on Transportation, Energy and Housing Policy
36. **AMO Watchfile Oct 17, 24 - In This Issue**
 - Get access to MIDAS!
 - Ontario investing in transportation for rural communities - apply today!
 - Apply for the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant.
 - Webinar: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund.
 - Join us at the AMO Healthy Democracy Forum.
 - ROMA 2025 Annual Conference - Rural Routes.
 - ROMA 2025 Rural Routes: Exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities.
 - Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official - October workshop.
 - Foundations in Planning & Advanced Land Use Planning - October virtual workshops.
 - Lighting upgrades for 2025 - we've got you covered!
 - Municipal Contributions to Canada's Protected Areas Target report.
 - Careers.
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- Funding Available: Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative.
- ERO posting on Electricity Energy Efficiency Framework.
- ERO posting on Additional Residential Units Regulation.
- IESO and MNR Webinar on LT2 Procurement and Project Siting.
- ROMA 2025 Annual Conference - Rural Routes.
- ROMA 2025 Rural Routes: Exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities.
- Foundations in Planning & Advanced Land Use Planning - October virtual workshops.
- Open mic session - Ask Canoe Anything!
- LAS winter webinars.
- Geothermal Drilling and Aquifer Protection Leading Practices Guide.
- Registration open for Western Ontario Municipal Conference.
- Careers.

38. AMO POLICY Update – Advocacy on Transportation, Energy and Housing Policy

39. Almaguin Adult Learning – Nov 11, 24 Calander.jpg

40. BAO – The BAO wants to hear from you

41. BAO – Process for Cremations of Unclaimed Deceased Person/ Warrant to Bury the Body of a Deceased Person

42. BAO - Ontario Supporting Grieving Families of Stillborn Children

43. BAO - LifeLine: Con-ed webinars; Licensee Portal set up; BAO notices recap

44. Business eventoline – Construction and Real Estate Forum Toronto March 2025 (Pre – Mailer)

45. Invasive Species Centre – Media Research, and Events San: Sep 27 – Oct 10

46. Invasive Species Centre – Call for Presentations Open Until Oct 28, 24

47. Las – Free Panel: Webinar Fortifying Municipal Cyber Security Defenses Oct 28

48. Municipal Monitor - AMCTO 2024 Awards

49. National Defence – Reminder: National Veteran’s Week Speakers Program 2024

50. ROMA Communication – Updates from ROMA Board October meeting

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Haunted Halloween Walk 4 – Almaguin News Oct 24, 2024

northbaynipissing.com | [things to do - increasingly popular free haunted halloween walk in almaguin highlands has two trails one with treats](#) by Rocco Frangione.

The Township’s annual Haunted Halloween Walk event Sat, Oct 26 at Mikisew Provincial Park was very well attended: 811 according to the official counter, give or take a few. Many attended the Candy Trail. Many also braved and survived the Scare Trail. Local businesses and individuals turned up to help put on the event, a Thank You poster will be put together and circulated. Traffic and parking was co-ordinated safely by the South River Machar Fire Department again. There were visitors from all over; even a group of 10 people from the other side of Toronto, apparently even Greg Estabrooks: saultstar.com | [a much different type of walk in the park this weekend](#).

ADJOURN

191-24 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Tue, Nov 12, 2024. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney