



**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, April 13, 2026**

**Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillor Blair Flowers, Councillor Pearl Ivens and Councillor Neil Scarlett. Deputy Clerk Teresa Coombs and Administrative Assistant Senior/Planning Taylor Boden.**

Mark Smuck, Floyd Simpkins, Wendy Main, Mark Savill, Craig Robinson, Christine Zimmer, Brenda Rantz and Rick Rantz.

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**1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

The Township of Machar acknowledges the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties on the land of the Anishinabek that we meet today. We seek to work respectfully with Indigenous people, and are thankful for their teachings and stewardship of the land.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof; Nil.

**2. Public Meeting/Guests and Delegations**

**2.1 6:30pm President, Bray Lake Residents Association re: Request for In-Kind and Cash Donation and Letter of Support for Bray Lake Residents Association (BLRA) to Lead a Bray Lake Integrated Water Quantity and Quality Management Study**

Christine Zimmer presented on behalf of the Bray Lake Residents Association (BLRA) to request Council approval for:

1. A financial donation to BLRA of \$20,000
2. A Letter of Support for BLRA to complete a Bray Lake Integrated Water Quantity and Quality Management Study to inform updates to the Townships Official Plan
3. In-kind planning staff support (estimated at 2-3hrs in 2026) to inform policy recommendations resulting from the study
4. A decision by April 20 would be appreciated to meet upcoming grant application deadlines

The residents have expressed concern over the rapid declining health of the lake over the last 5-7 years. Residents have noted increased algae growth and rising health impacts to residents and pets, as well as declining fish population from rapid growth and extreme weather over the last 10 years.

Mayor thanked the BLRA for their presentation and informed that the Clerk is out of the office until April 20, 2026 so therefore, a response or a letter of support, by April 20, 2026 is not feasible. There may be a response by the next Council meeting on April 27, 2026. Staff will look into the technical budgetary aspects that were mentioned.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**3.1 Adoption of Mar 23 Minutes, Resolution**

**051-2026**

**Moved By** Flowers

**Seconded By** Scarlett

THAT we adopt Mar 23, 2026 minutes.

**Carried**

#### **4. Business**

##### **4.1 South River Machar Medical Centre Acupuncturist Lease Agreement, Resolution**

**052-2026**

**Moved By** McLaren

**Seconded By** Flowers

THAT we authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to sign the Acupuncturist Lease for space within the South River Machar Medical Centre starting Apr 1, 2026.

**Carried**

##### **4.2 Council Remuneration Report for 2025**

Acknowledged.

##### **4.3 South River Lions Club request to participate in Don Ivens Community Volunteer Award**

Approved for \$167.00 and nominations to be considered.

##### **4.4 Almaguin Highlands Secondary School request for contribution to Graduation Awards**

Approved \$200. Mayor Carleton will attend and present.

##### **4.5 Discovery Routes Donation Request**

Approved \$100.

##### **4.6 South River Friendly Circle Thank You**

Acknowledged.

#### **5. Accounts**

##### **5.1 List of Proposed Payments for Mar, Resolution**

**053-2026**

**Moved By** Ivens

**Seconded By** McLaren

THAT we approve List of Proposed Payments for Mar, 2026: \$209,982.02 Grand Total.

**Carried**

#### **6. Boards and Committees**

##### **6.1 Joint Building Committee permit summaries for Mar 2026, Resolution**

Reviewed permit fees and project values, permit totals 4 at the end of Mar, 2026 (12 in 2025) as follows: Machar 4, Strong 1, Ryerson 3, and South River 2.

**054-2026**

**Moved By** Scarlett

**Seconded By** Flowers

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Mar, 2026.

**Carried**

##### **6.2 South River Machar Library minutes of Mar 26, & 2026 Operation Estimate, Resolution**

**055-2026**

**Moved By** Scarlett

**Seconded By** Ivens

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Mar 26, 2026, including Operation Estimate reflecting our share for 2026 of \$49,076.77 representing a 2% increase and subject to overall Township budgetary requirements.

**Carried**

**6.3 South River Machar Medical Board minutes of Mar 17, Resolution**

**056-2026**

**Moved By** Flowers

**Seconded By** Scarlett

THAT we support motions in Medical Board minutes for Mar 17, 2026 as follows: adopt the minutes, Creation of new office (6a & 6b) from existing space (6), Pay Lists/Budgetary Control, offer from Brenda Rantz to maintain gardens for community volunteer hours, adjourned until Apr 21, 2026 ...

**Carried**

**6.4 Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA) Summary of 2026 Ontario Budget**

Acknowledged. More applicable to cities, not Rural.

**6.5 Media Release - FONOM Support Provincial Highway 11/17 Safety Measures While Calling for Continued Progress**

The FONOM welcomes the Province of Ontario's recent announcement outlining new safety and enforcement measures along the Highway 11/17 corridor - an essential transportation link for Northern communities, industries, and Canada's national supply chains.

The province's plan includes increased enforcement, expanded inspection capacity, improved signage, and continued design work for future highway improvements.

FONOM recognizes these actions as important steps that respond to long-standing concerns raised by municipalities across Northern Ontario.

**6.6 Media Release - FONOM Board Advances Northern Priorities at Meeting in Kirkland Lake**

Mayor unable to attend meeting as Hwy 11 closure due to inclement weather and multiple accidents.

**6.7 HAZMAT 2026 Poster**

2026 Hazmat Days: May 23, 2026 10 am - 2 pm & Aug 22, 2026 10 am - 2 pm

Poster circulated and posted to various boards and the website.

**6.8 N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit; Public Service Announcement, Health Unit Confirms 13 Overdoses, 3 Deaths in Connection with Public Safety Alert**

Acknowledged.

**8. In-Camera (Closed) Session, Resolution**

**057-2026**

**Moved By** Scarlett

**Seconded By** Ivens

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; Time 7:25pm.

**Carried**

**058-2026**

**Moved By** Scarlett

**Seconded By** McLaren

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:35pm.

**Carried**

**10. Adjournment**

**059-2026**

**Moved By** Flowers

**Seconded By** Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Apr 27, 2026.

**Carried**

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Lynda Carleton, Mayor

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Teresa Coombs, Deputy Clerk