

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 27, 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, and Pearl Ivens. Councillor Neil Scarlett absent with notice. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Angela Loney and Treasurer Jadah McLaren.

PUBLIC MEETING

6:30 pm Minor Variance Application 5-238 1/25

Application and Planning Report reviewed. Notice of a Public Meeting provided Jan 17, 2025; no comments received. A minor variance is required to permit the construction of a new single detached dwelling. The lot is a unique triangular shape, which reduces options for siting a dwelling in accordance with the provisions of the zoning by-law. The dwelling would be 2 storeys. Minimum Front Yard: 23 m required, 21.8 m proposed = 1.2 m variance. Minimum Rear Yard: 10 m required, 3 m proposed = 7 m variance. Decision: Approved. Reasons for Decision: Is in keeping with the intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law, will lead to the appropriate development of the lot and variance is minor. Notice of decision will be sent to owner.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Jan 13, 2025 minutes, Resolution

7-25 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we adopt Jan 13, 2025 minutes. CARRIED

2. 2025 Spring Newsletter

“Watch the website for Machar Mall Anniversary details!” and “Email the office to be added to the general notifications contact list” to be added.

3. Budget request – Community Centre Ball Diamond Lights

Community member’s package included letters of support from Almaguin Girls Hockey Association, South River Machar Agricultural Society, South River Legion and Hockey Opportunity Camp. Costs breakdown included quote from a local electrician, a lift rental, Hydro One layout, pipe and in-kind donations of labour from local contractors. Estimate incl. 10% contingency and excl. HST = \$24,996.52. Council recognised the ball diamond lights have been in recent conversations; it remains up to the Arena Manager to add it to the Capital Budget draft for Joint Council approval.

4. Administration Update Jan 20, 2025, Resolution

Admin waiting on the engineer for the Narrows Retaining Wall project since mid Jan for tender and ad timeline updating before posting.

8-25 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we accept Administration Update to Jan 20, 2025. CARRIED

5. Pay List by Fund for Dec, Resolution

Grader monthly maintenance and a repair to a plow section were noted.

9-25 Ivens, McLaren

THAT we approve Pay List for Dec 2024: \$171,218.39 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

6. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Dec: Arena and Fire, proposed 2025 Budget mtg schedule (see Notice at end of Agenda)

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Jan 2025, Income Statement for Jan-Dec 2024 (Revenue 52.38%, Expenses 58.53%), AP Ledger for Dec \$8,422.23 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Dec 2024, Income Statement for Jan-Dec 2024 (Revenue 90.64% and Expenses 78.32%), AP Ledger for Dec \$7,368.64 Total Expenditures, 2025 Budget Schedule: Joint Budget Meetings 6:30 pm Jan 29 and Feb 26, Joint Council Meeting 6:30 pm Mar 19. Councillors McLaren and Ivens to attend Jan 29.

7. Machar Public Works minutes of Jan 16, 2025

a. Stop Signs By-Law, Resolution

10-25 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 5-25; being a by-law for stop signs. CARRIED

b. Permission to Trap, Resolution

11-25 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we grant permission to Cecil Thorsby within his trapping area for the harvesting of fur bearing animals on Township property, including road allowances and Township owned lakeshore road allowances. CARRIED

c. 2025 Freightliner, Resolution

The 2008 Freightliner has been due for replacement for a few years however the new grader and Park Rd Culvert replacement both took precedent. Superintendent of Public Works identified major frame issues, frequent mechanical failures, high repair costs and decreased efficiency as challenges arising, recommending to Council the emergency purchase of a freightliner currently in stock locally.

12-25 Ivens, McLaren

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Jan 16, 2025; including replacing 2008 Freightliner Snowplow with in-stock 2025 Freightliner Snowplow in North Bay for the sub total price of \$370,900 per quotation. CARRIED

8. South River Machar Library minutes of Jan 16, 2025, Resolution

Payroll costs for the Casual Position will remain in the Draft 2025 Operating Estimate, a decision was made that the position will be filled on "as required" basis by experienced contract people. Also, the board decided to change the operating hours on Fridays to 11am-5pm which will assist Library staff in covering the operating hours of the library with potential payroll savings.

