

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY JULY 19, 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.

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: Shelly Bailey, John Bucknell, Lynn Orchard, Adam Chevis

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Lacey Kastikainen, Andy Roberts, Trisha Daynard

Delegation: Joal Suraci-Auditor

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#22-216  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”  
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda  
#22-217  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”  
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
#22-218  
Moved by: Lynn Orchard  
Seconded by: John Bucknell  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on July 5, 2022, be accepted as presented.”  
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation  
  
7:00 p.m. Rossi Suraci Chartered Accountants-Auditor-2021 Audit  
Joal Suraci went over the 2021 Financial Statements. The municipality is in good shape financially.  
#22-219  
Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we accept the 2021 Financial Statements (Draft) from Joal Suraci, auditor, as presented.”  
CD.
6. Staff & Committee Reports
  - a) Road Supervisor
    - Pothole repairs-ongoing
    - Roadside Grass cutting—most roads are completed
    - Surface Treatment  
Bar River Rd. and Ford Rd. are prepared for single surface treatment expecting to be completed by July 20.
    - Alcock Hill  
Decision was made to surface treat Alcock Hill instead of Government Road. July 12-13 hauled 20 loads of 5/8 gravel from garage stockpile to Alcock Hill in preparation for surface treatment.  
#22-222  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Superintendent of Public Works, as per Council discussion on July 12, 2022, transfer the 2022 surface treatment from Government Road to Alcock Hill.”  
CD.
  - Bridge Inspections  
Bridge Inspections were completed on July 7, 2022, with our Road Super able to participate. Concrete deck repairs will be required for the Bar River and Echo River Bridges. Full report to follow this fall.

-Enbridge Approval

Request for approval for a proposed addition of 65m of 1.25" natural gas line at the top of Findlay Hill, North along Findlay Rd. He will meet with Enbridge to ensure they put it where we want it.

-Echo Lake Rd. Slope Stabilization Project Tender Recommendation

Only received 1 tender from Phillips Haulage

#22-221

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

"RESOLVED that we proceed with Option 3 recommendations from Tulloch Engineering stating "that we negotiate with the bidder an adjustment of design and cost" with Phillips Haulage for the Echo Lake Road Bank Stabilization Tender, in the amount of \$604,270.89 (534,753.00 + HST)." (prior to negotiations.)

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Soccer Program

54 kids in Intro 3 teams in Div. I, II, and 1 team in Div. III

-Sportsplex

Sportsplex is looking great. The concrete is complete. The electrical upgrades are underway but currently at a stand still waiting on parts. May start the bleachers between summer camps.

-Hurley Park-RFP

#22-223

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

"RESOLVED that we accept the Request for Proposal from CRCS Recreation for an Inclusive Playground at Hurley Park in the amount of \$220,000.00, which includes our 23% savings with our Sourcewell Registration number LAS107 + HST."

CD.

Numerous trees were removed from the neighboring property to the east of Hurley Park. These trees should not have been removed. Discussion with the property owners will have to be scheduled with trees being replanted to replace the buffer that was removed.

#22-224

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

"RESOLVED that we authorize Tulloch to confirm property lines at Hurley Park in the amount of \$1,800.00 + HST."

CD.

-Summer Students-doing well in all areas.

-Summer Camps-First one is complete and second is underway.

-Next Events

The Great Northern Ontario Roadshow from Science North is coming Tuesday July 16 from 11-3. Magic in the Park will be Thursday Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>.

-Echo Bay Extravaganza

The Extravaganza was on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>. Great turnout.

-Hurley Park Sport Court-Pickleball

In the process of getting interest for a "Learn to Pickle Ball" session that Soo Pickleball is willing to host.

There has been a request to set aside a scheduled time at the Courts for Pickle Ball. LSC to gather more information from other municipalities for the next meeting.

Councillor Chevis would like us to revisit a water fountain at Hurley Park and a possible Comfort Station for the 2023 Budget.

