

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 10, 2025**

**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, Neil Scarlett and Pearl Ivens. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Angela Loney and Treasurer Jadah McLaren.

Guests Observing: Stephen Armstrong and Mark Savill.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Jan 27, 2025 minutes, Resolution**

**18-25 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we adopt Jan 27, 2025 minutes, as amended to add Narrows retaining wall to #4. CARRIED

**2. 517 Jim Young Rd Application Status Update, Planning Staff Report**

A very helpful report, appreciated by the public. Clerk Administrator clarified: the Township is not listed as exempt from approval by the Minister, MMAH is the final approval for the Official Plan amendment.

**3. 2025 Spring Newsletter, Resolution**

**19-25 Flowers, Ivens**

THAT we approve 2025 Spring Newsletter. CARRIED

**4. Ambulance Lease renewal, Resolution**

**20-25 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we approve renewal of Ambulance Base Lease Agreement for 5 year term (2025-2029) with increases to the rent to better reflect the current values but understanding that Ambulance bases are also significant contributors to quality of life in a community: 2025 - \$850/month, 2026 - \$950/month, 2027 - \$1050/month, 2028 – 2027 plus CPI, 2029 – 2028 plus CPI. CARRIED

**5. Agricultural Society Fall Fair, Thanks Council for their continued support, particularly in the Fall Fair.**

**6. Pay List by Fund for Jan, Resolution**

**21-25 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we approve Pay List for Jan 2025: \$371,296.83 Grand Total.

**COMMITTEES**

**7. Shared Services: Arena and Fire Committee of the Whole Budget meeting minutes, List  
Community Centre Capital only**

Deputy Mayor McLaren and Councillor Ivens attended the Village of South River's Joint Arena and Fire Budget meeting Jan 29. The budgets were reviewed line by line answering questions as they came up. Fire draft budget was presented at a 4.95% increase from Machar's contribution of \$225,009 in 2024 to \$236,156 in 2025, with a capital purchase of hydraulic cutters for \$27,000. Arena draft budget was presented at a 119.96% increase from the Township's contribution of \$194,850 in 2024 to \$428,595 in 2025. The dramatic increase stems in part from the latest Shared Service Agreement increasing the distribution of the Arena budget operational expenditures (\$289,016 in 2024 and \$305,822 projected in 2025) from 2/3 South River, 1/3 Machar to 1/2 South River, 1/2 Machar. The increase stemming in larger part from the Capital expenditures increase from \$197,022 in 2024 to \$551,367 in 2025. The Ice Rink Slab Replacement tender added \$222,068 municipal shortfall to the

\$1,200,000 Condenser/Chiller/ /Dehumidifier/Ice Pad Replacement Project approved for 50% funding from NOHFC in Jan/Feb of 2023. Follow-up Budget Meeting Fire and Arena 6:30 pm Wed, Feb 26.

#### **8. Machar Recreation; Family Fun Day 2025**

The Narrows's Country store is confirmed for serving hot dogs to participants, Council authorized the purchase of hot chocolate for serving down at the rink. Councillor McLaren plans to make taffy on the snow down by the rink as well. Poster provided to post locally, as well as on the website.

Snowmobile Club request: not to encourage pedestrians and skaters walking on the snowmobile trail at the Narrow's Park, siting safety concerns. The stairs should be shovelled so participants can proceed straight down to the rink and not around on the ramp/snowmobile trail. Admin noted the concerns and requested the Club also speak with the Scarletts, volunteer to volunteer/neighbour to neighbour.

#### **9. Joint Building Committee permit summaries for Jan 2025, Resolution**

Reviewed permit fees and project values, permit totals 7 at the end of Jan 2025 (3 in 2024) as follows: Strong 3, South River 2, Machar 1, and Sundridge 1.