13-25 Ivens, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Jan 16, 2025. CARRIED

9. Joint Building minutes of Jan 16, 2025, 5 Year Permit Fee Report and 2025 Budget, Resolution

Councillor McLaren attending in Councillor Scarlett's absence. He relayed the Dept's purchase of a large scale printer for staff printing plans and for the public for a fee.

14-25 McLaren, Ivens

THAT we accept Building minutes of Jan 16, 2025, including 5 Year Permit Fee Report and 2025 budget of \$359,859. CARRIED

10. Planning minutes of Oct 2, Nov 6, and Dec 4, 2024, Resolution

15-25 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Oct 2, Nov 6, and Dec 4, 2024. CARRIED

11. Perry Township, Resolution – OPP BOARD Appointments and Update, Resolution

16-25 Ivens, McLaren

That we the Council of the Township of Machar hereby appoint the following individuals to the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board, with terms and responsibilities in accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, to serve until Nov 14, 2026:

- Joe Lumley, Township of Perry, Council Representative
- Dan Robertson, Township of Ryerson, Council Representative
- Neil Scarlett, Township of Machar, Council Representative
- Kevin Noaik, Township of Strong, Council Representative
- Robert Sutherland, Community Representative
- Krista Miller, Community Representative

And further that Council of the Township of Machar supports the Township of Perry remain as the lead municipality for the Almaguin Highlands OPP Board, whereas the Perry Township Deputy Clerk or designate acts as Secretary to the Board until a time when the Board formally appoints a Secretary;

And further that Council of the Township of Machar supports paying its 1/12th share of annual Insurance Costs for the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board, as deemed required to protect the Board and its members, once the Insurance Provider and coverage details has been determined;

And further that Council of the Township of Machar supports paying its 1/12th share of any other costs associated with the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board, as required under O.Reg 135/24, including remuneration and travel costs for the Provincial Appointee and any other matters, programs, or items in which the OPP Detachment Board formally enact. CARRIED

12. Eastholme, East Parry Sound Community Support Services – Poster: VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

13. NBPSDHU (N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit) Parry Sound Age Friendly Update, [Parry Sound Older Adult Activity Calendar](#)

14. Almaguin Highlands Health Council minutes of Jan 9, 2025

15. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd media release “Municipalities Under Pressure: The Human and Financial Cost of Ontario’s Homelessness Crisis”, final report and key messages

16. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd area rep; CAO Report Jan 2025 AVAILABLE

INFORMATION

17. FONOM, Resolution for Consideration: Expanding Extended Producer (EPR) to the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) sectors

18. FONOM Office, FONOM Executive Award Nominations Registration Form

19. CUPW-STTP, Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post, Resolution for Consideration

20. MAHC Board of Directors Seeking Applications From community members, deadline Mar 7, 2025.

21. Taylor Matson, Parry Sound Age Friendly Update

22. Almaguin News, Have something to say or want to learn more about a proposed Strong, Sundridge, and Joly amalgamation? Here’s where to be

23. Almaguin News, What led to double resignations at Almaguin Highlands Family Health Team and what does it mean for local health care

24. Almaguin News, Armour severing shared services agreements with surrounding municipalities

25. Almaguin News, Medical Centre with its annual deficits

26. Town of Kearney Resolution, Support City of Toronto requesting opposition to the operation of private for-profit Blood Donations Collection

