

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR**  
**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, July 14, 2025**

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 Wierenga.

Guest Observing: Wendy Main.

**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: Councillor Flowers in item 6. as he supplied gravel to Pd Brooks Haulage.**

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Jun 23, 2025 minutes, Resolution**

**100-25 Ivens, McLaren**

THAT we adopt Jun 23, 2025 minutes. CARRIED

**2. PS District Water Management (MNR) – [Water Safety Bulletin](#) issued July 7, 2025**

**3. Ministry of Energy, Letter from the Minister of Energy and Mines Jun 2025: Our government has released Ontario's first-ever Integrated Energy Plan: [Energy for Generations: Ontario's Integrated Plan to Build the Strongest Economy in the G7](#)**

Acknowledged.

**4. Independent Electricity System Operator (IEOS) Letter Re: Long-Term 2 (LTS) procurement, webinar invitations**

Clerk Administrator is registered.

**5. Fireworks Comment 4-052-44**

Acknowledged comment and response that suggested resident review Jun 9 Regular Council meeting minutes for Council's decision.

**6. List of Accounts for Jun, Resolution**

**101-25 Scarlett, Ivens**

THAT we approve List of Proposed Payments for Jun, 2025: \$335,072.21 Grand Total. CARRIED

**COMMITTEES**

**7. By-Law Enforcement 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Staff Report, Resolution**

**102-25 Flowers, McLaren**

THAT we accept BLEO 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Staff Report. CARRIED

**8. Shared Services Monthly Reports for Jun, Arena and Fire**

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Jul 2025 (approx. 200 in attendance at Fire Hall's Open House, Assisted Calvin Township during wind event at Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park), Income

Statement for Jun 2025 (Revenue 70.22%, Expenses 44.94%), AP Ledger for Jun \$30,449.70 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Jun 2025, Income Statement for Jun 2025 (Revenue 17.76% and Expenses 23.26%), AP Ledger for Jun \$113,771.84 Total Expenditures.

**9. Community Centre Committee minutes Jun 19, Resolution**

**103-25 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we accept Community Centre minutes of Jun 19, 2025. CARRIED

**10. Joint Building Committee permit summaries for Jun 2025, Resolution**

Reviewed permit fees and project values, permit totals 69 at the end of Jun 2025 (50 in 2024) as follows: Machar 21, Strong 14, Ryerson 13, Sundridge 8, Burk's Falls 8, South River 3, and Joly 2.

**104-25 Scarlett, Flowers**

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

**11. South River Machar Library minutes of Jun 19, 2025 & Board Assembly Meeting notes, Resolution**

**105-25 Scarlett, Ivens**

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Jun 19, 2025 and Board Assembly Meeting notes. CARRIED

**12. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of Jun 17, 2025, Resolution**

**106-25 Flowers, Ivens**

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of Jun 17, 2025 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists, Budgetary Control, terminate the Handyman and Custodian Contract positions and repost for new contracts, adjourned until Jul 15, 2025... CARRIED

**13. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit [Board of Health](#) and [Finance and Property](#) minutes – Apr 23, 2025 are available on their website**

**14. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit [Public Service Announcement](#): West Nile Virus Found in East Ferris Crow**

**15. ACED (Almaguin Community Economic Development) Staff Report – Percentage of Tax Levy Funding Rate Concept**

Reviewed.

**16. FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic); Letter to PM Carney and Premier Ford re: Softwood Lumber Dispute, NORDS Support Resolution**

**107-25 Ivens, McLaren**

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North; AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the Township of Machar, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Machar strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;  
AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;  
AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects. CARRIED

