



MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 01, 2026

Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillor Blair Flowers, Councillor Pearl Ivens and Councillor Neil Scarlett, and Clerk Administrator Angela Loney.

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.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 Adoption of Minutes, Resolution

082-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By Ivens

THAT we adopt May 19, 2026 minutes.

Carried

4. Business

4.1 Application for Consent 2-086 (324 Simpson's Hill Road), Resolution

083-2026

Moved By McLaren

Seconded By Scarlett

THAT we receive Planning Report dated Apr 27, 2026 regarding the proposed Consent Application pertaining to 324 Simpson's Hill Road, Con 9 Lot 13 RP42R5824 Part 1 & RP42R7144 Part 1 (File 2-086 & 2-086-30) and that Council recommend the following to the Central Almaguin Planning Board.

1) That the Applicant for Consent (to sever 1 new lot) on the subject lands located as described above be provisionally approved, subject to conditions listed in the report, including but not limited to:

a) That the applicant meets all financial requirements of the Municipality.

b) That a registrable description of the Severed Lot be submitted to the Municipality.

c) Confirmation from the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA) that the proposed Severed Lot can be adequately serviced by individual on-site septic system.

d) Confirmation from a licensed Sewage Disposal Business that they have the ability to accommodate hauled sewage from the one additional lot.

e) That a draft survey of the Severed Lot be provided to the Township for review and approval.

f) That the applicant obtains an entrance permit from the Township for the proposed Retained Lot, if applicable.

g) The standard conditions of Provisional Consent be included in the decision as follows: the Township requires a copy of the decision, 2 copies of the registered survey, and a Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland payment in the amount of \$2,500 + HST per lot created = \$2,825.

Carried

4.2 By-Law to strike the rates of taxation for 2026, Resolution

084-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 8-26 to adopt the estimates of all

sums required during the year and strike the rates of taxation for 2026, reflecting as follows: Tax Rate increase 4.83% Median/Typical Property Single Family Home \$163,000 Tax Change \$89.88.

Carried

4.3 The SPACE Upstairs Fourth Annual Spring Showcase

Council reviewed the thoughtful thank you received from Jillian, The S.P.A.C.E. Upstairs, regarding the 8 week youth dance program hosted at the South River Machar Community Centre this spring.

5. Accounts – N/A

6. Boards and Committees

6.1 Community Centre Committee May 28 agenda package

Reviewed. Soccer registrations discussed.

6.2 Machar Public Works minutes of May 21, Resolution

085-2026

Moved By Ivens

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of May 21, 2026.

Carried

6.3 POA Parry Sound Advisory Committee May 28 agenda package

The advisory committee is asking for a resolution from each council, province wide, to send a resolution to request a review of the set fines. Admin to prepare one for next meeting with Councillor Ivens' rep report.

6.4 DSSAB (Distr of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd) area rep, and CAO Reports Apr & May 2026

Reviewed.

6.5 Eastholme's Spring 2026 Newsletter

Posted to the Township's [website](#).

6.6 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre minutes of Apr 2, 2026

7. Information

7.1 Almaguin Adult Learning Centre - Jun Calendar

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7.3 Township of Stone Mills & Municipality of Wawa Resolutions re: opposition to changes to FIPPA, Resolution

086-2026

Moved By McLaren

Seconded By Ivens

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet

ministers and their staff from public access requests;
AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;
AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;
Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Machar oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA;
1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Carried

7.4 Clearview Township Resolution - Public Sector Salary Disclosure Inflation Adjustments

8. In-Camera (Closed) Session, Resolution

087-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By Ivens

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Time: 7:00 pm.

Carried

088-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time: 7:15 pm.

Carried

10. Adjournment

089-2026

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 Jun 22, 2026.

Carried

Lynda Carleton, Mayor

Angela Loney, Clerk Administrator