

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 24, 2025**

6:30 pm 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 Deputy Clerk Teresa Coombs.

Guest Observing: Mark Savill.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Feb 10, 2025 minutes, Resolution

26-25 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we adopt Feb 10, 2025 minutes. CARRIED

2. South River Friendly Circle Annual Contribution

Approved \$1,200.

COMMITTEES

3. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Jan, Arena and Fire

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Feb 2025, Income Statement for Jan 2025 (Revenue 36.57%, Expenses 1.46% without budget figures), AP Ledger for Jan \$11,909.85 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Jan 2025, Income Statement for Jan 2025 (Revenue 2.51% and Expenses 6.57% without budget figures), AP Ledger for Jan \$118,173.49 Total Expenditures, 2025 Budget Joint Council Meeting 6:30 pm Mar 19.

4. Machar Public Works minutes of Feb 13, 2025, Resolution

Council noted comments within re: backhoe maintenance, to seek more clarity on at Committee.

27-25 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Feb 13, 2025. CARRIED

5. By-Law Enforcement, OSPCA Animal Shelter and Pound Keeper Agreement proposal

Council wished to review wording of Sec 1.7 re: dog licenses, and suggested inviting By-Law Enforcement to speak on the By-Law at the Mar 10 Council meeting.

6. Parry Sound District EMS (Emergency Medical Service/Land Ambulance) 2024 Levy up 4.2%

Reviewed. Levy distribution is based on weighted assessment; Machar pays \$95,371.47, South River pays \$27,039.43, and Joly pays \$22,314.46. Weighted assessments are provided to EMS annually.

7. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Board of Health and Finance and Property meetings' Feb 26 agendas

8. DPSSSAB (Distr of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd) area rep, Budget update, Photo Request, Feb CAO Report (available)

9. Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Feb 6, 2025 minutes

10. FONOM Office, [Link](#) to the Northern Leaders Debate hosted in North Bay last Friday

INFORMATION

11. **AMCTO Municipal Minute Feb 19**, Association Program Highlights Review the Provincial Election Party Briefing Notes **ATTACHED**
12. **Almaguin News**, Joly residents weigh in on amalgamation with letter campaign to council
13. **Almaguin News**, Strong Mayor offers to pay for Joly's part of municipal amalgamation study as a private citizen.
14. **BayToday Feb 7**, Bonfield council's question period a go, with restrictions
15. **Town of Halton Hills**, Resolution Passed re: The Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax
16. **Town of Lincoln and Town of Aurora**, Resolution Passed re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
17. **AMCTO Municipal Minute Feb 12**, Association Program Highlights, Functional Foundations: Our Provincial Election Priorities, Show off your local Gov Love with our AMCTO merch, Gain Control of your Projects with Dedicated Locator, Welcome to the AMCTO Members' Discussion Forums...
18. **AMO Watchfile Feb 13, 2025** in this issue:
 - Join the AMO-OMAA discussion on the importance of the Mayor-CAO relationship.
 - 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.
 - Register today for the OSUM 2025 Conference hosted by the Town of Collingwood.
 - OSUM Sponsorship and Exhibit Hall opportunities - Take advantage today.
 - AMO Regional and Single-Tier caucus virtual meet-up - February 28.
 - Video: Equity Market Outlook in an Interesting Political/Economic Time.
 - Free Webinar - Impact a Claim with 10 days.
 - LED upgrades make 2025 brighter.
 - Elevate your safety strategy.
 - 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.
 - Scotiabank 2025 Affordable Housing Summit.
 - Careers.
19. **AMO Watchfile Feb 20, 2025** in this issue:
 - AMO Request for Proposals to Provide Services Creating a Municipal Civility & Anti-Harassment Strategy
 - Participate in the Canadian Municipal Barometer Survey.
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 - Blog: Your Top 5 Personal Insurance Questions Answered.
 - Special Bulletin: Stability in Uncertain Times.
 - Boost Resilience with the All-Risk Municipal Grant.
 - Survey on displacement and protecting affordable housing.
 - Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation War Memorial grant.
 - CCPPP new virtual P3 learning series for municipalities.
 - Careers.
20. **AMO Education Feb 10**, AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials
21. **AMO Education Feb 11**, Building Resilient Communities through Managing Assets New 2025 AMO Workshops
22. **AMO Education Feb 12**, Indigenous Community Awareness Training
23. **AMO Education Feb 14**, AMO and OMAA Discussion on the Mayor - CAO Relationship – Building a Foundation for success
24. **AMO Policy Update Feb 7**, Provincial Election Tracking and Guidance for Municipal Energy Decisions
25. **AMO Policy Update Feb 11**, Action on tariffs and Trade
26. **AMO Policy Update Feb 14**, Weekly Provincial Election Tracking Update
27. **AMO 2025 Conference Aug 17-20, 2025**, Registration Open

- 28. **AMO Dec 9**, Re: Shared Social and Economic Prosperity
- 29. **AMO Feb 10**, Express on-going support from Ontario’s municipalities
- 30. **BAO Feb 13, LifeLine**: BAO guidance for municipal cemeteries
- 31. **Blue Sky Net Feb**, Northern Ontario Broadband Report 2025 Factsheet **AVAILABLE**
- 32. **Invasive Species Centre Feb 13**, Media Research, and Events Scan: Jan-Feb 13
- 33. **OSUM Events Feb 14**, Registration is open for 2025 OSUM Conference
- 34. **ROMA 2025 Conference Wrap Up**: Trade and Tariffs - Pre-Election Strategy, Supporting municipal sector peers, LAS Continues Work on Solutions for Small Rural Water and Wastewater Systems
- 35. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC), Release, Huntsville Hospital Prepares for Four-Hour Emergency Back-Up Power Outage**, On Wed, Feb 26, 2025 the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital (HDMH) Site will experience a planned four-hour outage of the emergency back-up power system, necessary to connect the under construction MRI Suite to the emergency back-up power.

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Machar Mall Anniversary – Council to brainstorm ideas to bring to Public Works Committee. Event date selected: May 10, 2025.

ADJOURN

28-25 Scarlett, 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, Mar 10, 2025. CARRIED

**NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING HOSTED BY SOUTH RIVER
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025 – 6:00 PM
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE AND ARENA 2025 BUDGETS**

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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