## INFORMATION

17. **Almaguin Adult Learning July Calendar**, our centres are open all summer
18. **Almaguin Highlands Secondary School**, Thank you for your support
19. **Almaguin News** These Almaguin municipalities have joined forces to tackle emergencies
20. **North Bay Nipissing News: Amalgamation**, advice from some who lived through it: Danny Whelan, the president of FONOM, current Deputy Mayor of Temiskaming Shores and the former Reeve of Dymond Township
21. **Councillor Ivens: ELCA, Eagle Eye June Newsletter**
22. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare June 25**, Four Take Home MAHC Board Award of Excellence
23. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare June 25**, Muskoka's New MRI Suite Officially OPENS!
24. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare**, Agenda - MAHC Political Leader Forum Thu, Jul 10, 2025
25. **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Resolution**, Advocacy for Increased Income Support thresholds for Canadian Veterans **Municipality of Port Colborne** supports the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Advocacy for increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans
26. **Town of Puslinch, Township of McNab/Braeside, City of Port Hope Resolution**, Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act 2025
27. **Township of Perry Resolution**, Municipality of Chatham-Kent Re: Bill 5- Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025
28. **Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Resolution**, Call for inclusive research to reflect diversity of Canadian communities
29. **Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Resolution**, Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates
30. **Northumberland County supports Township of Mulmur Resolution**, Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions
31. **Municipality of West Nipissing, and Office of the Town Clerk Renfrew** - Opposition to Strong Mayor
32. **Municipality of Port Colborne Resolution**, Ontario's Bill 5 and its impact on the Local Food System and the Environment, **City of Pickering** Opposition to Bill 5 Request to Repeal
33. **AMO Communications June 24**, AMO's Executive Director Brian Rosborough is Retiring
34. **AMO Communications July 2**, Looking back on AMO's 2024 Annual Report
35. **AMO Communications Jul 4**, AMO President's Board Update – June 2025
36. **AMO Education June 18**, Strengthen then Your Community Ties: Register for the Community Engagement Workshop
37. **AMO Education June 19**, Cybersecurity Workshop for Councillors, Virtual - \$300, Oct 21, 1-4 pm
38. **AMO Education June 23**, Understanding and Managing Gen Z Potential in the Municipal Workplace
39. **AMO Education June 25**, Indigenous Community awareness Training
40. **AMO Education July 8**, Planning for People in Your Community: Unlocking Opportunity through Understanding Human Rights Requirements in Municipal Planning
41. **AMO Events June 14**, Plenary Program Update Main Stage Content Aug 17-20, 2025 Ottawa, ON
42. **AMO Events June 20**, Important Trade and Tariff Forum – Join the Conversation
43. **AMO Events June 21**, Program Highlights August 17-20, 2025, Ottawa
44. **AMO Events June 25, July 5**, Preconference Workshops at AMO 2025 Sat, Aug 16 – Sun, Aug 17, City of Ottawa
45. **AMO Events June 26**, Join an important conversation at AMO's Trade and Tariff Forum, Toronto
46. **AMO Events July 7**, Join Us for AMO's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Healthy Democracy Forum – Oct 18-19, Toronto
47. **AMO Policy Update June 19**, AMO's Response on Bill 17, Province Releases Integrated Energy Plan
48. **AMO Policy July 4**, Policy Update – IESO Releases Final LT2 Documents, AMO Hosts Oxford Economics Trade and Tariff Webinar
49. **AMO Watchfile June 26**, In This Issue:
  - Rural Ontario Development Program opens for applications.

- Provincial consultations on Electricity Transmission Planning.
- Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
- Gen Z Potential in the Municipal Workplace webinar - Today, June 26, 11 am-12 noon.
- Ontario's premier municipal event - AMO 2025 Conference - Register today.
- Check out AMO's pre-conference workshop line up!
- AMO Guide to Delegation Meetings: Be prepared for your ministerial delegations.
- AMO Trade and Tariff Forum - October 24.
- Blog: Prepare Your Home for Vacation.
- BPS Energy Reporting: Final countdown.
- Streetscan is now CityLogix.
- DUC's naturalized stormwater and habitat solutions for municipalities.
- Elected officials encouraged to attend LTC Engagement Day.
- Roundtable on Municipal Support Confirmations for Energy Projects.
- Pembina Institute Guide on Assessing Energy Projects.
- Warrior Health Digital Portal and Grant application open.
- OurCare survey open until July 9.
- Careers.

**50. AMO Watchfile June 19, In This Issue:**

- Get access to MIDAS!
- Ontario launches Trade-Impacted Communities Program.
- BPS energy reporting deadline July 1.
- Health and Safety Water Stream fund.
- Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
- Understanding and Managing Gen Z Potential in the Municipal Workplace webinar.
- Ontario's premier municipal event - AMO 2025 Conference - Register today.
- AMO Guide to Delegation Meetings: Be prepared for your ministerial delegations.
- AMO Trade and Tariff Forum - October 24.
- New episode! AMO/OMAA webinar series on the Mayor-CAO Relationship.
- Reduce employee group benefits costs.
- Provide sewer and water protection for homeowners.
- DUC's naturalized stormwater and habitat solutions for municipalities.
- Elected officials encouraged to attend LTC Engagement Day.
- Pembina Institute Guide on Assessing Energy Projects.
- Reducing Winter Salt Limited Liability webinar.
- Warrior Health Digital Portal and Grant application now open!
- Our Care survey open until July 9.
- Careers.

