

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MAY 17, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M. –Council Chambers

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge, with respect, that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and known as Bawating. Bawating is the home of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, and the Historic Metis Council.

Acting Mayor: Lynn Orchard, Mayor Watson (absent-funeral)

Council: John Bucknell, Adam Chevis, Shelly Bailey (absent)

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Andy Roberts, Trisha Daynard, Cody Jarrell, Brenda Barbarie

1. Call Meeting to Order
322-156
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda
#22-157
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#22-158
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on May 3, 2022, be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Spring Work
 - Pothole repairs
Repairing potholes with cold patch as they become evident.
 - Street Sweeping-completed April 25-April 29, went well
 - Roadside Brushing-completed May 2-6
 - Rock Hammer-did not serve the purpose we required due to the size of the hoe ram and the size of the excavation it was on. Too small. Will have to look at something different to break up the rocks.
 - Roadside Ditching-began on May 10 on Maple Leaf Road-ditching material being taken to landfill
 - Meeting with Lajoie Bros.-Brandon Guzzo-met on site at Trunk Road to check out the material. The quality of this material is very good and will work well at the landfill for cover. Will have to go with half loads for now due to the load restrictions still being on.
 - Truck 12-5-went to TMS for E test on May 6 and was back to garage on May 9
 - Truck 21-6-went to TMS on May 3 with a check engine light on. Warranty work was done on exhaust fluid heater and back at garage on May 6.
 - Road Tour May 4, 2022-will discuss further at the May 31 Budget Meeting.
 - Beaver Dams-Looked at beaver dams on Headrick drain east of Driftwood Drive. Mr. Headrick gave permission for our Beaver Trapper to remove the beavers. They were removed by May 10th then we went in with the backhoe to remove the dams.
 - Cottage Road-May 13 ditching took place on Cottage Road along with 3 culverts being re-set. Also hauled 3 loads of gravel to improve washouts and frost boils.
Acting Mayor Orchard also brought up a concern on a property where preparation is being done to build a cottage. They are digging into the road bank and have installed snow fencing along Cottage Road and a sign that states “Danger Due to Excavation”. This is a concern and we need to get more information in regard to what exactly is taking place there and clarification in regard to ownership of the road in this location.
 - Watson Road-culvert by Ken Findlay’s-discussed what more could be done there to make it more smooth-more discussion.

-Tynkaluk Drain & Headrick Drain-both these drains are Petition Drains and require maintenance. We need to look at appointing a Drainage Superintendent and would have to tender this maintenance work and disperse the expense the same as the cost for the original petition drain was expensed.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Soccer & Softball Programs

Practices are starting this week for softball and divisions that play games begin next week. 3 students attended the Umpire Clinic. A box was built for the Sportsplex field to hold the t-ball equipment. It has a lock and keys will be given to the coaches.

-Echo Bay's For Sale

A successful day with 78 sales being registered.

-Museum Lending Library

-Sportsplex

Roof Analysis to be done by Tulloch soon. Project at Sportsplex on hold right now due to the strike.

-Teens Games Night

15 teams of 2 registered (30 kids) and it was a great success. Want to do it again.

-Hurley Park

Making a box to store equipment in at Hurley Park for everyone to use (basketballs, tennis rackets, pickle ball rackets). Also going to put some benches at the Sportcourt. Security edging was removed and replaced with the standard edging. Refund for the additional cost of the security edging to be received shortly. This park with the Sportcourt is being well used.

-Summer Camps

All camps are now full and have a waiting list. With the funding for an additional Recreation Summer Student we can take 5 more children in each camp.

-Tower Lake

One of the guard rails have been broken off and suggesting we replace it with the concrete blocks the same that is already there.

-Family Festival Day

A Welcome to the Community Family Festival Day BBQ is being planned for Friday June 10 from 5-8 at the Sportsplex rather than the end of August. With the number of new people moving into our community as well as everyone not being able to see people for so long with the Pandemic the time seems right to have a get together. This will be a free event for everyone with Bouncy Houses, BBQ, Fire Trucks, Pony Rides etc. etc. Plans are coming together and should be a great event for our community.

-Echo Bay Hall

#22-159

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the use of the Echo Bay Hall to Child Care Algoma for an Infant Massage Program on Thursday mornings from 9:30-1:00 on June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at no charge.”

CD.

-Summer Students

Interviews were held on Monday May 16.

#22-160

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we hire Max Zimmermann as our Museum/Lending Library summer student, Sage Mills, AJ Thompson and Grace Martineau for the Recreation Summer Students, Nicholas Dewar for Parks/Grasscutting Summer Student and Elisa Tallon as the Office summer Student.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

-Emergency Calls

-Fire Hall Maintenance-replace rear exterior door

-Equipment Maintenance

-Training-Regular training continues and well as focusing on basics until the 3 new recruits are brought up to speed on SOG's and tactics.

-Personnel-All 3 new recruits have completed the prerequisite requirements.

-Ongoing Business

#22-161

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports of the Public Works superintendent, Leisure Services Coordinator and Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

- f) Planning Board
 - Joint Official Plan Draft Copy-Mapping
- g) Police Services Board
 - Office of the Solicitor General-Joint Municipal Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Letter was sent confirming they have received our plan.
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
- j) Landfill/Recycling
 - Lajoie Bros. Agreement #22-163
 - Moved by; John Bucknell
 - Seconded by: Adam Chevis
 - “RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Lajoie Bros. to haul 50 tri-axel loads of contaminated non-hazardous soil to our landfill conditional to all requirements being met.”

CD.

- k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion
- b) FONOM Conference Report
 - Excellent Conference. The speakers were extremely informative speaking on Cultural Mindfulness, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Ontario Northland Transportation, Mental Health & Addictions etc. With this being the first in person conference since the Pandemic began it was very well attended. The Provincial Leaders Debate drew a long of attention with the Provincial Election on June 2.
- c) Executive Award-FONOM
 - Mayor Watson received the Executive Award at the Banquet which was a complete surprise to him and very well deserved.
- d) Budget Meeting Date-May 31 7:00 p.m.
- e) Application for Consent-Echo Lake-James Eminger
 - Clerk to send letter stating our concerns about the additional traffic on Echo Lake Road being the only access to the unincorporated Township of Kehoe and the additional services that may required at the landfill. Otherwise we are not in opposition for this severance.
- f) Building Permits #22-164
 - Moved by: John Bucknell
 - Seconded by: Adam Chevis
 - “RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO approved building permits to : Robert Currell for a garage, Alan & Marty MacIntyre for shingles, Cecil Behnke for a garage, Alain Lafleur for a garage, Kickits Echo Bay Holdings Inc. for shingles and a Demolition Permit to Cecil Behnke for an old garage.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#22-162

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for the month of April 2022:

Invoices: \$122,244.07

Payroll: \$40,566.49

Total: \$162,810.56

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

- a) Dr. Harold s. Trefry Memorial Centre-Contribution Request
 - Additional funding is being requested due to being successful with funding for a pilot project. We will look at this at the May 31 Budget Meeting.

b) Ministry of the Solicitor General-O Reg 444/19: *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act* (PAWS Act) Regulation 444/19 Updated standard of care for dogs that live outdoors. July 1, 2022

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Chevis stated that he has had requests for smaller and lower basketball nets at Hurley Park for the younger children. The Basketball nets that we have are standard size and quite high for the younger group. LSC will look into this.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#22-165

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2146 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on May 17, 2022.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#22-166

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2022.

ACTING MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR