

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 28, 2025

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

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

Guest Observing: Mark Smuck.

GUESTS

None scheduled

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Apr 14, 2025 minutes, Resolution

60-25 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we adopt Apr 14, 2025 minutes. CARRIED

2. Council Package Digitization Quotations, Resolution

61-25 Ivens, Scarlett

THAT we receive the report prepared by Angela Loney, Clerk Administrator.
FURTHER THAT we approve Council Package Digitization per the report. CARRIED

3. Workstation Upgrade Quotation, Resolution

62-25 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we receive the report prepared by Angela Loney, Clerk Administrator,
FURTHER THAT we approve the Workstation Upgrade Quotation and instruct CA to schedule the closure of the municipal office for installation. CARRIED

4. Minister George Pirie, Northern Economic Development and Growth

Received.

5. Provincial Planning Statement - Agricultural System Implementation, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

Received.

6. Almaguin Highlands Secondary School request for contribution to Graduation Awards

Approved \$200.

7. Women's Own Resource Centre request to support new and continuing initiatives 2025-26

Approved \$100.

COMMITTEES

8. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Mar, Arena and Fire

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Apr 2025 (central air conditioning unit installed), Income Statement for Mar 2025 (Revenue 47.03%, Expenses 9.10%), AP Ledger for Mar \$20,056.35 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Mar 2025, including Engineers re: Arena Rink Slab Replacement General Review Report No.: 1, Income Statement for Mar 2025 (Revenue 10.42% and Expenses 11.28%), AP Ledger for Mar \$30,782.05 Total Expenditures.

9. Machar Public Works minutes of Apr 17, 2025, Resolution

63-25 Scarlett, Flowers

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Apr 17, 2025. CARRIED

10. Machar Public Works – Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Shoreline Protection Project Tender Price Analysis Report, Resolution

64-25 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we receive the Tender Price Analysis Report from the Engineer, FURTHER THAT we award the Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Shoreline Protection Project tender to York1 Remediation LP in the amount of \$265,263.92 excluding HST, subject to overall tender requirements, FURTHER THAT we authorize the Mayor and/or Clerk Administrator to sign the Tender Agreement. CARRIED

11. Machar Public Works – Municipal Rd N Culvert Replacement DFO Review delays and subsequent engineering budget constraints

Budget extension of likely \$6,000 needed due to the unexpected Department of Fisheries and Oceans review delays, Clerk Administrator will request an Authorization Request be submitted for Public Works Committee to review for approval.

12. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Mar 18, 2025, Resolution

65-25 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of Mar 18, 2025, 2025 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists, Budgetary Control, approve 2025 budget in the amount of \$118,100 and any surplus from 2024 be placed into reserve, adjourned until Apr 15, 2025. CARRIED

13. South River Machar Library minutes of Apr 17, 2025 and Letter, Resolution

66-25 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Apr 17, 2025. CARRIED

14. HAZMAT 2025 Poster

2025 Hazmat Days: May 24, 2025 10am – 2pm & Aug 23, 2025 10 am – 2pm. Poster circulated and posted to various news boards and the website. Councillor Pearl shared that the Village of South River has gave notice of their exit from ARI.

15. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Jan 8 and Feb 5, 2025, Resolution

67-25 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Jan 8 and Feb 5, 2025. CARRIED

16. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health meeting Apr 23 agenda available [website](#)

Acknowledged.

17. DPSSSAB (Distr of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd) area rep, Mar/Apr CAO Report (available)

Acknowledged.

INFORMATION

- 18. Muskoka Algonquin HealthCare Political Leaders Forum** minutes of Apr 10, 2025
- 19. 2025 South River Friendly Circle Weekly Activities**
- 20. Town of Parry Sound Apr 22**, letter and Council Resolution responding to the expansion of strong mayor powers
- 21. City of Cambridge Apr 23**, Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
- 22. Township of Puslinch and Niagara on the Lake Apr 16**, Supporting Resolution 2025-100 regarding Amendment to Subsection 29 (1.2) Ontario Heritage Act
- 23. Township of Zorra Apr 24**, passed a resolution opposing Strong Mayor powers
- 24. Kingsville Ontario Apr 16**, Passed a resolution Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers – Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22
- 25. Town of Parry Sound Apr 22**, Honourable Rob Flack please except my congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Municipal affairs & Housing
- 26. Town of Aylmer Apr 17**, Motion re: Opposition to Expansion of Strong Mayor Powers
- 27. Town of Parry Sound Apr 17**, 2025-046 Calls for inclusive research to reflect diversity of Canadian Communities
- 28. AMO Education Apr 10**, New Workshop: Trauma and Violence Informed Decision Making for Elected Officials
- 29. AMO Education Apr 14**, Land Use Planning for People in Your Community
- 30. AMO Education Apr 15**, Antisemitism and Anti-Islamophobia Workshops
- 31. AMO Education Apr 22**, Strategic Leadership Workshops
- 32. AMO Education Apr 23**, Planning for People in Your Community
- 33. AMO Events Apr 10**, Rural Healthy Democracy
- 34. AMO Events Apr 17**, AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum Program Highlight
- 35. AMO Events Apr 17**, AMO Municipal Trade and Tariff Forum Update
- 36. AMO Policy Update Apr 10**, Expanding Strong Mayor Powers, Improving ambulance Procurement
- 37. AMO Policy Apr 16, Correction:** AMO Policy Update – response to the Speech from the throne and Launch of health sector survey
- 38. AMO Policy April 16**, Ontario investing \$175 million to launch the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWSO) – Webinar
- 39. AMO Policy Apr 23**, Spring Policy Priorities
- 40. AMCTO Apr 9**, Association Program Highlights and Register for Our Upcoming Exclusive Member’s Webinar
- 41. AMCTO Apr 16**, Municipal Minutes
- 42. AMCTO Apr 23**, Municipal Minutes
- 43. AMO’s Watchfile Apr 10, In This Issue AMO’s Guidance Resources on Electricity Procurements.**
 - Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
 - Limited space available for AMO’s Rural Healthy Democracy Forum: June 11.
 - AMO’s Municipal Trade and Tariff Forum: June 6 in Toronto.
 - Join your colleagues at the AMO 2025 Conference.
 - AMO 2025 Conference trade show - selling out fast!!!
 - Leveraging Resources for Results in Affordable Housing - OSUM Conference 2025.
 - Human Rights-Based Approach to Municipal Planning: May 8 virtual workshop.
 - Understanding Competing Human Rights: May 13 virtual workshop.
 - Strategies for Elected Officials to Master Conflict Relationships virtual workshop.
 - Teeny Tiny Summits 2025 line-up.
 - Meet Canoe’s newest Canadian supplier: Home Hardware.
 - On April 15, unlock savings with our new partnership with HealthPRO Canada.
 - April 28: Pioneering digital change in small communities: Insights & Experiences.
 - BPS energy reporting season is underway.
 - Group Benefits webinar recording.
 - Boost resilience with the All-Risk Municipal Grant.