**51. AMO Watchfile July 3, In This Issue:**

- Rural Ontario Development Program opens for applications.
- Provincial consultations on Electricity Transmission Planning.
- Ontario's premier municipal event - AMO 2025 Conference - Register today.
- Check out AMO's pre-conference workshop line up!
- AMO Guide to Delegation Meetings: Be prepared for your ministerial delegations.
- AMO Trade and Tariff Forum - October 24.
- Upgrades needed: Federal deadline for PCB light ballasts.
- Roundtable on Municipal Support Confirmations for Energy Projects.
- OurCare survey open until July 9.
- Feedback Requested – Survey on Gender-Based Violence prevention resource.
- Long Term Care Community Engagement Day Event.
- Careers.

**52. AMO Watchfile July 10, In This Issue:**

- AMO/Oxford Economics webinar on Navigating Economic Headwinds - July 30.
- Webinar on Municipal Tariff Cost Estimation Tool - July 16.
- Provincial consultations on Electricity Transmission Planning.
- Rural Ontario Development Program opens for applications.
- Understanding Ontario's excess soil regulation webinar - July 24.
- Ontario's premier municipal event - AMO 2025 Conference - Register today.
- AMO pre-conference workshop line up - Check it out!
- AMO's *Guide to Delegation Meetings*: Be prepared for your ministerial delegations.

- AMO's Trade and Tariff Forum - October 24.
  - AMO's second annual Healthy Democracy Forum - October 18-19.
  - Upgrades needed: Federal deadline for PCB light ballasts.
  - AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program.
  - Careers.
- 53. AMCTO, June 18,** Municipal Minute Congratulations to our 2025 Awards Program Recipients
  - 54. AMCTO Municipal Minute -June 25,** AMCTO-Ivey Canadian Municipal Leadership Accelerator
  - 55. AMCTO Municipal Minute- July 2,** Apply Today For Our Mentorship Program
  - 56. AMCTO Municipal Minute- July 9,** Registration for Fall Education Programs and Career Development Packages Now Open
  - 57. BAO Lifeline June 27,** Guiding cemeteries about Care & Maintenance Fund contributions, Medical Certificate of Death; BAO badge reminder: Refreshed homepage
  - 58. BAO Lifeline July 9, Notice to the Profession - Proper authorization is requires to transfer human remains**
  - 59. Blue Sky New June 27,** Blue Sky Net Tech Talk June 2025 Newsletter
  - 60. Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations June 30,** Lake Partner Program news & more from FOCA
  - 61. FOCA Federation of Ontario June 25,** Media Release: Municipalities Encouraged to Act on floating Accommodations
  - 62. Invasive Species Centre,** June 19, Media, Research and Events Scan: June 6-19
  - 63. Invasive Species Centre,** Media, Research, and Events Jun 20-Jul 3
  - 64. Invasive Species Centre,** Upcoming Workshops: Free Workshop on Beech Leaf Disease July 24 in Brighton, Free Workshop on Spotted Lanternfly August 6 in Hamilton
  - 65. LAS Quarterly Update – Q2 Spring Newsletter**
  - 66. MPAC June 18,** release of Q1 2025 Ontario Property Trends [Report](#)
  - 67. MPAC June 25, InTouch** 2025 Ontario Budget: What it means for municipalities
  - 68. MPAC July 3, Webinar:** Inside MPAC's Municipal Liaison Group: Innovating with partners
  - 69. Municipal Monitor** Special Pull- Out Section: Ontario Municipal Buyer's Guide and Supplier Showcase, Getting a Grip on Canada's Top Climate Cost – Municipal Flooding
  - 70. Office of the Employer Adviser June 17,** OEA Spring Webinars
  - 71. Ottawa Crisis Comms Boot Camp June 20,** Master AI in Crisis Comms with Peter Heneghan
  - 72. Ombudsman Ontario,** [2024-2025 Annual Report](#)
  - 73. ROMA Communication June 20,** ROMA Board Meets with Minister of Rural Affairs
  - 74. TRAICON Introducing:** The Nonprofit Connect: Insights & Updates Newsletter!
  - 75. Labour Market Group June 2025,** May 2025 Jobs Report

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

#### **ADJOURN**

#### **108-25 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 scheduled for Mon, Aug 11, 2025. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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