

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 14, 2025**

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Neil Scarlett and Pearl Ivens. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Angela Loney and Deputy Clerk Teresa Coombs.

Guest Observing: Mark Savill.

6:30 pm 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.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Nil.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Mar 24, 2025 minutes, Resolution

52-25 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we adopt Mar 24, 2025 minutes. CARRIED

2. Increased Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance, quote

To increase from the current limit of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate to \$5,000,000 occurrence and aggregated would be an annual premium increase of \$645 and the deductible would increase to \$10,000 (minimum for limit of coverage). Council noted the amount was reasonable; filed for next year.

3. Canada Day Fireworks observing from Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park

The preliminary information seems to follow the previous year, date changed to Sun, Jun 29, 2025. The request will be brought back when the updated Certificate of Insurance is received.

4. Pay List by Fund for Mar, Resolution

53-25 McLaren, Ivens

THAT we approve List of Proposed Payments for Mar, 2025: \$168,565.66 Grand Total. CARRIED

a. South River Lion's Club request to participate in Don Ivens Community Volunteer Award

Approved for \$167.00 and nominations to be considered.

b. Near North Crime Stoppers 27th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser

Acknowledged.

COMMITTEES

5. Machar Public Works minutes of Mar 20, 2025, Resolution

Council offered corrections to be made prior to finalizing the minutes at Committee.

54-25 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Mar 20, 2025; CARRIED

6. Joint Building Committee permit summaries for Mar 2025, Resolution

55-25 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we accept Building Permit summaries for Feb, 2025. CARRIED

7. South River Machar Library minutes of Mar 20, 2025, Resolution

56-25 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Mar 20, 2025. CARRIED

8. Distr of Parry Sound Munic Assoc Spring Meeting, Callander, May 23, 2025, door opens 8:15 am

All of Council expected to attend, Treasurer is invited.

9. Almaguin Highlands Health Council minutes of Apr 3, 2025

Mayor Carleton commended Sandy Zurbrigg for her commitment to AHHC and always being willing to answer any questions.

10. Health Unit Release – Health Unit Suspends Travel Vaccine Services

Reviewed.

11. Health Unit Release – Measles Exposure Locations Identified in Health Unit District

Reviewed.

12. FONOM Annual General Meeting Package, 11am May 5, 2025

Accepted.

13. FONOM Letter to Premier Doug Ford requesting the creation of a Deputy or Associate Minister of Transportation specifically responsible for Northern Ontario

Reviewed.

INFORMATION

14. Almaguin Adult Learning, April Calendar

15. Almaguin News, here's what Joly decided for its next steps in possible merger with Strong, Sundridge

16. Township of Joly, Resolution supports the City of Hamilton and Toronto Public Health Committee Report Blood Collection – No paid Plasma

17. Whitewater Region, Support West Gwillimbury, and Town of Bradford Resolution – Deposit Return Program

18. Whitewater Region, Resolution Request to Increase Tile Drain Amount

19. West Lincoln, Resolution passed re: concerning redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST for Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

20. Bruce County, Letter to Prime Minister Carney, re: Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs

21. Municipality of Assiginack, Request for support - Municipality of Durham to Ban the Nazie Swastika

22. City of Port Colborne Supported the resolution from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake re Reconsider the Amendment of Subsection 29 (1.2) to the Ontario Heritage Act

23. Municipality of St.-Charles and Peterborough County Proposed US Tariffs on Canadian Goods and Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus support for Govt Negotiations with US on Trad Tariffs

24. Municipality of St.-Charles, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, County of Renfrew passed a Resolution, re: Child Welfare Funding on going reductions

25. AMO Education Mar 20, AMO Workshop: Navigating Conflict Relations as an Elected Official 2.0

26. AMO Education Mar 21, Education Workshops: Strengthening Municipal Leadership

27. AMO Education Mar 24, Managing Communications Through Crisis Workshop

28. AMO Education Mar 26, Unlock Opportunity through the Application of Human Rights-Based Approach to Municipal Planning