27. Town of Kearney Resolution, Support Town of South Stormont re: Rural Road Safety Program

28. Town of Kearney Resolution, Township of South Stormont re: Redistribution of Taxes Collected

29. Town of Aylmer, Motion to Oppose Provincial Legislative on Cycling Lanes

30. Town of Deep River Resolution, Request to Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation

31. Town of Plympton-Wyoming, Support Kincardine re: Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties

- 32. Town of Plympton-Wyoming**, Support the resolution from the Town of Cobalt re: Improvements to the Catch and Release System is needlessly increasing the policing costs to the Municipalities
- 33. County of Frontenac**, Motion to support increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000
- 34. Pelham Niagara**, re: Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
- 35. City of Peterborough Resolution**, amend Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act 2024, to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purpose of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
- 36. Township of Woolwich Resolution**, Update the Municipal Elections Act as outlined by AMCTO
- 37. AMO Watchfile Jan 9, 2025** in this issue:
- Get access to MIDAS!
 - *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 Act* consultation.
 - Implementation date of excess soil landfill restriction changed.
 - Book your AMO 2025 Conference Hotel!
 - See you next week at the ROMA 2025 Annual Conference.
 - AMO Education - Workshops addressing and supporting your leadership.
 - Blog: An Electric Road Trip.
 - Municipal Series: Net Zero Planning and Low Carbon Initiatives.
 - IPAC Emerging Leaders Conference.
 - Save the date: Scotiabank 2025 Affordable Housing Summit.
 - Careers.
- 38. AMO Watchfile Jan 16, 2025** in this issue:
- Municipal property taxes on The Agenda.
 - New resources added to GBV Resources Toolkit.
 - *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 Act* consultation.
 - Implementation date of excess soil landfill restriction changed.
 - Book your AMO 2025 Conference Hotel!
 - AMO Education - Workshops addressing and supporting your leadership.
 - Enhance your road data in 2025.
 - Designing for Digital Inclusion: Creating Welcoming Online Spaces for All.
 - Municipal Series: Net Zero Planning and Low Carbon Initiatives.
 - IPAC Emerging Leaders Conference.
 - Save the date: Scotiabank 2025 Affordable Housing Summit.
 - Careers.
- 39. AMO Watchfile Jan 23, 2025** in this issue:
- Municipal property taxes on *The Agenda*.
 - NEW Health and Safety Water Stream fund - webinar.
 - *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 Act* consultation.
 - Call for applications - Great Lakes water quality initiatives.
 - Book your AMO 2025 Conference Hotel!
 - AMO Education - Workshops addressing and supporting your leadership.
 - Stable and predictable natural gas pricing.
 - Introducing the *All Risk Municipal Grant*.
 - Blog: Risk Trends to Follow in 2025.
 - LAS ASE Service Summer Intake now open!
 - Municipal Series: Net Zero Planning and Low Carbon Initiatives.
 - Are you ready to take the next step in your municipal career?
 - New AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Program.
 - IPAC Emerging Leaders Conference.
 - Save the date: Scotiabank 2025 Affordable Housing Summit.
 - Careers.
- 40. AMO Policy Update Jan 15, 2025**, AMO 2025 Pre-Budget Submission
- 41. AMO Policy Update Jan 19, 2025**, Vote like Your Quality of Life Depends on it
- 42. AMO Events Jan 13, 2025**, AMO Hotel Room Open Tomorrow Jan 14, 2025 at 10:00am
- 43. Labour Market Group Jan 9, 2025**, Regional Labour market analysis sessions
- 44. Invasive Species Centre**, Up Coming Workshop: Be on Alert for Spotted Lanternfly!
- 45. Invasive Species Centre**, UP COMIING WEBINAR Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Biological Control: Using Western Predators for Eastern Management
- 46. Invasive Species Centre, Media, Research, and events Scan: Dec 20 – Jan 16**
- 47. Invasive Species Centre**, Save Your FREE Virtual Spot at the 2025 Invasive Species Forum: Advancing Community Action, Feb 18-20, 2025
- 48. ROMA Communications**, board update: Drainage Act legal actin, ROM Zone meeting and more
- 49. AMONTario**, New Year, New Opportunities: Share Your Feedback & Win!

- 50. **Mathews Dinsdale**, Complimentary Webinar-Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) – Year in Review 2024 Updates
- 51. **Industrial Parks Canada**, March 2025 (Updated Brochure)
- 52. **Snelling, Allyson**, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare minutes Political Leaders Forum Jan 9, 25
- 53. **BAO**, Shares Chief Coroner’s memo to Ontario Funeral establishments and transfer service operators on invoicing practices
- 54. **Matt Buckman**, Introducing the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURN

17-25 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting schedules for Mon, Feb 10, 2025. CARRIED

**NOTICE – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS HOSTED BY SOUTH RIVER
IN PERSON & VIRTUALLY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 – 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 – 6:30 PM
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE AND ARENA 2025 BUDGETS**

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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