

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY AUGUST 23, 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: John Bucknell, Shelly Bailey, Lynn Orchard, Adam Chevis,

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Lacey Kastikainen, Andy Roberts, Brenda Barbarie, Cody Jarrell

1. Call Meeting to Order
#22-239
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
#22-240
Moved by:
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#22-241
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on July 19, 2022 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Surface Treatment
July 18 completed surface treatment of Alcock Hill, Ford’s Road and Bar River Road.
 - Alcock Hill
July 19 repaired all driveways along Alcock Hill Project.
 - Washouts
July 21 repaired washouts on End Side Road and Iron River Road.
 - Culverts
Installed several culverts throughout municipality and re-set several culverts.
 - 2022 Gravel Tender
August 11, we met with Pat Possamai to discuss the difficulties we experienced this year with the gravel not packing. He agreed to supply us with some gravel that has a higher clay content.
 - Winter Sand Tender
Tender was sent out to Gilbertson’s, Garden River, Possamai and Maple Ridge Aggregates for 1500tonnes of Winter Sand. Tender is Due August 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. with opening at 10:05
 - 911 Numbers
Installed 911 numbers for several new entrances.
 - Backhoe Repairs
Replaced alternator belt on backhoe.
 - Repair on Watson Road
Will be doing the repair on Watson Road in front of Ken Findlay’s soon. Looking at trying RS1 emulsion and surface treatment gravel. This product is about \$275.00 per barrel and is in liquid form and works almost like a floor leveler.
 - Cottage Road
Clerk to contact Grant Collings to discuss Cottage Road.
Clerk to discuss with Road Super plans for improvements to Cottage Road this fall.
 - Echo Lake Rd. Slope Stabilization Project Pre-Start Meeting Thursday August 18, 2022, Report Phillips put up signs yesterday and will be starting this project soon.
Councillor Bucknell inquired about the culvert to be installed on Birch Lake Rd.-Rd. Super to take a look.

Mayor Watson requested the Road Super to put up “No Parking” signs at the end of Bay St. to avoid people from not being able to launch or load their boats at the boat launch.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Sportsplex

Concrete is complete, electrical upgrades are done and bleachers are underway-looks great.

Looking at whether we should put the lines on for curling this year and if there is enough interest.

Advertised to see if there is enough interest to host another Community Market in September

-Roof Analysis at Sportsplex

Received the report from Tulloch in regard to the Roof Analysis at the Sportsplex. We will continue looking for funding to replace the roof.

-Hurley Park

New playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed first thing in the spring.

Learn to Pickleball with the Soo Pickleball folks is taking place Tuesday August 23rd. We will be posting a sign for scheduled times for Pickleball and Tennis. We will make sure it is different days and times than Richards Landing.

-Summer Students

All the summer students will be done this week. They painted the grader at the Loon Dollar Park.

-Summer Camps-We hosted 4 successful summer camps that averaged 27-32 kids per camp.

-Events

The Great Northern Ontario Roadshow from Science North came on Tuesday July 26th from 11-3 and we had roughly 130-140 attend the event.

Magic in The Park was on Thursday August 4, and we had approximately 150 attend.

Farmers Fall Run will be taking place on Sunday September 28.

-Halls, Comfort Station and Milligan Gazebo Washrooms

Hollow Metal installed brackets on the doors at the Comfort Station so they will automatically close.

-Memorial Park

We had a few students from Thrive come down on Tuesday August 9th to do some volunteer hours weeding the flower gardens at Memorial Pak and the Municipal Office. They did a great job.

The paving stones were relayed in the corner of Memorial Park and the walkway was resealed.

-Parade of Lights-Saturday December 10, 2022

#22-249

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to send a letter to Ministry of Transportation requesting that Hwy 638 be closed on Saturday December 10, 2022, from 6-9:00 p.m. for the Parade of Lights.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

-Emergency Calls

Had 6 emergency calls in this reporting period.

-Fire Hall Maintenance

Door replacement is scheduled for early September

-Equipment Maintenance

Ladder Testing was completed this month, all ladders passed and in good working order.

