

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 12, 2025

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 Wierenga.

Guest Observing: Mark Savill, Mark Smuck, Wendy Main, Stephen Armstrong, and Donald Bruce.

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.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Apr 14, 2025 minutes, Resolution

70-25 Flowers, Ivens

THAT we adopt Apr 28, 2025 minutes. CARRIED

2. Inquiry 5-022 – Shipping Container in SR/BL Zones, By-Law Enforcement

The inquiry was investigated by By-Law Enforcement and deemed to be a development; correspondence was sent to advise of the infraction.

3. Inquiry 5-17902 – Request for Fire Department Fleet info and Admin Department Wages and Wed afternoon Office Closure Justification, Report, Resolution

The Report explains the enacting of lunch hour and Wednesday afternoon closures in 2023 and updated Council to the positive impact they have had as a scheduling tool for training and meetings. The Report went on to detail 11 local municipalities' admin staff complement compared to their schedule of office hours. All offices either close to the public one day a week (Mon, Wed or Fri) or employ 6+ admin staff.

71-25 Scarlett, McLaren

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

FURTHER THAT we approve the municipal office continue to be closed to the public Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., due to volume. CARRIED

4. List of Accounts for Apr, Resolution

72-25 Ivens, McLaren

THAT we approve List of Proposed Payments for Apr, 2025: \$348,067.75 Grand Total. CARRIED

- a. Good Happenings Food Bank presents Fill-The-Truck Food Drive, South River Freshmart
Fri, May 16 1pm – Sun, May 18 7pm, Donation Request**

Approved \$100.

- b. Council/Committee Remuneration and Expense Record (Bi-Annual)**

Acknowledged.

COMMITTEES

5. Almaguin Highlands Health Council minutes of May 1, 2025

Acknowledged.

6. Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board agenda May 8, 2025

Councillor Scarlett attended the very introductory meeting included a Canadian Mental Health Association employee and a local Ontario Provincial Police detachment member specifically for mental health crises. townshipofperry.ca/almaguin-highlands-opp-detachment-board

INFORMATION

- 7. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Tue, May 13, 2025 6th annual** Provincial Day of Action on Litter, join us in taking part in a community cleanup **ATTACHED**
- 8. Almaguin Adult Learning, May Calendar**
- 9. The Friends, Spring/Summer 2025**
- 10. Snelling, Allyson Joint release Apr 27, MRI CONSTRUCTION SITE APRIL 2025**
- 11. Village of Sundridge Apr 23, Resolution Advocacy for Increased Seniors and Aged Care Housing**
- 12. Dennis Costantini Business Development Manager Sustain Energy Group Inc (SmartSence Energy Management System) closes at the end of May**
- 13. Town of Petawawa resolution Apr 28, re: it's opposition to the proposed expansion of Strong Mayor Powers**
- 14. Township of Larder Lake Apr 25, the Council supports item 6.3.1 of letters and communications** from the Town of fort Frances regarding the Sovereignty of Canada
- 15. City of Richmond Hill Resolution Apr 28, Resolution Provincial regulations needed to restrict** keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals
- 16. CANTON DE Champlain Township Apr 25, Resolution 2025 – Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario**
- 17. The Town of Deep River Apr 30, Opposition to Strong Mayors Designation for the Town of Deep River in Response to the Province's Recent Proposal to Designate Deep River as a "Strong Mayor" Municipality, Effective May 1, 2025**
- 18. The City of Sarnia Mar 6, re: Carbon Tax**
- 19. The City of St. Charles Apr 30, MAX Res 2025-104 Carbon Tax**
- 20. The Town of Plympton – Wyoming passed the following motion government of Ontario announced** on April 9th, 2025, that it will extend "Strong Mayor Powers" to an additional 169 Municipalities
- 21. West Lincoln Apr 29, Support of Canadian Economy**
- 22. City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department Resolution R2025-174 Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the city of Stratford**
- 23. The Town of Cobalt May 1, Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt**
- 24. AMO Education Apr 28, New Workshop: Trauma and Violence Informed Decision asking for Elected Officials**
- 25. AMO Education Apr 28, Planning for People in Your Community**
- 26. AMO Education Apr 30, Antisemitism and Anti-Islamophobia Workshops**
- 27. AMO Education May 5, Planning to People in Your Community**
- 28. AMO Events Apr 24, AMO Municipal Trade and Tariff Program Highlights**
- 29. AMO Events Apr 24, Only a few spots remain for AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum**
- 30. AMO Events Apr 26, AMO 2025: Program Insights**
- 31. AMO Events Apr 30, Accelerating democratic health in Ontario's rural municipalities**
- 32. AMO Events May 1, Request for Delegations Open for AMO 2025**
- 33. AMO Events May 6, Clearing the collision at the intersection of voter turnout, civic engagement, and incivility**
- 34. AMO Policy May 5, Municipal Governance Changes**
- 35. AMO Policy May 1, Encampments bill, New Report on Tariffs Impacting Municipal Construction Costs**
- 36. AMO Communications Policy Update May 1**
 - AMO releases *Engaging Youth in Local Democracy* report.
 - AMO's Guidance Resources on Electricity Procurements.
 - Emergency Preparedness Week: May 4 - 11, 2025.
 - New Health and Safety Water Stream fund.
 - Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
 - Join the timely conversation on democracy: AMO's Rural Healthy Democracy Forum.

