

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 11, 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, 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**

**BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Jul 14, 2025 minutes, Resolution**

**109-25 McLaren, Ivens**

THAT we adopt Jul 14, 2025 minutes. CARRIED

**2. Administration Update & Budget Report, Resolutions**

**110-25 Scarlett, Flowers**

THAT we accept Administration Update to Jul 31, 2025. CARRIED

**111-25 Flowers, Scarlett**

THAT we authorize Clerk Administrator to approve an additional \$100,000 approx. (+/- 10%) cost to the Municipal Rd North Culvert Replacement in order to satisfy DFO review recommendations and subsequent Contractor quote for larger culvert than was tendered for. CARRIED

**112-25 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we accept Budget Report to Jun 30, 2025 as of Jul 16, 2025 reflecting: 39.16% Revenues and 36.11% Expenditures. CARRIED

**3. Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant application, Resolution**

**113-25 Ivens, Scarlett**

THAT we approve application to Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) in the total amount of \$60,000 with additional \$21,926+ Municipal Contribution for Eagle Lake Narrows Park Accessibility Upgrades to accomplish Barrier Free Access. CARRIED

**4. Trout Creek Lions Club – Recreational Outdoor ATV Run (ROAR) Fundraiser & Poker Run**

Admin to send an acknowledgment.

**5. List of Accounts for Jul, Resolution**

**114-25 Ivens, McLaren**

THAT we approve List of Proposed Payments for Jul, 2025: \$400,193.49 Grand Total. CARRIED

**a. The Women's Own Resource Centre – Back to School Drive donation request**

Admin to post on website.

## COMMITTEES

### **6. Machar Public Works minutes of Jul 17, 2025, Resolution**

**115-25 Ivens, Scarlett**

THAT we accept Public Works minutes of Jul 17, 2025. CARRIED

### **7. South River Machar Library minutes of Jul 17, 2025, Resolution**

**116-25 Scarlett, McLaren**

THAT we acknowledge Library minutes of Jul 17, 2025. CARRIED

### **8. Central Almaguin Planning minutes of Mar 5, Apr 2, Apr 30, and Jun 4, 2025, Resolution**

**117-25 Ivens, McLaren**

THAT we acknowledge Planning minutes of Mar 5, Apr 2, Apr 30, and Jun 4, 2025. CARRIED

### **9. FONOM - Release of a new [GoNorth Video](#), funded in part by FedNor**

### **10. FONOM (Fed of N ON Munic) Letter of Support for Nation-Building 2+1 Highway Infrastructure in Northern Ontario**

Admin to send a letter in support of the 2+1 highway model to expand Hwy 11 & 17, in 2 phases.

## INFORMATION

### **11. Almaguin Adult Learning Aug 2025 Calander**

### **12. Almaguin News South River's train is back: Can Almaguin become Ontario's next top rail destination?**

### **13. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare July 16, MINUTES Political Leaders Forum with MAHC**

### **14. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare July 18, Release- Partnership improves Non-Urgent Patient Transfers Between Sites**

### **15. The City of Port Colborne support the resolution received from the City of Pickering regarding: Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)**

### **16. Municipality of Tweed Proposals: Premier Ford Proposals Follow-up**

### **17. Town of Goderich 2025-07-28 the Honourable Premier Doug Ford- Opposition to Bill 17**

### **18. St Catharines City Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to: Treat others with respect in all spaces-public, private and online**

### **19. Village of Burks Falls, meeting council for the Village of Burks Falls passes Resolution 2025-244 regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems**

### **20. The County of Northumberland County -Township of Puslinch Council Resolutions regarding Procurement and Advocacy of Trade Agreement Exemptions**

### **21. Township of Black River-Matheson – South Huron Council Letter of support Firefighters Certification Requirements**

### **22. Township of Black River-Matheson – South Huron Council Support Municipality of Tweed Producer Responsibility of Blue Boxes**

### **23. Municipal of Trent Hills Correspondence dated May 1, 2025 from the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Strong Mayor Powers**

