# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
# #23-2025

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office Building,
Vermilion Bay, Ontario on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Present: Gord Griffiths, Mayor
Dennis Peterson, Councillor
Tony Blair, Councillor
Greg Swanson, Councillor
Ray Pilkey, Councillor
Max Nagy, Economic Development Officer (ZOOM)
Dan Robinson, Deputy Fire Chief
Todd Montgomery, Fire Chief
Cheryl Murray, Deputy Clerk

Absent: None

Gallery: Garry Parkes, Robyn Gagne

**1. Call to Order:**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gord Griffiths at 6:45 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1**
MOVED BY: Councillor T. Blair
SECONDED BY: Councillor D. Peterson
**THAT** the Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Monday, December 8th, 2025, be accepted as prepared. **CARRIED**

**3. Declaration of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest:**

None declared.

**4. Delegation(s):**

Jesse Tudorachi and Gilbert Grandbois – 2025-2026 DDRA Season
DDRA would like to use the airport grass field this winter. They would like to hold races on weekends of Machin events. They are to contact Tammy Rob, Clerk Treasurer. DDRA was advised that another group expressed interest in using the asphalt part of the airport. Last year, they held two races at the airport and Red Lake came down. They might plan to lineup races on Family Day when Vermilion Bay Lions are planning Breakfast and a free skate. DDRA stated other race groups would like to hold events with DDRA in Machin if allowed or on their own. DDRA would get insurance to cover events similar to last year's. OPP were at the last race and no complaints. OPP liked how it was put together. Possible groups interested in racing here - Thunder Bay, Red Lake, OPP. DDRA would like to draw more people to Vermilion Bay.

**5. Notice of Motions**

## 6. Approval of Previous Minutes:

6.1 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2**
MOVED BY: Councillor G. Swanson
SECONDED BY: Councillor D. Peterson
**THAT** Machin Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes #22-2025 held on November 24th, 2025 as presented. **CARRIED**

## 7. Unfinished Business:

7.1 Vermilion Bay Dock Long Term Parking
Ray Pilkey has flagged an area for developing into parking by Water Treatment Plant. Large trees are around it. Council is to have a look. Consideration given to developing the Sliding hill into parking.
**DISCUSSION**

7.2 Parking on Railway Ave
Last summer people were parking and blocking a lane. This limits driving space, safety issue. Idea to post sign for no parking unless special events. **DISCUSSION**

## 8. Committee/Officer Reports:

8.1 Fire Department November 2025 Report
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 3**
MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson
SECONDED BY: Councillor T. Blair
**THAT** Machin Council accept the November 2025 Fire Department Report as presented. **CARRIED**
*Dan Robinson went over the report. There were three accident calls in December already.*
*Todd Montgomery and Dan Robinson spoke about Electric vehicles. Many departments are not putting water on EV fires. They are letting them burn out. The toxic gases are harming fire fighters. Now using foam/blanket/tarps when fire is dying down. Many Towing Companies are no longer taking them to tow yard due to fire restarts-Going to sandpits. This is a change in training tactics. All bunker gear is double bagged and sent to special cleaners due to toxicity. Machin has the foam. EVs on fire locks doors and people get trapped in burning vehicle.*
*Be aware that Red Lake mine is creating more traffic up Hwy 104 and on Hwy 14.*
*It is a challenge for volunteers to get time off for training courses. Time commitment is hard. Helps that Kenora, Dryden and Oxdrift are holding training courses.*

8.2 Finance and Administration Report for November 2025
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 4**
MOVED BY: Councillor G. Swanson
SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey
**THAT** Machin Council approve of accepting the Finance and Administration November 2025 Budget Report/Monthly Cheque Register as presented. **CARRIED**

*Report attached to original Minutes.*

8.3 Economic Development Report – Verbal

*Max Nagy, EDO, gave Machin Council a verbal report.*
***MNRF** - Ely Lake is done. Paperwork has officially gone through. Hardcopy has not been received in Municipal Office.*
***Cemetery Expansion**– Paperwork has moved through to next step of payment. Approximately $2000.00. When cheque is ready, Gord will do official handover and photo. After cheque is delivered, it takes four months for official paperwork. It should be done by spring*
***Grant** – Seniors Community Grant- Max has applied $12,000 for headsets for fitness, cognitive games - half to Eagle River Recreation Center and Half to Vermilion Bay Senior Centre. Max will try to be here to show/train.*
*Canada Summer Student Job Grants have been applied for 3 students. It covers 50% of minimum wages.*
*Eagle River Rink Deck project is progressing- new beam put in for deck and posts to sit on.*
*Water Plant Grant was approved. Total project is approximately $223,000 and $60,000 is Machin's portion. Government has reached out to Max for confirmation that our grants are not overlapped on same projects. Max and Shawna will complete additional information requested.*
*Machin was declined NOFHC for multi-use facility that was to house the new health clinic. A regroup meeting is planned for Dec to discuss next steps-could apply to Ministry of Health, focus back on health facility.*
*NOFHC approved for $500,000 for ice plant-Max will get updated quotes from Trane and Symco. Could apply for OTF capital grant for next year. Machin will still need to pay a portion to meet NOFHC rules. For NOFHC, Machin must commit and start project within 3 months. Summer would be better. Max will look into financing as Trane has offered a list of contacts. New Unit should be more energy efficient.*

8.4 Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes for October 15, 2025

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 5**
MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson
SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey
**THAT** Machin Council accept the Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes held on October 15th, 2025, as presented. **CARRIED**

8.5 Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes for August 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6**
MOVED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey
SECONDED BY: Councillor D. Peterson
**THAT** Machin Council accept the Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes held on August 20th, 2025, as presented. **CARRIED**

8.6 Economic Development Committee Minutes for October 23, 2025

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 7**
MOVED BY: Councillor T. Blair
SECONDED BY: Councillor D. Peterson
**THAT** Machin Council accept the Economic Development Committee Minutes held on October 23rd, 2025, as presented. **CARRIED**

**9. New Business:**
None

**10. Information**
None

**11. In Camera**
None

**12. By-laws:**

12.1 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 8**
MOVED BY: Councillor G. Swanson
SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey
**THAT** Machin Council approve **By-Law 47-2025** - Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 011-2001, as amended, the Zoning By-law for The Corporation of the Municipality of Machin with respect to Con 6 Part Lots 1 & 2 Parcels 25487 28222 SEC DFK, Subdivision on the Old Blue Lake Road, Langton Township, Municipality of Machin.
**CARRIED**

12.2 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 9**
MOVED BY: Councillor D. Peterson
SECONDED BY: Councillor R. Pilkey
**THAT** Machin Council approve **By-Law 48-2025** - Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting. **CARRIED**

**13. Adjourn:**
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 10**
MOVED BY: Councillor G. Swanson
**THAT** Machin Council approve of adjourning @ 8:00p.m. **CARRIED**

THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MACHIN

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Gord Griffiths, Mayor

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Tammy Rob, Clerk Treasurer