

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 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: Derek Hansen, Parker Brockelbank, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis

Staff :Lynne Duguay, Lacey Kastikainen, Cody Jarrell, Brenda Barbarie, Trisha Daynard, Catie Stevens

1. Call Meeting to Order
#22-339
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
#22-340
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Derek Hansen
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#22-341
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on November 29, 2022 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Echo Lake Road Stabilization Project
November 25 Phillips Construction had Avery Construct ion complete the installation of anew 24” culvert in place and the one filled with concrete is removed. This will allow the area to drain this spring without issues. Phillips has agreed to finish frost tapers next year.
We received a letter from Garden River First Nations in response to our Notice Letter of the Echo Lake Rd. Stabilization Project. Tulloch has sent a response letter and we will see if they have any concerns in the summer when we resume this project.
 - Cottage Road
Mike Case was able to complete the work on Cottage Road that was planned for this year due to the nice weather.
 - Cottage Road Winter Maintenance
We have no records of traffic counts being done on Cottage Rd. because it was just a Seasonal Road so we need to look at the classification. The By-law that was passed in 2002 identifying all classifications of roads needs to be looked at and updated in 2023. Right now, the classification is Class 5 but with the reduction of speed limits that will probably go to a Class 6. This will be a project for 2023. Road Super to provide sand boxes on Cottage Road and fill them with sand to be used throughout the winter as needed.
 - Winter Works
All equipment running good with a couple of minor hydraulic hoses needed to be replaced.
For the month of November 82 tons of winter sand has been used.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Sportsplex
Rentals are going well. We will offer ice time to the school for their extracurricular program in January. NOHFC Grant for the roof has been submitted.
 - Parade of Lights
Parade went well with a lot of attendance.

-Cookies and Crafts at the Elks Pancakes with Santa

Over 300 attended Pancakes with Santa and approximately 100 children decorated the cookies and did the craft that we provided.

-Holiday Market

There were 17 vendors at the Echo Bay Hall. Great turnout. Vendors were happy with what they sold.

-Seniors Soup & Sandwich Social

This was held in November and some of the areas of interest that was discussed were: Walking Trails & Benches, Exercise Classes, Dancing, Lunch Socials with Guest Speakers, Cooking-Crockpot Meals & Meals for 1 or 2, Coffee/Breakfast Socials, Book Club, Game Club/Events

-Flannel & Frost Seniors Lunch

Wednesday December 14, 2022- Approximately 70 signed up so far.

-Echo Bay Hall

2 new propane/gas stoves have been purchased for the Hall. They are scheduled to be delivered January 11. We need to get a plug in installed and decide if we are going with propane or natural gas. The Plumbers were called to take a look at the brown water we are getting mostly from the hot water taps. There may be some infiltration somewhere. Water sample was taken from OCWA and came back fine. Hoping to hold off until spring to see where the issue is.

-Student Grants

Will be open soon and will start working on them.

Ontario Trillium Foundation #CP124073-Splash Pad at Milligan Gazebo

We were not successful under OTF for the Splash Pad.

c) Fire Chief

-Emergency Calls-None

-Fire Hall Maintenance-outstanding items to be carried over till 2023

-Equipment Maintenance

Looking at upgrading our SCBA units in the new year to larger air capacity in order to maintain NFPA compliance.

-Training

In December focusing on topics that may have been missed or require more training time.

-Personnel-nothing

-Ongoing Business

AED still backordered. Six new sets of bunker gear on order and have a TBD date as well as the three new sets that were ordered in January 2022.

#22-345

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

-November 28 Meeting-Report

All Board members were interested in staying on the committee.

f) Planning Board

-Official Plan Mapping Update

Next Planning Board Meeting is January 17, 2023.

g) Police Services Board

-November 28 Meeting-Report

Staff Sgt. was unable to attend. Waiting for more information on Detachment Boards.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

-Board Appointment & Election Meeting

#22-342

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we appoint Mayor Lynn Watson as our Voting Delegate for the Algoma District Services Administration Meeting being held on December 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.”

CD.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

-Hours

Councillor Chevis requested we look at Landfill Hours in the new year. Suggesting we leave extended hours year round.

k) Sewer and Water

-Drinking Water Inspection Report-Everything was 100% Compliant.

7. By-Laws

#22-2162 Retention By-law

#22-346

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #22-2162 being a By-law to Establish Schedules of Retention Periods for Documents, Records and other papers of the Municipality.”

CD.

#22-347

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2162 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#22-2163 Appoint Officers for the Term 2023-2026

#22-348

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #22-2163 being a By-law to Appoint The Officers and Servants for the Term 2023-2026.”

CD.