-Training

This past weekend the first in class portion of the Fire Fighter 2 Course in Prince Twp., Bryce Vanderburg, Kyle Hurley, Andy Kokkinen and Joe Valente attended at the Prince Fire Station.

-Personnel

-Ongoing Business-need to replace the AED that is out of service.

#22-248

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Super, Leisure Services Coordinator and Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

-Discuss requesting Planner to use the same Designations in the Joint Official Plan as is in our existing Official Plan.

#22-250

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we request Chris Jones, Planner that is creating our Joint Official Plan, incorporate the mapping designations from our existing Official Plan into the Joint Official Plan.”

CD.

- g) Police Services Board
Next Meeting September 26, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
Mayor Watson suggested with the election this fall they should wait and have the next ADMA Meeting in the Spring of 2023. Clerk to contact Executive Director Cathy Cyr.
- j) Landfill/Recycling
 - Tender Recommendation-Landfill Clearing & Perimeter Ditching-more discussion required.
 - Request from Suncor for Disposal of Material at Landfill
We will no longer be receiving this material.
 - Fire at Landfill July 21, 2022
This was handled very well by our Fire Department as well as our Roads Department. All information was sent to Ministry of Environment that was required.
- k) Sewer and Water
 - need to take a look at the number of curb stops that need to be repaired and put together a plan to complete these repairs.

7. By-Laws

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.-Report-Algoma Steel Invoice-Termination
Invoice was sent to Algoma Steel. Just waiting to receive the cheque.
- c) Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Position (in training)-Acceptance of Job Offer-In Closed
Start date is Tuesday September 6, 2022.
- d) E4M Extension Agreement for Integrity Commissioner Services
#22-252
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we extend our Agreement with E4M as our Integrity Commissioner to December 31, 2022.”
CD.
- e) Election 2022-Accessibility Plan
Accessibility Plan has been completed and will be posted on our website.
- f) Election 2022-List of Certified Candidates
List of Certified Candidates was posted on Monday August 22 with 7 running for Council
Mayor Lynn Watson was acclaimed as Mayor.
- g) AMO Conference Report
Mayor Watson reported that the AMO Conference was very good this year. Premier and all Ministers were in attendance and the FONOM Board had a number of excellent meetings on different topics “Catch & Release”, Ontario One Call, Housing & Planning, Opioid Issues. New Rules for Mayor of Ottawa & Toronto, Bear Pit Session was excellent.
- h) #22-251
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we register Treasurer/Deputy Clerk (in training) for the AMCTO Municipal Finance & Accounting Course Unit 1 from Sept-December 2022. Registration Fee \$465.00.”
CD.
- i) Building Permits
#22-253
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge CBO approved Building Permits to: Christine Beitz-an addition, Jordan Henderson-addition, Lis Shewfelt-raise cottage & build addition, Billy Evoy-shingles, Benita Powell-metal roof, soffit & fascia, Merril Evoy-new cottage, John Robinson-steel garage, Mark Silver-shingles, replace shingles & fascia and Harri Hakkarainen-lean to on garage.”
CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
#22-242
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for the month of July 2022:
Invoices: \$293,508.26
Payroll: \$47,405.10
Total: 340,913.36
CD.
Councillor Bailey declared a conflict and left the room.
- #22-243
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to reimburse Kassidy Henderson \$100.00.”
CD.
Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room
- #22-244
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag Centre \$3,951.05.”
CD.
11. Closed Session
#22-245
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 9:40 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 Superintendent of Public Works Position
Discussed the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Position
- #22-245
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. and continue our Regular Council meeting.”
CD.
- #22-247
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we accept the resignation from Superintendent of Public Works effective-minimum of 3 weeks’ notice.”
CD.
12. Correspondence
- a) North Channel Hockey Association
#22-254
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the North Channel Hockey Association to conduct a 50/50 Raffle at the Echo Bay Elks draw date August 28, 2022.”
CD.
 - b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing-Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act
13. Mayor & Councillors Comments
14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#22-255
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2154 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on August 23, 2022.”
CD.

15. Adjournment

#22-256

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to September 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

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

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR