

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 10, 2025**

6:30 pm 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, Neil Scarlett and Pearl Ivens. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Angela Loney and Treasurer Jadah McLaren.

Guest Attending: Jason Newman, By-Law Enforcement. Guest Observing: Mark Savill.

PUBLIC MEETING

6:30 pm Building By-Law Fees change, Resolution

No comments received. One verbal inquiry into fee responsibility. The Building Department has always required 2 sets of structural buildings plans but have been accommodating customers by printing off electronic copies sent on ledger paper. It is very difficult to read however on this smaller version. Now the JBC has online application submissions it is easier to charge the applicant to print their plans rather than the applicant having them printed elsewhere then submitting.

29-25 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Building By-Law No. 7-24, as amended; respecting construction, demolition, change of use, conditional permits and inspections. CARRIED

GUESTS

6:45 pm By-Law Enforcement, OSPCA Animal Shelter and Pound Keeper Agreement proposal

Council reviewed the latest draft and confirmed fees and other details with Jason Newman, By-Law Enforcement. The By-Law to enter into the agreement to be added to the Mar 24 agenda.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Feb 24, 2025 minutes, Resolution

30-25 Scarlett, Ivens

THAT we adopt Feb 24, 2025 minutes. CARRIED

2. By-Law to Authorize the Appointment of a Weed Inspector, Livestock Valuator and Fence Viewer, Resolution

Council took the opportunity to inquire with BLEO on the need for the By-Law, for which Newman explained the process for farm that has lost livestock to a wild animal. CA explained that until now, the Weed Control Act, 1990, allowed municipalities to use the services of the area Weed Inspector for the District, in lieu of appointing a Municipal Weed Inspector.

31-25 McLaren, Scarlett

THAT we read a 1st, 2nd, 3rd time and finally pass By-Law No. 6-25; to authorize the appointment of a Weed Inspector, Livestock Valuator and Fence Viewer. CARRIED

3. List of Proposed Payments for Jan, Resolution

Council continues to monitor truck #9 repair frequency. There remains a 2.5% holdback on the Park Rd S Culvert Replacement.

32-25 Ivens, Scarlett

THAT we approve List of Proposed Payments for Feb, 2025: \$343,436.16 Grand Total. CARRIED

COMMITTEES

4. Machar Public Works – Municipal Rd N Culvert Replacement Tender Analysis Report, Resolution

33-25 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we award the Municipal Road North Culvert Replacement to the lowest tenderer: Deep Construction in the amount of \$448,222.50,
FURTHER THAT we authorize Clerk Administrator to execute the agreement for same. CARRIED

5. Joint Building Committee permit summaries for Feb 2025, Resolution

Reviewed permit fees and project values, permit totals 12 at the end of Feb 2025 (13 in 2024) as follows: Strong 4, South River 3, Machar 2, Ryerson 2 and Sundridge 1.

34-25 Scarlett, McLaren

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

6. District of Parry Sound Social Services Admin Bd; 2025 Apportionment Billing, 2025 Levy up 5%

7. South River Machar Library minutes of Feb 20, 2025 & 2025 Operating Estimate, Resolution

Council would like to compare neighbouring municipal library contributions.

35-25 McLaren, Ivens

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Feb 20,2025, including Operating Estimate reflecting our share for 2025 of \$48,114.48 representing a 9.1% increase and subject to overall Township budgetary requirements. CARRIED

8. EMS (Emergency Medical Services) area rep report, minutes of Feb 27, 2025, Resolution

36-25 Ivens, Flowers

THAT we acknowledge EMS minutes of Feb 27,2025 with area rep report. CARRIED

9. NBay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health minutes of Jan 22 and Finance and Property Committee minutes of Dec 4, 2024 posted on their [website](#).

10. [Eastholme.ca](#) We're Hiring: – Full-Time Permanent Office Assistant

INFORMATION

11. Fay Boyd: Barrie Advance – Oro-Medonte taking ‘multi-forked approach’ to short-term rentals. ATTACHED

12. Adult Learning, March Calendar

13. Almaguin Adult Learning, 2023 & 2024 Years in Review We've been growing and it's bearing fruit.

14. Town of Parry Sound, Call to “buy Canadian” 2025-018 Endorse federal-provincial call to buy Canadian in countering US tariffs.

15. Township of Archipelago, Resolution, 2025-029 Response to Tariff Threats – Support Canadian Business and Consumers

16. Municipality of Durham, Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

17. Town of Kearney Support Resolution, re: Consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000.

18. Township of McGarry Resolution Support, Ontario Building Code amend building code to include pre-approved affordable housing plans to streamline the construction process.

19. Municipality of MarkStay – Warren Resolution Support, Of the EDWC regarding negotiations on Trade Tariffs with the United States Government

20. Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, Passed a Motion for Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

