

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 9, 2025

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers and Neil Scarlett. Councillor Pearl Ivens absent with notice. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Angela Loney and Deputy Clerk Teresa Coombs.

Guests Observing: Mark Savill, 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.

PUBLIC MEETING

6:30 pm Budget Adoption, By-Law to Set Tax Rates, Resolution

Final draft provided per discussions at last meeting; 2025 levy = \$2,719,966, an increase 4.99%. 2025 Budget Information and Tax Rates By-Law to be posted on the Township website.

81-25 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to By-Law No. 11-25; to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and to strike the rates of taxation for the year 2025. CARRIED

82-25 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we accept 2025 Budget Information for release. CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING

1. Adoption of May 26, 2025 minutes, Resolution

83-25 Flowers, McLaren

THAT we adopt minutes of May 26, 2025. CARRIED

2. Canada Day Fireworks Permission, Resolution

84-25 Scarlett, McLaren

WHEREAS the Fire Chief has received material supplied by Supernova Fireworks and advised that it meets or exceeds MNR's Display Fireworks Manual whether fired from a barge or the Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park,

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have been obtained to secure a safety perimeter around the fireworks barge off shore of Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park,

NOW THEREFORE THAT we give permission to Supernova to invite spectators to view from Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park on Jun 29, 2025,

FURTHER THAT we give permission to Supernova to light up fireworks from Eagle Lake Narrows Beach Park on this date in the event the OPP are unable to secure a safety perimeter,

FURTHER THAT we give permission to the South River Machar Fire Dept to monitor traffic and parking on Jun 29, 2025,

FURTHER THAT we give permission to the South River Machar Fire Dept to close Eagle Lake Rd as required 15 minutes prior, during and 15 minutes after the display on Jun 29, 2025 with appropriate notification(s) to emergency services, in the event the OPP are unable to secure a safety perimeter off shore. CARRIED

3. Canada Day Fireworks Donation Request Staff Report, Resolution

85-25 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we receive the report prepared by Angela Loney, Clerk Administrator.

FURTHER THAT we approve the continued in-kind donation Park use permission, Park maintenance and Fire Dept attendance.

FURTHER THAT we approve a \$100 donation. CARRIED

4. Eagle Lake Cons. Assoc. Donation Request & Staff Report, Resolution

86-25 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we receive the report prepared by Angela Loney, Clerk Administrator.

FURTHER THAT we approve the in-kind donation of staff, truck use and tipping fees for the proposed dates, donation of \$500 toward the cost of hi-vis apparel for the phragmites removal volunteers, and \$750 donation to sponsor the marker for the 5 years estimated as a way of ensuring safe launching and removal of boats from our municipal boat launch. CARRIED

5. South River Lions Club Canada Day Celebration on Sat, Jun 28, 2025 at Tom Thomson Park: parade, live music, BBQ, beer tent, vendors, inflatable slide, magician and face painter.

Mayor Carleton is available to attend, cake contribution reviewed and approved.

6. South River Friendly Circle invitation to celebrate members aged 85+

Mayor Carleton is available to attend.

7. Village of South River Request for Support – Community Ride-Share Transit Pilot Project (OTIF) Application, Resolution

87-25 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we support the Village of South River's Community Ride-Share Transit Project Application, proposed to service South River, Machar, Sundridge, Joly & Strong. CARRIED

8. Planning Memorandum: Proposed Bill 17, Deadline for written comments is Jun 11 & 26, 2025

Changes are mostly positive, the only change that truly affects the Township is around allowing specific variations to the Zoning By-Law with as-of-right permissions. For example, the current regulation would allow for a variation of 10% or less in a Zoning By-Law. In this case, if a required setback on a property was 5 metres, a setback of 4.5 metres would be acceptable and would comply.

9. Good Happenings Foodbank - Thank you

Appreciated.

10. OPP Memo: Effective May 13, 2025 the Municipal Policing Bureau has been dissolved. Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Service Unit have been realigned and will fall under the OPP's Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau.

Acknowledged.

11. OPP Memo to Municipalities re: Cost Recovery Model Review (initiated), June 2025 Webinars

Clerk and Mayor are registered to view. Cost is the overall concern.

12. List of Accounts for May, Resolution

88-25 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we approve List of Proposed Payments for May, 2025: \$298,045.24 Grand Total. CARRIED

- a. Shock Rodz Car Club request to sponsor, 600+ Classic's in Tom Thomson Park Auto Show - \$20 entry - Sat, Jul 19, 2025 from 9 am to 3 pm, contact 705-477-1113**

Approved \$100.

b. Near North Crime Stoppers Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament Jun 20, 2025

Acknowledged.

COMMITTEES

13. South River Machar Medical Centre minutes of May 20, 2025, Resolution

89-25 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of May 20, 205 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists, Budgetary Control. approve the carpet cleaning quote, close the meeting to discuss a matter pertaining to contracts and negotiations, adjourned until Jun 17, 2025. CARRIED

14. South River Machar Library minutes of May 15, 2025, Resolution

Programs and attendance discussed.