### **24. Town of Aylmer Resolution Notice – Advocacy for increased income Support threshold for Canadian Veterans**

### **25. Town of Aurora Resolution - Opposition to Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act 2025**

### **26. AMO Communication July 25, Lindsay Jones Appointed AMO Executive Director**

### **27. AMO Communication Aug 5, Invitation to Have Your Say on AMO Member Experience**

### **28. AMO Education July 10, Managing Communications Through Crisis Workshop**

### **29. AMO Education July 11, Cybersecurity Workshop for Councillors – In Partnership with TMU**

### **30. AMO Education July 16, Managing Communications Through Crisis Workshop**

### **31. AMO Education July 17, Cybersecurity for Municipal Councillors Prevent, Prepare, and Respond**

- 32. AMO Education July 23**, Unlocking Opportunity through Understanding Human Rights Requirements in Municipal Planning
- 33. AMO Events July 12**, Concurrent Session Highlights
- 34. AMO Events July 14**, AMO's October Trade and Tariff Forum Program Update – Join Your Colleagues
- 35. AMO Events July 15**, Join Us for AMO'S 2nd Annual Healthy Democracy Forum – October 18-19 in Toronto
- 36. AMO Events July 19**, Join in on the Launch of AMO'S Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan City of Ottawa August 18-21
- 37. AMO Events July 23**, Don't Miss Out: Saturday AMO 2025 Workshops Need Advance Registration Saturday Aug 16, and Sunday Aug 17, City of Ottawa
- 38. AMO Events July 24**, Explore the Municipal role in Economic Resilience – AMO's Trad and Tariff Forum Oct 24
- 39. AMO Events July 26**, Join Us in Supporting Women in Leadership August 17-20 City of Ottawa
- 40. AMO Events July 31**, Don't Miss Andrew Coyne at AMO 2025 City of Ottawa August 17-20
- 41. AMO Policy Update July 18**, Comments on Bill 9, OPP Billing Reviews, Waste Management and OMA Consultations at the AMO Conference
- 42. AMO Watchfile July 17, In This Issue:**
- AMO/Oxford Economics webinar on Navigating Economic Headwinds.
  - Provincial consultations on Electricity Transmission Planning.
  - Rural Ontario Development Program opens for applications.
  - Nominations for 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Award.
  - New EASE grant: Apply by August 14!
  - Understanding Ontario's Excess Soil Regulation.
  - AMO pre-conference workshop: AMO's Civility and Anti-Harassment Strategy.
  - AMO pre-conference workshop: Responsibility and Liability for Health & Safety on Construction Projects.
  - AMO fall education workshops.
  - AMO Guide to Delegation Meetings 2025: Be prepared for your ministerial delegations.
  - AMO Trade and Tariff Forum - October 24: Building Ontario's Economic Resilience.
  - AMO's Second Annual Healthy Democracy Forum: Registration open.
  - Blog: Developing a Successful Bill 194 Compliance Business Case.
  - The LAS 2024 Annual Report has been published.
  - Identify energy savings in your facilities.
  - Upgrades needed: Keeping Your Lighting Compliant.
  - Climate Ready Infrastructure Service call for projects.
  - Circular Economy Month is coming!
  - Careers.
- 43. AMO Watchfile July 24, In This Issue:**
- Next week: Webinar on Navigating Economic Headwinds.
  - Applications now open for \$2.2 million in community accessibility grants.
  - Provincial Consultations on Electricity Transmission Planning.
  - Rural Ontario Development Program opens for applications.
  - Understanding Ontario's Excess Soil Regulation.
  - Nominations for 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Award.
  - AMO 2025 August 16 Preconference Workshops.
  - AMO Guide to Delegation Meetings 2025: Be prepared for your ministerial delegations.
  - Building Ontario's Economic Resilience - AMO Trade and Tariff Forum.
  - AMO's Second Annual Healthy Democracy Forum: Registration open.
  - AMO fall education workshops.
  - Blog: What are Group Benefits – really?
  - ONE Investment's Annual Report – Building a Brighter Tomorrow.
  - Careers.
- 44. AMO Watchfile July 31, In This Issue:**
- Get access to MIDAS!
  - Provincial consultations on electricity transmission planning.
  - Rural Ontario Development Program opens for applications.
  - Nominations for 2025 Excellence in Agriculture award.
  - Applications now open for EASE Grant - apply by August 14th.
  - Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund: Apply by August 15.

- Don't miss this year's pre-conference workshops at AMO 2025.
  - AMO Guide to Delegation Meetings 2025: Be prepared for your ministerial delegations.
  - Registration for AMO's Second Annual Healthy Democracy Forum is open.
  - AMO fall education workshops.
  - Training - Foundations for a Municipal Investment Strategy.
  - Help to protect your residents.
  - All Risk Municipal Grant announcement.
  - Municipal website usability checklist.
  - Blog: What are Group Benefits – really?
  - New guidance for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) safety.
  - Careers.
- 45. AMCTO – Last Call: Register Today for AMCTO Fall Education Programs**
- 46. BAO July 25,** Leadership Update at the Bereavement Authority of Ontario
- 47. GLOBAL PR SUMMIT CANADA 10,** This will sell out fast. Secure your seat today - 20-21 November, One King West Hotel, Toronto
- 48. Invasive Species Centre, July 15,** UPCOMING WEBINAR, Great Lakes Sea Lampreys: From Crisis to Control
- 49. Invasive Species Centre, July 17,** Media, Research, and Events Scan July 4 – 17
- 50. Ontario Society of Professional Engineers,** 2 Day course on Climate Risks and Solutions Register for Fall 2025
- 51. Ottawa Crisis Comms Boot Camp - Future-Proof Your Crisis Strategy with AI – Seats Almost Gone!**
- 52. ROMA Communications July 23,** ROMA gets ready to advocate for you at 205 AMO Conference

**118-25 Scarlett, Flowers**  
THAT we support agenda item 21. CARRIED

**ADDITIONAL/ROUND TABLE/NOTICE OF MOTION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**119-25 Scarlett, 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 employee; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or a local board. CARRIED

*The Council for the Township of Machar resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:44 p.m.*  
*The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.*

**ADJOURN**

**120-25 Scarlett, Flowers**  
THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Sep 8, 2025. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Angela Loney

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