

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
June 23, 2025

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, and Pearl Ivens at 6:42 pm. Councillor Neil Scarlett absent with notice. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Angela Loney and Treasurer Jadah Wierenga.

Guests Observing: Mark Smuck and 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; Nil.

GUESTS

None Scheduled.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Jun 9 minutes, Resolution

95-25 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we adopt minutes of Jun 9, 2025. CARRIED

2. Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program: Health and Safety Water Stream, Funding Application, Resolution

96-25 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we authorize the Treasurer to submit the application for the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS) funding for \$258,237.50 Provincial funding, 73% of \$353,750.00 total project cost to be used at Eagle Lake Rd Large Culvert. CARRIED

3. Addendum to Asset Management Plan, Resolution

97-25 McLaren, Flowers

THAT we approve the 2025 updated Addendum to Asset Management Plan – State of Local Infrastructure, Level's of Service & Lifestyle Management Strategy, to further build on the Township's 2017 Asset Management Plan 2024 and meet the current provincial guidelines set out in Ontario Regulation 588/17. CARRIED

4. Library Story Walk in the Narrows Park, request

Approved at the Library's risk and expense, and for the duration the park is open before construction commences.

COMMITTEES

5. Shared Services Monthly Reports for May, Arena and Fire

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Jun 2025 (The Solicitor General's Office has announced an additional year of funding for the NG911 Project to be applied for), Income Statement for May 2025 (Revenue 69.50%, Expenses 41.32%), AP Ledger for May \$32,863.40 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for May 2025, Income Statement for May 2025 (Revenue 17.53% and Expenses 16.47%), AP Ledger for May \$33,860.18 Total Expenditures.

6. Community Centre Committee agenda Jun 19

Councillor Scarlett attended and will relay the information when back in attendance. Items provided: South River – Machar Arena rental rates schedule for 2023-2024, Sundridge-Strong-Joly Arena rates schedule Apr 2024, Powassan Fees Schedule 2023, and HOC agreement expiring end of 2025.

7. Machar Public Works minutes of May 15 & Jun 12 2025, Resolution

98-25 Ivens, McLaren

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of May 15 & Jun 12, 2025, including awarding of tenders as follows: Granular A to PD Brooks Haulage (1447313 Ontario Ltd) \$157,500 total w/out HST and Winter Sand to A Miron Topsoil Ltd \$71,200 total w/out HST. CARRIED

8. Almaguin Highlands Health Council minutes of Jun 1, 2025

Mayor Carleton offered to invite Sandy Zurbrigg to speak at Council if interested. Planning efforts for the upcoming Almaguin Healthcare Summit are ongoing, anticipated for Tue, Oct 2025 at the Katrine Community Centre

9. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Board of Health and Finance and Property meetings' Jun 25 agendas

10. Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board minutes May 8 & Jun 11, 2025

Reviewed.

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

Acknowledged.

INFORMATION

- 12. Town of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan June 6**, passed the following resolution supporting the resolution from the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers
- 13. Town of Markstay-Warren May 20**, passed a resolution Opposing the Strong Mayor Designation
- 14. Town of La Salle re:** passed a resolution on June 10 in support of the Township of Archipelago re: Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 be supported.
- 15. AMO Education June 12**, Cybersecurity for Municipal Councillors
- 16. AMO Education June 13**, AMO-OFIFC Indigenous Cultural competency Training
- 17. AMO Education June 10**, Understanding and Managing Gen Z Potential in the Municipal Workplace
- 18. AMO Education June 11**, Strengthen Your community Tires: Register for the community Engagement Workshop
- 19. AMO Events June 9**, AMO's Important Trade and Tariff Forum – Join the conversation
- 20. AMO POLICY Update June 6**, bill 46, Bill 10 and Supporting Public Safety Workers
- 21. AMO Watchfile**, In This Issue June 12,
 - 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.
 - Upcoming AMO education workshops on leadership.
 - Learn about our latest service.
 - Foundations for a Municipal Investment Strategy training.
 - Asset management and work order software.
 - Reducing Winter Salt Limited Liability webinar.
 - Warrior Health Digital Portal and Grant application now open!
 - OurCare survey open until July 9.

- Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program coming to Ontario.
- Careers
- 22. **AMCTO June 11**, Municipal Minute Mentorship Program, Recruitment for Elections Workers, Cell Phone/Mobile Device Policy, Creative Illumination Meets 3D Printing.
- 23. **Invasive Species Centre June 10**, UPCOMING WEBINAR/Understanding Plant Invasions Using a Traits-Based Framework
- 24. **MEPCO June 10**, Pension Platform and OMERS Governance Review Update
- 25. **MPAC June 11**, Northern Training Series Feedback Survey

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURN

99-25 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Jul 14, 2025. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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