

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 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, Cody Jarrell, Trisha Daynard, Matt Jarrell, Brenda Barbarie, Catie Stevens

1. Call Meeting to Order
#22-274
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
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
#22-275
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#22-276
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on September 6, 2022, be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Echo Lake Road Stabilization Project
Phillips Contracting has added construction signs to the project area. Locates have finally been received and they have begun replacement of entrance culverts.
 - Culverts
Waiting for locates to complete the installation of culvert on Birch Lake Rd.
 - Repair on Watson Road
RS-1 emulsion with surface treatment gravel was applied to Watson Rd. near Ken Findlay’s but did not give the results hoped for. May try another application using more sand like material.
 - Cottage Road
Met with contractors on Cottage on Sept. 13, 2022, to discuss the widening of the road and removal of a couple large trees. Received quotes from Phillips and Karhi with suggestions on how to improve the road. Road Super to take this information and make a recommendation at the next Council meeting.
 - Hurley Park Site Preparation
Fill was brought in to begin the preparation for the installation of the playground equipment next spring. It looks good. Ditching needs to take place on the back of the property as well as the east side. Need to discuss if a fence will be installed on the east side and if so, the ditch will have to go further to the west on that property line to allow for the installation of the fence.
 - EARS Meeting
Met on September 14 in Little Rapids. The main topic of discussion was surface treatment and how the majority of municipalities was not satisfied with the work provided by Elwood Robinson. For the most part they did a good job here but a lot more gravel is being used than necessary leaving a surplus on the shoulders of the roads which then ends up in our ditches. People are not happy when we plow the gravel into the ditches/yards, and they have to do clean up in the spring. Elwood Robinson is supposed to attend the next EARS meeting for more discussion.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Sportsplex
Have not had anyone step up to be the lead for the Youth Hockey Program.

Does not seem to be any interest in curling so we probably will not be putting the curling lines on the ice surface this year. The curling rocks that were donated will be returned but we still have our curling rocks if there is an interest in the future.

Community Market is scheduled for September 21. 8-10 Vendors will be there. Thinking of doing another around for Christmas late November or December.

Ice Rentals are filling in Monday – Thursday as well as weekend.

Billboard advertising fee for the Sportsplex is being finalized.

-Hurley Park

Playground Equipment has been removed and the Roads Department have brought in a quite a bit of fill and leveled it off. Perimeter ditching along the south and east sides in next to be completed once locates have been confirmed. Fence on the East side to be decided because the location of the ditch will have to be confirmed to accommodate the fence. Looking great and should be ready for spring installation of new Playground Equipment.

-Farmers Fall Run

47 people participated in the 5 km route and 17 in the 1-2 km route. Great turnout and the weather held out. Discussed the potential of a new route for next year where Hwy 17 B would not be used. LSC said she will definitely look at that for next fall.

-Kids Can Cook

Lots of interest in the Kids Can Cook scheduled for Wednesday September 28 at the Echo Bay Hall. May have to cut off the registrations soon. Looking at future programs choosing a country and recipes from that country.

-PD Days

Looking as doing a PD Day Camp during November 18th PD Day. Full details to come-ideas include crafts, games, cooking or baking. Likely a Christmas theme. Also, would like to plan one for teens to go to Searchmont skiing for the day.

-Seniors

Going to schedule a Soup and Sandwich Social to gather information from our Seniors to see what they might be interested in doing here in our community. More plans would follow once we have gathered this information.

c) Fire Chief

-Emergency Calls-1 Burn Complaint

-Fire Hall Maintenance

A price to change the exterior lights has been received and will start soon.

-Equipment Maintenance

SCBA Flow testing and regular maintenance was completed this month and all equipment is in good working order.

-Training

September Training will focus on MVC's and Auto Extrication and Automobile Firefighting.

-Personnel-None

-Ongoing Business

New AED is on backorder.

Firefighter Memorial Day is October 9, 2022, and the Fire Department and Firefighters Association will be holding an open house and BBQ. Presentation of 20 Year Exemplary Service Medals will be presented to Janice Catling, George Haldenby, Jason Willet, Brad Henshaw and Kevin Maloney.

Laird Township is holding a Pumpkin Fest on Saturday September 24 and they have asked the Fire Department to set up an Information Booth from 10-3.

#22-280

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

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

CD.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

Sept 27 Meeting has been rescheduled to Sept 26 at 7:00 due to a conflict with Planner Chris Jones. Mayor Watson will be attending at 8:00 to do a presentation on the need for more housing and the option to open up for additional severences.

g) Police Services Board

-Next Meeting September 26, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

b) Benefit Renewal-Canada Life

#22-281

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we renew our Employee Benefit package with Canada Life for 1 year commencing October 1, 2022, with the total of a 3.7% decrease.”

CD.

c) Appreciation Dinner-Discussion (Gift Certificates?)

We will be going with Gift Certificates again this year for Bucci’s, Lucey Loo’s and the Village Bakery. The Gift Certificates will be sent out in early November this year to allow more time for people to use them. We will make 2 payments to the businesses, end of November and December 21.

d) Termination of June 13, 2022, Declaration of Emergency- Oil Spill in the St. Mary’s River-Potential Contamination of Water Supply for our Environment Centre/Water Treatment Plan

Received payment from Algoma Steel Inc. in the amount of \$158,223.00 on September 12, 2022. Meeting with Algoma Steel President Michael Garcia is scheduled for October 20 @ 2:00 p.m. here in Council Chambers. Clerk to prepare an agenda ahead of time so they are aware of the topics that Mayor Watson would like to discuss with them.

#22-282

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we Terminate our Declared Emergency from June 13, 2022, being an Oil Spill in the St. Mary’s River-Potential Contamination of Water Supply for our Environment Centre/Water Treatment Plant.”

CD.

e) Building Permits

#22-283

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge CBO approved Building Permits to : William Farrell-single family dwelling, John Carricato-rebuild Cottage, Bonnie Mick-shingles, Thomas O’Morrow-new windows and siding, Jerry Ross-shingles, Reece Pigeon-new shingles, Edna Morningstar-new shingles, Paige Sauve-new shingles, Kim Mitchell-Case-bathroom addition, United Church-new shingles, Rod Wishman-new shingles, Chris Towell-single family dwelling, Randy Spurway-new shingles.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#22-277

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

Invoice: \$682,572.51

Payroll: \$51,640.85

Total: \$734,213.36

CD.

Councillor Orchard declared a conflict and left the room.

#22-278

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Caryn Orchard \$100.00.”

CD.

Councillor Orchard returned to the meeting.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room.

#22-279

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag Centre \$7,281.62.”

CD.

Mayor Watson returned to the meeting.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#22-284

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2156 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 20, 2022.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#22-285

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to October 4, 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