21. **Town of Halton Hills, Township of Limerick and Northumberland County** adopted Resolution No. 2025-0025 regarding Support for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding Ontario Deposit Return Program.
22. **Township of Champlain, Canton DE** Canada Metal Processing Group – Announcement on steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on the steel sector
23. **Northumberland County**, Resolution of support re: Canadian and Ontario Governments Negotiations with the United states Government on Trade Tariffs
24. **Town of Goderich Support Resolution**, Ride Share Services-Policy Note Attachment-Ministry-Support Resolution-Ride Share Services- Letter of Support.
25. **City of Toronto**, Member Motion item 26.7 Creation of a City of Toronto “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” Campaign
26. **Town of Aurora**, TM-Request Redistribution of Provincial Land Tax-GST to Municipalities Sustainable Infrastructure Funding pdf
27. **Township of Colman Resolution**, 25-R-22 Northern Highway Safety Plan
28. **City of Port Colborne Mar 04**, Support Resolution from the Town of Fort Frances Re: Sovereignty of Canada
29. **Town of LaSalle Mar 05 Resolution**, re: Tariffs on Canadian Production
30. **Township of Puslinch Mar 05**, Resolution regarding Federal and Provincial Call to Action to Buy Canadian
31. **AMO Watchfile Feb 27, 2025**
 - AMO RFP to provide services creating a Municipal Civility & Anti-Harassment Strategy.
 - Join the AMO-OMAA discussion on the importance of the Mayor-CAO relationship.
 - AMO 2025 Conference keynote: Andrew Coyne-What a difference a year makes.
 - Book your AMO 2025 Conference hotel!
 - Opportunity to showcase your products and services at AMO 2025 Conference.
 - AMO Education - Educational workshops supporting your leadership.
 - Register today for the OSUM 2025 Conference hosted by the Town of Collingwood
 - OSUM Sponsorship and Exhibit Hall opportunities - Take advantage today.
 - AMO Regional and Single-Tier caucus virtual meet-up - February 28.
 - Survey on displacement and protecting affordable housing.
 - Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation War Memorial grant.
 - CCPPP P3 learning series on infrastructure procurement for municipalities.
 - Careers
32. **AMO Watchfile Mar 06, 2025**
 - AMO launches resources for Local Civic and Democratic Engagement.
 - Progress in Asset Management: Achieving 2025 Compliance webinar.
 - AMO RFP to provide services creating a Municipal Civility & Anti-Harassment Strategy.
 - Join the AMO-OMAA discussion on the importance of the Mayor-CAO relationship.
 - Plan your stay in Ottawa for AMO 2025.
 - Save the date for AMO’s Rural Healthy Democracy Forum - June 11, 2025.
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 - Blog: Preparing Your Municipality for Compliance.
 - Boost resilience with the All-Risk Municipal Grant.
 - Seminar: Should municipalities be required to engage in heating planning?
 - CCPPP P3 learning series on infrastructure procurement for municipalities.
 - Careers.
33. **AMO Mar 03**, AMO Resources for Local Democratic Engagement
34. **AMO Policy Update Feb 21**, Weekly Provincial Election Tracking Update
35. **AMO Policy Update Feb 25**, Weekly Provincial Election Tracking Update
36. **AMO Policy Update Mar 04**, Communities Brace for Tariff Impact
37. **AMO Events Feb 22**, AMO Keynote-Andrew Coyne Returns to AMO 2025
38. **AMO Education Feb 26**, Enhance Your Leadership with AMO’s Education Workshop
39. **AMO Education Mar 04**, Navigating conflict relationships as an Elected Official (NCR 10)
40. **AMO Education Mar 05**, Disability Inclusion Workshop and Panel Discussion
41. **AMO Events Mar 01**, Enjoy the Sites and Sounds of Ottawa in August AMO 2025 Conference
42. **AMO Events Mar 05**, Save the Date for the Inaugural AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Form!
43. **AMCTO Municipal Minute**, Feb 26, 2025
44. **AMCTO Municipal Minute**, Mar 05, 2025

45. **BAO Feb 25**, LifeLine: The value of Licensed by the BAO badge to consumers; Changes to CPP
46. **BAO Mar 03**, Join the BAO Board or committees
47. **Bloomecme Feb 27**, Article – Overcoming Municipal Dysfunction – The Leadership Challenge
48. **Bloomecme Mar 03**, The Municipal CAO challenge: Uniting Silos and Values for a shared Vision
49. **Blue Sky Net Feb 28**, Tech Talk
50. **Brogan Snider Coordinator of Programming & Community Engagement**, Feb 2025 W\YWHO Update Letter 140 Elmwood pdf
51. **CRRBC Feb 27**, UNITY THROUGH CONNECTIVITY: Shaping the Future of Canadian Rural & Remote Communities
52. **Federation of Ontario Cottagers Assoc**, last call for Spring Seminar; rural road updates; cottage succession tax planning & more
53. **FONOM Office Feb 27**, FONOOM Northeastern Ontario Municipal Conference
54. **Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario**, 2024 Deflator Tables Now Available
55. **MFOA Mar 03**, MFOA Messenger Tariffs and Municipalities – What is Being Done?
56. **MPAC Feb 2025**, In Touch Ontario sees another record increase in the value of property inventory with over \$42.7 billion in new assessment
57. **Invasive Species Centre, Media**, Research, and Events Scan: February 14-17
58. **LAS Mar 03**, Commodity Q4 2024 Update
59. **OSUM Feb 27**, **Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Program – Keynote Speakers: Trump’s Tariffs Portend a No-Winner Trade war-Tony Stillo, Director of Canada Economics at Oxford Economics**
60. **Prism Engineering Feb 26**, Prism News: A milestone anniversary, 2024 project highlights, solar and battery myths busted and more
61. **ROMA Communications Feb 20**, Board Update: Conference wrap-up, pre-election work, & more
62. **ROMA Communications Feb 25**, ROMA trains and drains advocacy moves forward
63. **TMM**, Solving Cemetery Records Management

37-25 Scarlett, McLaren

THAT we support agenda items 14, 15 & 16. CARRIED

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURN

38-25 Scarlett, 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, Mar 24, 2025. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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