90-25 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of May 15, 2025. CARRIED

15. Joint Building Committee permit summaries for May 2025, Resolution

Reviewed permit fees and project values, permit totals 54 at the end of May 2025 (15 in 2024) as follows: Machar 18, Strong 12, Ryerson 9, Sundridge 7, Burk's Falls 4, South River 3, and Joly 1.

91-25 Flowers, Scarlett

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

16. Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board agenda Jun 11, 2025

Councillor Scarlett attending.

17. EMS (Emergency Medical Services) area rep report, minutes of May 22, 2025, Resolution

92-25 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge EMS minutes of May 22, 2025 with area report. CARRIED

18. POA (Provincial Offences Act) agenda for May 22, 2025, Area Rep report, Draft Ledger, Court Manager's Q1 Report

Acknowledged.

19. N Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit 2024 Municipal FIR Schedule 77 & financial statements (available)

Acknowledged.

20. DPSMA Resolution to Premier Ford and MPP Smith Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education

Acknowledged.

INFORMATION

21. The Municipality of Kincardine on May 14th regarding Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act

22. Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding May 27th a pause t Bill 5 Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act 2025

- 23. The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward May 29**, Resolution approved May 27 Council meeting re: opposition to Strong Mayor Powers.
- 24. The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward May 29**, PEC Resolution: Bill 5 Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025
- 25. AMO Education May 26**, AMO Strategic Leadership Workshop: Strategic Thinking, Planning and Leading Jun 4, The Value of Community Engagement Jun 25.
- 26. AMO Education May 22**, Crisis Communication in Action: The Mayor-CAO Dynamic During Disasters
- 27. AMO Education May 22**, Cybersecurity for Municipal Councillors – Prevent, Prepare, and Respond
- 28. AMO Events May 24**, Request for Delegations Open for AMO 2025
- 29. AMO Events May 31**, AMO 2025: Program Update, A Sampling of this Years Conference Programming, August 17-20, 2025 Ottawa.
- 30. AMO Policy Update May 23**, New Federal Minister of Housing & Infrastructure, New Ontario TCIP Program
- 31. AMO Policy Update May 28**, Submissions on Bills 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act and Bill 2, Protect Ontario Through Free Within Canada Act.
- 32. AMO Policy Update May 29**, Province Introduces Bill 30, Working for Workers Seven Act. 2025.
- 33. AMO Watchfile - May 22, In This Issue:**
 - AMO releases *Engaging Youth in Local Democracy* report.
 - AMO resources to support your classroom engagement.
 - Connect Ontario: Broadband deployment municipal workshops.
 - Health and Safety Water Stream fund.
 - Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
 - AMO 2025 Conference - Ontario's premier municipal event.
 - MMAH has opened its Request for Delegations for AMO 2025 Conference.
 - Showcase your innovation - Submit your projects for the PJ Marshall Awards.
 - Before you know it, it's August! AMO 2025 Conference trade show selling out fast!
 - Teeny Tiny Summits 2025 - Don't miss these important community building events.
 - Investing in an uncertain market - a municipal update.
 - Risk webinar: The Litigation Process: A Municipal Perspective.
 - Virtual Net-Zero Workshop: Space still available.
 - RailCan proximity survey live until June 1.
 - Humber Polytechnic Emergency Management Symposium - June 6, Toronto.
 - Ontario Bike Summit.
 - Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program coming to Ontario.
 - Careers.
- 34. AMO Watchfile - May 29, In This Issue:**
 - AMO releases *Engaging Youth in Local Democracy* report.
 - AMO resources to support your classroom engagement.
 - Ontario launches Trade-Impacted Communities Program.
 - Connect Ontario: Broadband deployment municipal workshops.
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 - Showcase your innovation - Submit your projects for the PJ Marshall Awards.
 - Upcoming AMO education workshops on leadership.
 - Group Benefits trends webinar.
 - Help homeowners save money through the LAS Sewer & Water Line Service.
 - Virtual Net-Zero Workshop: Space still available.
 - RFP: Workforce Training for Professionals in Planning.
 - Western Ontario Municipal Conference - October 17.
 - Webinar: Quality of Life in North American Cities.
 - RailCan proximity survey live until June 1.
 - Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program coming to Ontario.
 - Careers.

CLOSED SESSION

93-25 McLaren, Flowers

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 employee; labour relations or employee negotiations CARRIED

*The Council for the Township of Machar resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:33 p.m.
The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.*

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

Community Centre Committee meeting – Councillor McLaren inquired with the rest of Council if there are any topics they would like to see discussed at the meeting Jun 19. Council simply expressed the need to keep expenses and budget to a minimum over the next few years.

ADJOURN

94-25 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Jun 23, 2025. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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