- Upcoming Net Zero Workshop register today.
- May 7 webinar: Investing in an uncertain market: The Prudent Investor's Playbook.
- Shaping your community's energy future workshop.
- Careers.

44. AMO's Watchfile Apr 17, In This Issue

- AMO's Guidance Resources on Electricity Procurements.
- NEW Health and Safety Water Stream fund - webinar.
- Understanding your WSIB reporting responsibilities - webinar.
- 2025 Senior of the Year nominations.
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- Join the timely conversation on democracy: AMO's Rural Healthy Democracy Forum.
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- Submit your application for the PJ Marshall Awards.
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- Strategies for Elected Officials to Master Conflict Relationships virtual workshop.
- Teeny Tiny Summits 2025 line-up - Registration is open.
- AMO and OCC Trade and Tariff Forum - June 6.
- OSUM Conference 2025: Rebuilding our Political Culture.
- Human Rights Requirements in Municipal Planning: May 8 virtual workshop.
- Boost resilience with the All-Risk Municipal Grant.
- Net Zero Workshops: Spaces still available.
- Getting Across the Finish Line: Asset Management Compliance in 2025.
- Modernization of Rail Proximity Guidelines.
- Shaping your community's energy future workshop.
- Ontario Bike Summit.
- Careers.

45. - AMO's Watchfile - April 24, 2025 Guidance Resources on Electricity Procurements.

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- Homelessness Encampments and Human Rights Webinar.
- Modernization of Rail Proximity Guidelines.
- Workshop: Shaping your community's energy future.
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- Careers.

46. Canada Post April 16, Get ready for changes coming July 2, 2025

47. Delegate. Support @ Ontario.ca Apr 10, Important Notice from ONT-TAXS online

48. Falun Dafa Apr 16, Request a Greeting Letter/Proclamation for Celebrating 33rd Falun Dafa Month Anniversary

49. Healthcare System Apr 7, Addressing our Struggling Healthcare System

50. HealthPRO Canada Apr 22, Thank you for attending Introduction to Health PRO Canada Webinar

51. Invasive Species Centre Apr 10, Media Research, and Events Scan March 27 – April 10

52. Invasive Species Centre Apr 15, Upcoming Webinar Reaping What We Sow: Black Ash Preservation

53. Invasive Species Centre Apr 24, Media, Research, and Events Scan: April 11-24

54. LAS Apr 8, April 15 Webinar invitation: Unlock Savings with our New Partnership with Health PRO Canada

55. LAS Apr 14, All-Risk Management Grant – May 1 deadline approaching

56. MISA Ontario Information Apr 24, Join us at MISA Ontario Annual 2025 in Windsor, automotive Capital of Canada

- 57. **Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario Apr 16**, Strong Mayor Powers 2-Part Webinar Series
- 58. **MFOA Training Apr 22**, New Webinar: Strong Mayor Powers
- 59. **Muskoka Algonquin Health care Apr 22**, Minutes – Political Leaders Forum April 10, 25
- 60. **OSUM Events Apr 15**, 2025 Conference – Program Update
- 61. **Powassan & Area family Health Team April 14**, Cervical Screening Day
- 62. **ROMA communications April 22**, ROMA Board Update: News on infrastructure, Healthcare and Tariffs
- 63. **TMM Managed Cemeteries Apr 22**, Reporting with Managed Cemeteries
- 64. **Contact Page entry: ElbowsUpforClimate.ca** join the 180 mayors, councillors and other elected local leaders from across Canada in signing an urgent letter...
- 65. **Labour Market Group**, 2024 Local Labour Market Plan

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

68-25 Ivens, McLaren
THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose. CARRIED

The Council for the Township of Machar resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:05 p.m.
The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

ADJOURN

69-25 Ivens, McLaren
THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, May 12, 2025. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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