



**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, March 23, 2026**

**Mayor Lynda Carleton, Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillor Blair Flowers, Councillor Pearl Ivens and Councillor Neil Scarlett. Clerk Administrator Angela Loney, Deputy Clerk Teresa Coombs and Public Works Superintendent Steve Scarlett.**

Mark Smuck, Wendy Main, Mark Savill, John Hendery, Nancy Webb, Brenda Rantz, Steve Armstrong, Liz Robinson, Craig Robinson, and Floyd Simpkins.

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**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.

**2. Public Meeting/Guests and Delegations**

**2.1 6:30pm Wendy Main re: 221 Bray Lake Rd**

Wendy Main was invited to make her presentation to Council. She started by providing printed photos to distribute to Council members before proceeding to ask Council questions re: ability to get a building permit for the second dwelling on an unopened road allowance. Council thanked her for the presentation and requested staff look into it and provide a Report to Council.

Mrs. Main's concern is the municipality not maintaining a snowplow turn around 1.1km from the start of Bray Lake Rd where the designated turn around, equipped with applicable signage, is located 4.6km at the end of Bray Lake rd.

**a. Bray Lake Rd Complaint**

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**3.1 Adoption of Mar 9 Minutes, Resolution**

**042-2026**

**Moved By** Scarlett

**Seconded By** Flowers

THAT we adopt Mar 9, 2026 minutes.

**Carried**

**3.2 Adoption of Mar 18 Joint Council Minutes, Resolution**

**043-2026**

**Moved By** Ivens

**Seconded By** McLaren

THAT we adopt Mar 18, 2026 Joint minutes.

**Carried**

**4. Business**

**4.1 Bray Lake Subdivision, Update**

Deferred for Spring water sampling.

**4.2 Good Happenings Food Bank Rain Barrel Promotion**

\$10 from every rain-barrel purchase is paid to the Good Happenings Food Bank:  
<https://rainbarrel.ca/ghfb>

**4.3 Hydro One Networks - Upcoming Forestry Work - Broadband Project**

Acknowledged.

**4.4 Georgian Bay Geopark - Spring 2026 Outreach & Council Conversation**

Reviewed.

**6. Boards and Committees**

**6.1 Shared Services Monthly Reports for February, Fire and Arena**

Items provided: Fire Chief's monthly report for Jan - Feb 2026, Income Statement for Feb, 2026 (Revenue 55%, Expenses 6.61%), AP Ledger for Feb \$13,946.18 Total Expenditures. Arena Chief Operator report for Feb 2026, Income Statement for Feb 2026 (Revenue 48.4% and Expenses 10.06%), AP Ledger for Feb \$20,000.45 Total Expenditures.

**a. 2026 Fire Budget - After Removal of Response Revenue, Resolution**

**044-2026**

**Moved By** Scarlett

**Seconded By** Ivens

THAT we accept 2026 Budget for South River Machar Fire Department in the amount of \$267,143.00 our share (an increase of \$30,988 or 13.12% from 2025), subject to joint approval by the Village of South River, subject to overall Township budget requirements and approval of overall Township budget.

**Carried**

**b. 2026 Arena Budget, Resolution**

**045-2026**

**Moved By** Flowers

**Seconded By** McLaren

THAT we accept 2026 Budget for South River Machar Arena in the amount of \$188,851 our share (an decrease of \$239,237 or 55.89% from 2025), subject to joint approval by the Village of South River, subject to overall Township budget requirements and approval of overall Township budget.

**Carried**

**c. Appoint Recreational Director, Resolution**

**046-2026**

**Moved By** Scarlett

**Seconded By** Ivens

THAT we hereby appoint Tanvir Kabir as Recreation Director for the South River Machar Community Centre based on 364 hours from Feb 23, 2026 to Feb 22, 2027 and the amounts be included in the joint budget. It is understood that this is a trial and will not be renewed without the consent of both municipalities.

**Carried**

**d. Women's Own Resource Centre - Rural Community Kitchen Program**

Women's Own has received approval for an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant in support of their Rural Community Kitchen Program. The new grant will allow them to offer quarterly Community Kitchen once again and also implement a new program to

support area food banks with a monthly Soup Kitchen Program which will see much needed ready-to-eat meals being delivered to food banks to distribute to those in our community.

**6.2 Machar Public Works minutes of Mar 12, Resolution**

**047-2026**

**Moved By** Flowers

**Seconded By** Ivens

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Mar 12, 2026.

**Carried**

**a. MTO - Harmonization of Municipal Road Construction Standards - Regulatory Registry Posting Open for Comment**

In Nov 2025, as part of the Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025, the Public Transportation and Highways Improvement Act was amended to support the harmonization of municipal road construction standards. A Minister's regulation is being proposed.

**6.3 Almaguin Clerk's Group agenda Mar 26**

Deputy Clerk Coombs is attending, CA will remain in office to help cover the office due staff shortages.

**6.4 Health Unit - Board of Health Update and Discontinuation of Routine Beach Sampling Information**

Councillor Ivens plans to attend one of the three virtual information sessions offered.

**6.5 Media Release - FONOM Calls for Urgent Action Following Another Fatal Collision on Northern Highway**

**6.6 FONOM Conference - Keynote Speaker Announced. May 11-13 2026**

Mayor Carleton and Councillor Ivens to be registered for Full Delegate Package.

**6.7 DSSAB March CAO Report**

**8. In-Camera (Closed) Session, Resolution**

**048-2026**

**Moved By** Ivens

**Seconded By** 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 employees; labour relations or employee negotiations;

**Carried**

**049-2026**

**Moved By** McLaren

**Seconded By** Ivens

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time: 7:50pm

**Carried**

**10. Adjournment**

**050-2026**

**Moved By** Scarlett

**Seconded By** McLaren

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Apr 13, 2026.

**Carried**

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Lynda Carleton, Mayor

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Angela Loney, Clerk Administrator