

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2022**  
**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-vacation)

Council: Shelly Bailey, John Bucknell, Adam Chevis

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Trisha Daynard, Andy Roberts, Brenda Barbarie, Matt Jarrell, David Jackson-CEMC

Delegations: Alan Belec, Ken Findlay (Merril Evoy was unable to attend)

1. Call Meeting to Order

#22-194

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#22-195

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#22-196

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on June 7, 2022 and Special Meetings of Council held on June 14, 2022 be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Merrill Evoy-Cottage Road-(was unable to attend)

7:15 p.m. Al Belec-Culvert Installation Watson Road

Mr. Belec requested the decision that the Superintendent of Public Works made in regard to denying his entrance permit on Watson Road halfway up Alcock Hill be reversed. He is unable to come up with a resolve with his neighbor for a lot addition or legal right of way where his driveway crosses their property. Ideally, he would like to install a driveway on his own property onto Watson Rd. which will have to cross a portion of municipal property that was purchased a number of years ago to straighten Alcock Hill. During a Site Visit on Thursday June 9 Mayor Watson, Councillor Orchard, Andy Robert and Clerk Lynne Duguay met with Mr. Belec and discussed this entrance. Site lines were observed, and Superintendent of Public Works made a decision this was not a safe spot for the driveway due to the hill and corner on the hill. After much discussion Council made the decision that this driveway will be installed in the location on the Entrance Permit and the Superintendent of Public Works will be approving this Entrance Permit.

7:30 p.m. Ken Findlay-Watson Rd.

Mr. Findlay inquired as to when the “bump” in front of his house is going to be repaired properly. He has been promised for 1 years that this will be fixed and some improvements have been made but it has never been fixed properly. Council stated that this has been discussed a number of times this year and during the budget process and there are plans to do the repair this year. If all goes well with the roads department hopefully by the end of August, they can commit to doing this repair.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

-Pothole repairs

Repairing potholes as they become evident.

-Roadside Ditching-was completed on June 10

-Culvert Installations-replaced multiple culverts throughout municipality

-Load Restrictions-lifted on remaining roads on June 13, 2022

-Gravel -arriving the week of June 20-24. It is going slow, they only had one truck running but now have 2.

-Alcock Hill

Surface treatment to be broken up and new gravel applied week of June 20-24. Planning on applying a layer of 2" material as a base with "A" gravel for an upper surface. Asphalt or surface treatment in 2023 after a winter of settling and packing.

-Propane Training

#22-198

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

"RESOLVED that we authorize Andy Roberts, Mike Hunter, David Lang, and Karen Helkie for the Propane Training Course on June 22 in Spanish."

CD.

-Drainage Superintendent-next agenda

Mike Siemers corner on McCarrel Lake Rd. would like to discuss with the township offering some land to us to straighten it out. SPW to contact Mr. Siemers for more discussion.

-Echo Lake Road Slope Stabilization Project

Clerk and SPW to discuss with Marshall Thompson from Tulloch what we are going to do with the excavated soil from this project. With new regulations you cannot just dump it anywhere without it being tested. Options are to dispose of it within the project area, haul it to the landfill with a minor test costing around \$500.00 or haul it elsewhere with more testing required costing over \$5,000.00. We did discuss using it at Hurley Park to build up the back end in preparation for the new Playground Equipment, but the quality will not be ideal for that location.

-Beavers on railway by King Lane & Government Rd. Our municipal drains are working fine. The property owners need to contact the railway.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Sylvan Valley Hall

#22-197

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

"RESOLVED that we authorize the use of Sylvan Valley Hall as the evacuation centre for the Rainbow Camp which rents out the Camp Wakonda for their Emergency Plan."

CD.

-Soccer & Softball Programs

Baseball is wrapping up and soccer is being prepared to begin.

-Museum Lending Library

Nathan Findlay started as our Young Canada Works Museum/Lending Library Student on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

-Sportsplex

The 2 main sections of concrete have been poured and the last piece is the drain/heated area where the Olympia goes on and off the ice. Wednesday June 15 update stated they are hoping to do the last pour on June 21 or 22. Everything is looking good.

-Hurley Park

RFP for playground equipment has been sent out and is due June 30<sup>th</sup>

-Family Fest

Was a great success. Had lots of volunteers and students. Great turn out!

-Comfort Station

Washrooms have been locked with the water restrictions in place. The Plumbers are coming back to see what why the toilets keep plugging up. Will give us a recommendation.

-Summer Students

Start date for all students is Monday July 4.

-Seniors Walk

Trefry Centre challenged communities to participate in a Seniors 2 km walk which is being held on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Was rained out and rescheduled to Thursday June 23.

-Loon Dollar Monument

The new signs have been installed and they look really good.

-Pickle Ball

LSC was contacted about a "Learn to Play Pickle Ball". Getting that organized now.

c) Fire Chief

-Emergency Calls

No calls for this reporting period.

-Fire Hall Maintenance

Requested a quote from a local carpenter to replace the rear exterior door at the Fire Hall-waiting for a reply.

-Equipment Maintenance

Truck 12 has had its annual inspection and service completed. A quote was received for a replacement AED unit, and we are in the process of purchasing a new unit. Truck 10 (pumper) is still operating with a leaking fuel tank. A replacement could not be sources, so we are looking to have it repaired. This will cause the truck to be out of service for a the time it takes to repair it.

-Training

Regular training continues. 3 new firefighters have begun basic training.

-Personnel

3 new recruits have begun training.

-Ongoing Business

#22-199

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

-Joint Meeting Wednesday June 22, 2022 7:00 p.m. Laird Hall

Councillor Orchard, Bailey and Chevis to attend as well as Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

g) Police Services Board

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

#22-2149 Tax Rate By-law

#22-201

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #22-2149 being a by-law to set and levy tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2022.”

CD.

#22-202

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2149 its first and second reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion-no change

b) Emergency Management Update-Oil Spill

CEMC David Jackson gave a report in regard to the June 9 oil spill from Algoma Steel. Intake pipe to the Water Treatment Plan was turned off immediately and we issued an advisory on June 10 for “Essential Water Use Only.” June 13 the Mayor Declared an Emergency in regard to water being taken from Lake George. Water trucks were secured to haul potable water to keep the level of water in the Water Tower to ensure there was enough water for the Village of Echo Bay. Community Control Group began meeting on Tuesday June 14 each day with MOE, APH, OCWA etc. We are now starting to get ahead of the water usage and the Water Tower is almost full as well as the clear wells. Today Ministry of Environment and OCWA is testing the water coming in and out and if these samples come back favourable the intake pipe can be turned back end by the end of the week. Hopefully we will be able to lift the “Essential Use” advisory early next week. Mayor Watson received a letter from Algoma Steel that they will be covering the costs for the hauling of potable water. Questions that have to be addresses is “are they covering all the expenses from this emergency?”

#22-203

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we accept the report from CEMC (Community Emergency Management Coordinator) David Jackson in regard to the Emergency-Oil spill in St. Mary’s River-Potential Contamination of Water Supply for our Environment Centre/Water Treatment Plant as presented.”

CD.

c) AMCTO Annual Conference Report

d) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#22-200

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

Invoices: \$207,508.77

Payroll: \$40,231.29

Total: \$247,740.06

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#22-204

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2150 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 21, 2022.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#22-205

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** these minutes be accepted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

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**ACTING MAYOR**

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**CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**