



MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2026

Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillor Blair Flowers and Councillor Neil Scarlett, Councillor Pearl Ivens absent with regrets, Clerk Administrator Angela Loney and By-Law Enforcement Officer Jason Newman.

Mark Smuck, and Mark Savill at 6:35 pm.

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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Adoption of Minutes, Resolution

001-2026

Moved By Scarlett

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we adopt minutes of Dec 15, 2025.

Carried

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Annual By-laws; Interest, Penalty, Interim Taxes, Resolution

002-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to by-laws as follows: 1-26 Interest to be added to Tax Arrears, 2-26 Penalty Charge for non-payment of Current Taxes, 3-26 Interim Tax Levy

Carried

3.2 Auditor Communication and Engagement 2025, Resolution

Further to Interim Audit completed in Nov and Annual Audit.

003-2026

Moved By McLaren

Seconded By Scarlett

THAT we authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to execute the Auditor Planning and Engagement letters for the year ending Dec 31, 2025.

Carried

3.3 MECP (Min of Environment, Conservation and Parks) Letter: Update on the proposed environmental assessment regulation for municipal infrastructure

Proposal details reviewed. Clerk Administrator is registered to view an upcoming webinar to learn more about the proposal and changes being considered.

4. ACCOUNTS

4.1 List of Proposed Payments for Dec N/A (Year End)

Accounts will be reviewed and approved next meeting.

5. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

5.1 Joint Building Committee permit summaries Dec, Resolution

Reviewed permit fees and project values, permit totals 125 at the end of Dec, 2025 (113 in 2024) as follows: Machar 37, Strong 28, Ryerson 23, Sundridge 14, Burk's Falls 13, South River and Joly 5.

004-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Dec, 2025.

Carried

5.2 DSSAB (Distr of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd) CAO Report Dec 2025

Local Rep's email mentions the draft 2026 budget was discussed at the meeting Dec 13, 2025; an increase of 6.5% was passed.

6. INFORMATION

6.1 Resolution - City of Toronto: Adding Swim to Survive to the Ontario Curriculum

7. IN-CAMERA (CLOSED) SESSION

005-2026

Moved By Scarlett

Seconded By 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 employees; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; Time 6:45 pm.

Carried

006-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time 7:10 pm.

Carried

8. ADJOURN

007-2026

Moved By Scarlett

Seconded By Flowers

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Jan 26, 2026.

Carried

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Angela Loney