- Join your colleagues at the AMO 2025 Conference.
- Submit your application for the PJ Marshall Awards.
- Before you know it, it's August! AMO 2025 Conference trade show selling out fast!
- Teeny Tiny Summits 2025 line-up - Registration is open.
- AMO Trade and Tariff Forum - June 6.
- Planning for people in your community: May 8 virtual workshop.
- All Risk Municipal Grant applications due today.
- Virtual Net-Zero Workshop registration now open.
- AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program.
- Ontario Bike Summit.
- Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program coming to Ontario.
- Careers.

37. AMO Communications Policy Update May 8

- AMO releases *Engaging Youth in Local Democracy* report.
- AMO resources to support your classroom engagement.
- New resources added to AMO's Gender Based Violence Toolkit.
- Emergency Preparedness Week: May 4 - 11, 2025.
- New Health and Safety Water Stream fund.
- Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
- Only 20 spots remaining for AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum!
- Join colleagues at the AMO 2025 Conference - Ontario's premier municipal event.
- Showcase your innovation - PJ Marshall Awards submissions are now open.
- 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.
- AMO's workshop on planning for people in your community: May 8 virtual workshop.
- Article - Investing in Uncertain Times!
- Virtual Net-Zero Workshop registration now open.
- BPS Energy Reporting Portal now open.
- Blog: My Experience as a Co-op Student.
- Every Second Counts! Know when to call 9-1-1.
- Humber Polytechnic Emergency Management Symposium - June 6, Toronto.
- AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program.
- Ontario Bike Summit.
- Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program coming to Ontario.
- Careers.

38. AMCTO Municipal Minute Apr 30, Last call: Submit Your Project Proposals for the Municipal Innovation Internship Program

39. AMCTO Municipal Minute May 7, Register for Our Strong Mayor Powers Drop-In Discussions

40. Ben Chen Apr 27, Your April transportation update

41. Bloom Apr 30, Municipal Insights Newsletter

42. Blue Sky Net, Apr 30, 2025 Tech Talk

43. Board of Health Apr 25, Minutes have been approved and are now posted to the Health Unit website

44. MFOA Messenger, Mark Your Calendar: MFOA Annual Meeting Moves to June

45. FOCA May 5, Urgent: Help us to save the Lake Partner Program of water quality monitoring

FOCA letter of support to be sent on behalf of Council. Mr. Savill to forward email with form-letter.

46. MPAC April 30, 2024 Annual Report Apr 30, Creating our blueprint for innovation 2024 Annual Report

47. Muskoka Algonquin Health Apr 30, April Edition

48. Muskoka Algonquin Health May 5, Advocacy Briefing Note from MAHC

49. Muskoka Algonquin Health News Release New MRI Machine Has Arrived in Muskoka!

50. Muskoka Almaguin Ontario Health Team, We've Updated Our Name!

51. Sun Life Group Benefit May 1, Reminder: Best in Health 2025 Education Series – Sun Life Employee Assistance Program

73-25 Ivens, McLaren

THAT we support agenda item #45. CARRIED

ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

74-25 Flowers, Scarlett

THAT we proceed into Closed Session in order to address a matter pertaining to; labour relations or employee negotiations, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose. CARRIED

*The Council for the Township of Machar resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:55 p.m.
The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.*

ADJOURN

75-25 McLaren, 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, May 26, 2025. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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