#22-349

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2163 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#22-2164 Appoint a Member of Council to Act in the Place of the Head of Council

#22-350

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #22-2164 being a By-law to Appoint a Member of Council to Act in the Place of the Head of Council when the Head of Council is absent or Refuses to Act or in the Office is Vacant.”

CD.

#22-351

Moved by; Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2164 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#22-352

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOVLED that we give By-law #22-2164 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Board and Committee Appointments

See By-law above

#22-343

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we appoint Lacey Kastikainen as Lottery Licensing Officer.”

CD.

b) Algoma Public Health Board Appointment

No one has come forward from our Area yet to submit their name for the APH Board Appointee.

- c) Retirement Letters
#22-353
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we accept the Letter of Resignation from Treasurer Brenda Barbarie. Official Retirement Date is May 31, 2023.”
CD.
- #22-354
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we accept the Letter of Resignation from Clerk Administrator Lynne Duguay. Officer Retirement Date is July 31, 2023.”
CD.
- d) Save On Energy Lighting Program
We have had the assessment in all Municipal Buildings completed under the Save On Energy Lighting Program. We are going to move forward with the improvements in each building that are at no cost to us. We will re-evaluate once all the improvements are done to see if anymore lighting needs to be added in any buildings.
- e) Staff Christmas Bonus
#22-355
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we approve \$200.00 Christmas Bonus for all full time staff.”
CD.
- f) Integrity Commissioner Appointment for new term
#22-356
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Derek Hansen
“RESOLVED that we appoint Expertise for Municipalities -E4M as our Integrity Commissioner from January 1, 2023-December 31, 2026.”
CD.
- g) Date for Joint Meeting with Township of Laird
Clerk to suggest Thursday February 2, 2023.
- h) Appointment of CEMC
#22-357
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we appoint Tiffany Fleming as our Community Emergency Management Coordinator-CEMC starting January 1, 2023.”
CD.
- i) Appointment of Plans Chief
#22-358
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOVLED that we appoint Brooke Campbell as our Plans Chief for our Emergency Management Program starting January 1, 2023.”
CD.
- #22-359
Moved by: Parker Brockelman
Seconded by: Derek Hansen
“RESOLVED that we adopt to the Emergency Management Plan as completed by CEMC December 1, 2022.”
CD.
- j) Kassidy Henderson Letter-Request for Lieu Days be Returned for Non-Subsidized Day Care
Clerk to send a letter.

k) Sheila Harris Resolution Request-To Reconsider the 80% Reduction in Virtual Physician Fees
Motion # 22-360

Moved By: Derek Hansen

Seconded By: Parker Brockelbank

WHEREAS on December 1, 2022 the Ministry of Health has implemented an 80% reduction in virtual physician fees;

WHEREAS the reason for this reduction is due to the shortage of family doctors in Ontario which disproportionately affects the north with many small communities without one at all;

WHEREAS at present there are six walk in clinics in Sault Ste Marie where a doctor can be accessed virtually under the supervision of a Registered Nurse;

WHEREAS these clinics can order routine screening tests, renew prescriptions and provide care with such things as sore throats, diabetes maintenance, and urinary track infections. Those needing more serious care are referred to the Emergency Room at the local hospital.

WHEREAS the Emergency Departments at most hospitals are currently overloaded due to staffing shortages, attrition and/or illness.

WHEREAS, these virtual clinics reduce stress and increase safety to patients with minor complaints, or needing prescription renewals and prevents the need to attend the Emergency Room where long waits are likely;

WHEREAS, Northern Ontario communities are geographically widespread and often isolated with an aging population. Long drives to a centre with a doctor are often difficult and in many cases a phone conversation or a virtual consultation with a doctor would work and reduce stress and safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional request the Ministry of Health to revisit the decision to reduce virtual physician fees by 80% and fully fund this much need medical option for everyone in the Province of Ontario.

AND that this resolution be sent to all municipalities in the Algoma District & FONOM

CD.

l) Building Permits

#22-361

Moved by; Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO authorized Building Permits to Danielle hunter & Garry Smith for a single-family residence.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#22-344

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

Invoices: \$205,697.77

Payroll: \$44,380.41

Total: \$250,078.18

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#22-363

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2) :

d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

CD.

#22-364

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

#22-365

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we approve an amendment to the Human Resources Policy Section 5: Benefits-Statutory and Designated Holidays to add: an additional Floater Day for a Total of 4 Floater Days per year.”

CD.

#22-366

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we approve a 3% increase for all staff for 2023.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

a) City of Stratford

#22-362

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the City of Stratford in recommending that the Government of Canada adequately funds and fully supports VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA rail service in 2022 and successive years.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#22-367

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2165 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on December 13, 2022.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#22-368

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept these minutes this _____ day of _____ 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR