



MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 09, 2026

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

Nancy Webb, John Hendery, Brenda Rantz, Floyd Simpkins and Mark Savill.

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

030-2026

Moved By Flowers

Seconded By Ivens

THAT we adopt Feb 23, 2026 minutes.

Carried

4. Business

4.1 Request for Agenda Items Mar 18 Joint Council Meeting

Council wishes to add the Recreation Director trial position to the agenda.

4.2 Community Letter

A letter was forwarded by South River Clerk Administrator from the Almaguin Gazelles Head Coach expressing his deepest gratitude for the support from the Village of South River for welcoming the team with open arms, giving the team a true sense of "home ice". The letter was very appreciated by Council.

5. Accounts

5.1 List of Proposed Payments for Feb 2026, Resolution

031-2026

Moved By Scarlett

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we approve List of Proposed Payments for Feb, 2026: \$274,109.58 Grand Total.

Carried

5.2 2026 Overall Budget Worksheet

A preliminary 2026 Budget Worksheet was provided to Council to stress the impact the Fire Dept increase could have on the overall municipal increase. Clerk Administrator advised

Council of the option previously proposed by the South River CA to allocate \$24,000 of the \$43,912.84 2025 surplus toward the 2026 capital replacements, while still maintaining a proposed Fire Reserve balance of \$267,028.60. This adjustment would reduce the Fire Department's portion of Machar's overall increase from 1.30% to approximately 0.86%, which brings it more in line with the lower increases being maintained across Machar's other departments. Council recognizes this will affect the 2027 budget.

6. Boards and Committees

6.1 Shared Services: South River Committee of the Whole agenda & minutes Jan 28 & Feb 25, Fire and Arena 2026 Draft Budgets

6.2 South River Machar Medical Board minutes of Feb 17, Resolution 032-2026

Moved By Scarlett

Seconded By Flowers

THAT we support motions in Medical Centre minutes of Feb 17, 2026 as follows: adopt the minutes, Pay Lists, Budgetary Controls, approving 2026 budget, notice to Doctors regarding vacant office space, and ad request for proposal for flowerbeds, adjourned until Mar 16, 2026...

Carried

6.3 Joint Building Committee permit summaries for Feb, 2026, Resolution

Reviewed permit fees and project values, permit totals 6 at the end of Feb 2026 (12 in 2025) as follows: Machar 3, Ryerson 2, and South River 1.

033-2026

Moved By Ivens

Seconded By Scarlett

THAT we accept Building Permit Summaries for Feb 2026.

Carried

6.4 ARI Agenda February 26, 2026, Resolution

034-2026

Moved By Ivens

Seconded By Scarlett

THAT we acknowledge ARI minutes of Oct 6, 2025 and 2026 Draft Budget including HAZMAT cost of \$6.76 per household = \$6,455.80 + HST for 2026, representing an increase of 29% over 2025.

Carried

6.5 EMS Advisory Committee minutes Feb 26, 2026, Resolution

035-2026

Moved By Ivens

Seconded By McLaren

THAT we acknowledge EMS minutes of Feb 26, 2026 with area rep report

Carried

6.6 Eastholme Annual Levy

Machar's contribution is increasing 3.5% from \$98,195 in 2025 to \$101,290 in 2026.

8. In-Camera (Closed) Session, Resolution

036-2026

Moved By Scarlett

Seconded By Ivens

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;
litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the
municipality or local board; Time 7:14pm

Carried

037-2026

Moved By McLaren

Seconded By Ivens

THAT we come out of Closed Session. Time: 7:48pm.

Carried

10. Adjournment

038-2026

Moved By Ivens

Seconded By Scarlett

THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our
Regular meeting scheduled for Mar 23, 2026.

Carried

Lynda Carleton, Mayor

Angela Loney, Clerk Administrator