#### **22-25 Scarlett, Ivens**

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

#### **10. North Bay & District Health Unit [minutes](#) of Dec 4, 2024 posted on the Health Unit website**

### **INFORMATION**

**11. Almaguin News**, Sundridge, Strong, Joly residents have more questions than answers about impact of amalgamating the three communities

**12. Almaguin Adult Learning**, February calendar

**13. Town of Halton Hills**, Resolution Passed re: The Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**14. Northumberland County**, Resolution Deposit Return Program

**15. Peterborough County**, Resolution re: proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods

**16. Autism Ontario**, Fly the flag on April 2, 2025 for world Autism Day

**17. AMO Education Feb 4**, AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials

**18. AMO Education Feb 5**, Building Resilient Communities through Managing Assets – New 2025 AMO Workshop

**19. AMO Watchfile Jan 30, 2025** in this issue:

- Get access to MIDAS!
- *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 Act* consultation.
- Call for applications - Great Lakes water quality initiatives.
- Book your AMO 2025 Conference Hotel!
- AMO Regional and Single-Tier caucus virtual meet-up - February 28.
- AMO Education - Workshops addressing and supporting your leadership.
- ROMA Conference evaluation - Share your experience.
- OSUM 2025 Annual Conference - Save the date.
- LAS ASE Service Summer Intake now open!
- Blog: Risk Trends to Follow in 2025.
- LAS IPE risk webinar - 10-day Notice Provision.
- Municipal Series: Net Zero Planning and Low Carbon Initiatives.
- Kraft Hockeyville nominations open - Your community could win!
- CCPPP new virtual P3 learning series for municipalities.
- Save the date: Scotiabank 2025 Affordable Housing Summit.
- Careers.

**20. AMO Watchfile Feb 6, 2025** in this issue:

- Progress in Asset Management: Achieving 2025 Compliance webinar series.
- Registration for AMO 2025 is Open.
- Book your AMO 2025 Conference Hotel!
- Opportunity to showcase your products and services at AMO 2025 Conference.
- AMO Education - Workshops addressing and supporting your leadership.
- ROMA Conference evaluation - Share your experience.
- Register today for the OSUM 2025 Conference hosted by the Town of Collingwood.
- AMO Regional and Single-Tier caucus virtual meet-up - February 28.
- Blog: 2025 is the Perfect Time to Review Your Employee Group Benefits Plan.

- Equity market outlook - Do Politics Matter? ONE Investment's education webinar.
- Survey on displacement and protecting affordable housing.
- Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation War Memorial grant.
- New report highlights importance of funding for new recreation facilities.
- CCPPP new virtual P3 learning series for municipalities.
- Save the date: Scotiabank 2025 Affordable Housing Summit.
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21. **AMO Policy Jan 28**, Ontario investing \$ 175 million to launch the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS)-Webinar
22. **AMO Policy Update Feb 3**, Statement on Trade and Update on Provincial Election Advocacy
23. **AMCTO Municipal Minute Multibriefs**, Register today for our three-part municipal tax applications webinar series
24. **BAO Jan 24**, LifeLine: BAO reminds licensees to alert families about copied obituaries and funeral notices
25. **CUPW-STTP**, Deadline for Submissions to the Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post
26. **Invasive Species Centre**, Media, research and Events Scan: January 17-30
27. **MFOA Messenger**, Join the 288 municipalities that have renewed their 2025 membership with MFOA
28. **Muskoka Health Matters Community Newsletter** – January 2025
29. **Nipissing Point of View**, Winter 2025 Vic Fedeli MPP
30. **North Bay Nipissing**, Mattawa continues to call on province to fund OPP
31. **PARC Association**, Explore South River update
32. **LAS**, AMO Business Service is coming for a visit
33. **Marty Le Gallez Feb 5**, Industrial Inquiry Commission on Canada Post IIC submission template public

#### **ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION**

**FONOM hosting Live Stream [link](#) for Northern Leaders Debate, North Bay Feb 14, 2025 at 1 pm.**

**Joint Building Committee: meeting on Feb 20, 2025 cancelled as they have no items for the agenda.**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

##### **23-25 Scarlett, Ivens**

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; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; 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

##### **24-25 Ivens, Flowers**

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 8:10 pm. CARRIED

#### **ADJOURN**

##### **25-25 Flowers, Scarlett**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting schedules for Mon, Feb 24, 2025. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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