



MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2026

Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillor Blair Flowers, Councillor Pearl Ivens and Councillor Neil Scarlett, and Clerk Administrator Angela Loney.

Wendy Main, Steve Armstrong, Mark Smuck, Mark Savill, Floyd Simpkins, Brenda Rantz, Christine Zimmer, Dave St.Onge, and Steve McArthur.

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

2.1 Zoning By-Law Amendment Application 4-231, Resolution

Mayor Carleton advised Public Meeting held under Section 34 of the Planning Act to consider a rezoning. Clerk Administrator advised public notice provided by 1st class mail on Apr 7, 2026. Applicant's planner Steve McArthur summarized the application is to remove OS1 (Open Space exception 1) zoning on property and change to RU-15 (Rural exception 15) to recognize the proposed lot area of 0.5 hectares and lot frontage of 60 metres which do not meet the minimum requirements in the Zoning By-Law. There were no oral comments received. A copy of the Planning Report will be provided to the applicant. There is a 20 day appeal period from when Notice of Passing is done, before the rezoning becomes effective.

060-2026

Moved By Scarlett

Seconded By Flowers

THAT Council receive the Planning Report dated April 27, 2026, regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment application for the subject property legally described as Concession 4, Part Lots 22, 23 and 24, municipally known as 2035 Eagle Lake Road (Merada Golf Enterprises Inc.); and,

THAT Council authorizes the passing of By-law No. 5-26 being a By-law to amend the Township of Machar Zoning By-Law 45-12, as amended.

Carried

061-2026

Moved By McLaren

Seconded By Ivens

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-law No. 5-26 being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 45-12 as amended, the Zoning By-Law with respect to a portion of lands described as Concession 4, Part Lots 22, 23 and 24, municipally known as 2035 Eagle Lake Road (Merada Golf Enterprises Inc.) (File 4-231).

Carried

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 Adoption of Apr 13 Minutes, Resolution

062-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By Ivens
THAT we adopt Apr 13, 2026 minutes.
Carried

4. Business

4.1 By-Law to Appoint By-Law Enforcement Officers, Resolution

063-2026

Moved By Scarlett

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 6-26 to Appoint By-Law Enforcement Officers.

Carried

4.2 Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant Application, Resolution

Council appreciated the exceptional application provided by the Treasurer. Proposed project includes the replacement of the existing ramp at the Narrows Park, installation of a sidewalk and concrete pad for access to the washrooms/changerooms, along with washroom upgrades for AODA compliance, and the installation of a mobility mat at the beach.

064-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By Ivens

THAT we approve grant application to Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) in the total amount of \$60,000 with additional \$21,926 + Municipal Contribution for Eagle Lake Narrows Park Accessibility Upgrades to accomplish Barrier Free Access.

Carried

4.3 Bray Lake Rd Complaint - Staff Reports

065-2026

Moved By Ivens

Seconded By Scarlett

THAT we receive the reports prepared by Clerk Administrator and Assistant Roads Superintendent, and

THAT the designated snow plow turn-around location is at 937 Bray Lake Road, and

FURTHER THAT we agree to make no change to current winter maintenance operations at 221 Bray Lake Road.

Carried

4.4 Bray Lake Residents Association - Response Letter

The Staff Report requested by Council will be brought back for review as soon as workload allows, but a letter of support will be provided to the association in time for the Apr 30, 2026 deadline.

4.5 Northern Nationals Auto Show Donation Request

\$100 donation approved.

4.6 2026 Canada Day Fireworks Location and Donation Request

Clerk Administrator provided an update after speaking with Fire Chief. At this time, we are not in a position to sign off on the location due to concerns arising from previous events. Council agreed that location and donation approval are jointly considered with the application approval.

4.7 Near North Crime Stoppers Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser email

Reviewed, the event is no longer held at the Eagle Lake Golf Course.

4.8 Almaguin Pride - Flag Request, Staff Report, Resolution

Request and Staff Report reviewed. Council shall revisit to proclaim the month of June as Pride Month in the Township of Machar once a policy is in place to do so. In the meantime, a banner of awareness will be shared on the Township website, encouraging all residents to recognize and celebrate the strength, diversity, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community, and to continue working together toward a more inclusive and equitable society for all.

066-2026

Moved By Ivens

Seconded By Scarlett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Machar Council supports posting a banner on the Township website for the month of June, encouraging all residents to recognize and celebrate the strength, diversity, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ Community.

Carried

4.9 Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) Letter - Proposed Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) amendments to improve the comprehensive environmental assessment (EA) process.

Reviewed.

5. Accounts - N/A

6. Boards and Committees

6.1 Shared Services Monthly Reports for March, Fire and Arena & SR CA Cost Sharing Report re: Proposed Sale of 11313 Hwy 124 PS EMS Ambulance Base.

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Mar, 2026 (The Office of the Fire Marshal has not yet released the transfer payment TPON agreement for unincorporated fire response for 2026. The Previous agreement expired on Mar 17, 2026), Income Statement for Mar (Revenue 28.93%, Expenses 16.80%), AP Ledger for Mar \$36,862.19 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Mar, Income Statement for Mar (Revenue 37.69% and Expenses 21.64%), AP Ledger for Mar \$23,577.47 Total Expenditures. EMS Equity Sharing Proposal reviewed.

6.2 South River Machar Recreation Report - Apr 2026

Reviewed. Reps propose alternative dates for Rec Committee meeting.

6.3 South River - Sale of Land - 253 Hwy 124, Resolution

067-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we authorize the Village of South River to sever and sell from Pt 3 - 253 Hwy 124 to Pt 2 - 281 Hwy 124.

Carried

6.4 District of Parry Sound Municipal Assoc Spring Mtg Kearney May 29

All of Council to be registered.

6.5 NB Parry Sound District Health Unit Extends Community Drug Alert

Reviewed.

6.6 NB Parry Sound District Health Unit - Reminds Residents to Test Private Drinking Water After Flooding Events

Reviewed.

6.7 NB Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health & Finance and Property Committee Apr 22 Agendas

6.8 FONOM Release - Urges Ontario to Act as Manitoba Advances Compassionate Intervention Legislation

9. In-Camera (Closed) Session, Resolution

069-2026

Moved By Ivens

Seconded By Flowers

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.

Carried 070-2026

Moved By Ivens

Seconded By Flowers

THAT we come out of Closed Session with agreement as follows: to approve the Human Resources Committee recommendation to provide annual salary increases to the Clerk Administrator's Wage 2026=3.5%, 2027=3% 2028=2.5% and 2029=2.5% and to the Superintendent of Public Works' Wage 2026=\$5/hr, 2027=\$5/hr, 2028=2.5% and 2029=2.5%. Time 7:45 pm.

Carried

8. Additional/Round Table/Notice of Motion

***8.1 May 6-7 AMCTO Municipal Elections Training Program and AMCTO Spring Workshop, Sudbury, Resolution**

068-2026

Moved By McLaren

Seconded By Scarlett

THAT we authorize the office to be closed for elections training May 6 – May 7 reopening May 8, 2026.

Carried

10. Adjournment

071-2026

Moved By Ivens

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 May 19, 2026.

Carried

Lynda Carleton, Mayor

Angela Loney, Clerk Administrator