29. AMO Education Mar 27, Competing Rights: What You Need to Know!

- 30. AMO Education Mar 28**, Municipal Codes of Conduct: Essential to Good Governance
- 31. AMO Education Apr 3**, Mew Workshop: Trauma and Violence Informed Decision Making for Elected Official
- 32. AMO Education Apr 7**, Unlock Opportunity through the Application of Human Rights – Based Approach to Municipal Planning
- 33. AMO Education Apr 9**, Municipal Codes of Conduct: Essential to Good Governance
- 34. AMO Events Mar 25**, Register today for the AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum
- 35. AMO Events Apr 1**, Strengthening Rural Democracy: Register Now for AMO’s Rural Healthy Democracy Forum
- 36. AMO Events Apr 4**, Strengthening Rural Democracy: Register Now for AMO’s Rural Healthy Democracy Forum
- 37. AMO Events Apr 5**, AMOs Municipal Trade and Tariff Forum
- 38. AMO Communications Mar 27**, AMO Watchfile
- 39. AMO Communications Apr 3**, AMO Watchfile
- 40. AMO Policy Update Mar 20**, New Provincial Cabinet
- 41. AMO Policy Update Apr 4**, New Advocacy on Development Changes. Buy- Canadian & Buy-Ontarians Initiatives, and Conduct
- 42. AMCTO Municipal Minute Mar 12**, Innovation Internship Program Applications Now Open
- 43. AMCTO Municipal Minute Apr 2**, Minutes Association Program Highlights Submit Your Nominations for out 2025 Awards Program
- 44. AMO Watchfile Mar 27**
- AMO’s Guidance Resources on Electricity Procurements.
 - Progress in Asset Management: Growth webinar.
 - Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
 - Register for AMO’s Rural Healthy Democracy Forum - June 11, 2025.
 - Join your colleagues at the AMO 2025 Conference.
 - Opportunity to showcase your products and services at AMO 2025 Conference.
 - Impact of trades & tariffs on small urban municipalities - OSUM Conference 2025.
 - OSUM Sponsorship and Exhibit Hall opportunities - Take advantage today.
 - Managing Communications through Crisis: April 16 - 17.
 - Human Rights-Based Approach to Municipal Planning: May 8 virtual workshop.
 - Understanding Competing Human Rights: May 13 virtual workshop.
 - Canoe webinar: A Tariff Update Session.
 - Blog: 6 Reasons Why Municipal Software Platforms Should Work Together.
 - Help homeowners save money through Sewer & Water Line Warranty Service.
 - Group benefits webinar: April 1.
 - Upcoming Net Zero Workshop registration now open.
 - ASE: Here We Grow Again!
 - Call for participation: Zoning Changes Solutions Lab.
 - Ontario Geothermal Association conference.
 - Careers.
- 45. AMO’s Watchfile Apr 3**
- AMO’S Guidance Resources on Electricity Procurements.
 - Progress in Asset Management: Growth webinar.
 - Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
 - Conversation on voter turnout, community engagement, and incivility at 2025 OSUM.
 - Register for AMO’s Rural Healthy Democracy Forum - June 11, 2025.
 - Join your colleagues at the AMO 2025 Conference.
 - Opportunity to showcase your products and services at AMO 2025 Conference.
 - Human Rights-Based Approach to Municipal Planning: May 8 virtual workshop.
 - Advanced Strategies for Elected Officials to Master Conflict Relationships.
 - Municipal Codes of Conduct: Essential to Good Governance: Virtual workshop.
 - Boost resilience with the All-Risk Municipal Grant.
 - Foundations for a Municipal Investment Strategy training.
 - Facility assessments available through Canoe.
 - Upcoming Net Zero Workshop register today.
 - AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program.
 - Call for participation: Zoning Changes Solutions Lab.
 - Ontario Geothermal Association conference.
 - Careers.
- 46. BAO Mar 28**, Memo from the Chief Coroner for Ontario: Body transportation services
- 47. BAO Apr 7**, Life Line: Elimination of BAO licensing fee related to stillborn births went into effect April 1

48. **Bloom Mar 24, Weekly Webinars**
49. **Bloom Mar24**, Motivating Through the Message of Positive Impact
50. **Bloom Mar 26**, Overcoming Municipal Dysfunction: A Critical Tool in the Anti-Dysfunction Toolbox - Ethics
51. **Bloom Mar 31**, Great Municipal Leadership = Great Organizational Culture
52. **Bloom Apr 2**, Ethics Leadership Webinar
53. **Bloom Apr 4**, Municipal Ethics and Code of Conduct
54. **Intact public entities Apr 8**, All Risk Municipal Grant Applications Deadline is May 1st
55. **Lanark Country Resolution Mar 27**, US Tariffs on Canadian Goods
56. **LAS Apr 1**, LAS and Health Pro Canada Partnership
57. **Muskoka Algonquin HealthCare Apr 2**, Quarterly Political Leaders Forum with MAHC April 10, @ 9:am
58. **Muskoka Algonquin HealthCare Apr 7**, Christodoulou Family Rehabilitation & Reactivation Unit
59. **Muskoka Algonquin HealthCare** Huntsville Hospital Foundation News Release
60. **PSDSSAB Mar 20**, Encampment Response Plan
61. **PSHSA Apr 2**, Health & Safety Anywhere
62. **Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Apr 8**, New Dates Added! Two – Day Climate – Resilient Municipal Communities Course
63. **OSSGA Launches Mar 27**, New Video Campaign To Rally Canadians
64. **OSUM Events Mar 22**, OSUM 2025 Conference -Trade and Tariffs
65. **OSUM Events April 3**, OSUM 2025 Conference - Program Update
66. **TMM Managed Cemeteries Mar 20**, Interactive Cemetery Map
67. **TRAICON Apr 2**, Boost Your Non-profit's

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Engineering Additional Work Authorization Request

Re-tendering for shoreline repair works in 2025, effort includes minor tender revisions, providing tender documents to interested bidders, reviewing bidder questions and issuing tender addenda. Approved \$4,500 will appear on the Pay List.

CLOSED SESSION

57-25 Ivens, McLaren

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 employee; 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).
CARRIED

58-25 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:17 pm. CARRIED

ADJOURN

59-25 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 Mon, Apr 28, 2025. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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