-Comfort Station

Still currently closed. The Plumbers have ordered a flusher valve that should help with the flushing issue. We will monitor it for the rest of the summer and reevaluate in the fall.

c) Fire Chief

-Emergency Calls-2 calls during this period

-Fire Hall Maintenance-No new activities

-Equipment Maintenance-All in good working order

-Training-Suspended for months of July & August

-Personnel-3 new recruits started training

-Ongoing Business-None

#22-225

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

"RESOLVED that we accept the Report 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
  - Letter from Planning Board-GIS Mapping
  - Councillor Orchard inquired where things were at with the Official Plan and the follow up from our joint meeting with the other 3 municipalities and the Planning Board. He also suggested that we go back to the same designations in this new OP as we had in our previous OP. Clerk to contact Planner and Planning Board and discuss
- g) Police Services Board
  - Break Ins & Thefts on Hwy 17 B
  - Mayor Watson spoke with the OPP to inquire what they are doing with this situation and requested more visibility and possible patrols of the Police.
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
- j) Landfill/Recycling
  - Tender Recommendation-Landfill Clearing & Perimeter Ditching
  - Received 2 tenders one from Phillips Haulage the other from Karhi Contracting. Both are over budget and Council would like to hold off making a decision until we get more information in regard to the fill that is being brought in. More discussion required.
  - Request from Suncor for Disposal of Material at Landfill
  - Fill is mostly clay, but we can use it for the slope that is required on the section of the landfill that needs to be rehabilitated.
  - #22-220
  - Moved by: Shelly Bailey
  - Seconded by: Adam Chevis
  - "RESOLVED that we enter into an agreement with Clarkway Construction to accept contaminated non-hazardous soil to be hauled to the landfill conditional to all requirements being met."
  - CD.
- k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

- #22-2152 By-law to Appoint a Compliance Audit Joint Committee for Central Algoma Area Municipalities
- #22-228
- Moved by: John Bucknell
- Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
- "RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #22-2152 being a by-law to authorize the appointment of a Compliance Audit Joint Committee for Central Algoma Area Municipalities."
- CD.
- #22-229
- Moved by: Adam Chevis
- Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
- "RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2152 its first and second reading."
- CD.
- #22-230
- Moved by: Lynn Orchard
- Seconded by: John Bucknell
- "RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2152 its third and final reading."
- CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion
- b) Emergency Management-After Action Review Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday July 20, 2022 @ 1:30 P.M.
- c) Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Position-Interviews were held on Wednesday July 13, 2022.-see below
- d) Confirm Date for August Council Meeting  
August 23, 2022

- e) Building Permits  
#22-231  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO approved building permits to Cameron Brock-Garage, Faith Baptist Church-shingles, Echo Bay Elks-metal roof.”

CD.

- 10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account  
#22-226  
Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for the month of June 2022:  
Invoiced: \$313,442.59  
Payroll: \$59,601.84  
Total: \$373,044.43

CD.

- #22-227  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag Centre \$4,186.14.”

CD.

- 11. Closed Session  
#22-234  
Moved by: Lynn Orchard  
Seconded by: John Bucknell  
“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2):  
b) **personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;”**

CD.

Discussed the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk position.

- #22-235  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed Session at 9:15 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

- #22-236  
“RESOLVED that we hire Catie Stevens as our Treasurer/Deputy Clerk (in training) to begin on Tuesday September 6, 2022, conditional to all requirements being met.”

CD.

- 12. Correspondence
  - a) City of Owen Sound-Removal of Municipal Councillors Under Prescribed Circumstances  
#22-232  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we support the City of Owen Sound in requesting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to study merits of allowing the recall of municipal councillors under carefully prescribed circumstances, including displays of hatred, misogyny and all forms of discrimination and facilitate strengthened and ongoing orientation and training sessions for councils, local board and committees.”

CD.

- b) Municipality of Tweed-Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program  
#22-233  
Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of Tweed in requesting the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to review the administration fee provided to Municipalities for the administration of the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.”

CD.

- 13. Mayor & Councillors Comments  
Councillor Orchard requested if we have an area designated as a “cooling station” for people to go to when it is really hot out. This would fall under our Emergency Management Plan.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law  
#22-237  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2153 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 19, 2022.”

CD.

15. Adjournment  
#22-238  
Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to August 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

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

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**