

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2023
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, Derek Hansen, Parker Brockelbank, Adam Chevis

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen, Lynne Duguay

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-56

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#23-57

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented/amended.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

#23-58

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on January 24, 2023, and Special Minutes of Council held on January 31, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

a. Amalgamated Tender

- Next EARS Meeting to be held in Laird Township on February 8, 2023, amalgamated tender submissions are due at this meeting. Tender opening to take place on April 12, 2023 at the Echo Bay Hall.

#23-59

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Road Superintendent to submit the 2023 Amalgamated Tender as presented.” See attached.

CD.

b. Echo Lake Road Project

- Comments from Councillor Hansen that this area of roadway services the entire unincorporated population and that we should be looking to the province for funding support for projects of this nature.

c. Winter Works

- All equipment running well
- 650 tonnes of winter sand used so far this year compared to 641 last year.

d. 2-way Radios

- Our portable radio rentals have been cancelled and we will realize a monthly cost saving of approximately \$375.00, with an annual cost saving of approximately \$4500.00.

e. Ice Cube

- Work began on the Ice Cube skate track on January 26th and opened Feb 3rd.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

a. Sportsplex

- The last day for the Sportsplex will be Sunday April 16, 2023.

b. Calendar of Events

- o Winter Carnival – Sunday February 26, 2023
- o Kids Easter Egg Hunt – Partnered with the Elks – Saturday April 8, 2023
- o Echo Bay for Sale – Saturday May 6, 2023
- o Family Fest – Friday June 9, 2023
- o Swim Program -TBD
- o Summary Camps – July 10-14 (if no swim), July 17-21, July 24-28, Aug 14-18.
- o Extravaganza – Sunday July 23, 2023
- o Farmers Fall Run – Sunday September 17, 2023
- o Treats in Your Trunk – Sunday October 29, 2023
- o Parade of Lights – Saturday December 9, 2023.

c. Summer Students

- o Recommendation to post for Summer Student positions earlier this year to have a better chance at attracting more applicants.

#23-60

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to post for student job positions regardless of funding application outcomes for 3 recreational assistant students, and 1 parks/grass cutting summer student.”

CD.

d. Community Halls

- o Stay safe program held at the hall February 3rd had 16 participants.
- o First AID & CPR Course held over the February 3rd weekend has 8 participants.
- o An amendment to the hall fee schedule was presented to include a price for clubs/groups/classes & programs with the use of the kitchen for a fee of \$50.00.

#23-61

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we approve the amendment to the fee schedule for rentals at the Echo Bay Community Hall & Sylvan Valley Hall as presented.” See attached.

CD.

e. Hurley Park – privy and fountain

- o Council discussed options for adding a water foundation and possible privy at Hurley Park. Staff will continue to gather information to present for a water fountain for this year’s budget and the privy in a future year.

c) Fire Chief

a. Emergency Call – No calls

b. Fire Hall Maintenance – This year’s items to include the replacement of the front and back man doors, seal replacement on garage doors & interior light fixture replacement to LED’s (some covered under the Save on Energy Program).

c. Equipment Maintenance – All equipment is in good working order. Looking at possibly upgrading the SCBA units converted to 4500 PSI to meet NFPA standards. Still waiting on arrival of 6 sets of bunker gear & new defibrillator unit.

d. Training – First aid training is scheduled to start in April. A full course is required due to having to change course providers.

e. Personnel – Nothing new to report.

f. New Business - None

#23-62

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“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

g) Police Services Board

-Next Meeting February 13, 2023

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

-Mayor Watson update: First meeting was held over zoom. They are anticipating a delay in providing our annual billing requirements for this year due to delays in their audit.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

- j) Landfill/Recycling
- k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

- #23-2168 Rename a Roadway
#23-63
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2168 its third and final reading.”
CD.
- #23-2169 Interim Taxes By-law
#23-64
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2169 its third and final reading.”
CD.
- #23-2170 J.L. Richards Planning Consultant Agreement
#23-65
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2170 its third and final reading.”
CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) 2023 AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Meeting – April 27-28th in Killarney, ON.
#23-66
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Derek Hansen
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend the Zone 7 Spring Meeting from April 27-28, 2023, in Killarney, ON with a registration fee of \$95.00 each.”
CD.
- b) Annual Operations Report and Hydrogeological Report for 2022
#23-67
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize Tulloch Engineering to Proceed with the Annual Operations and Hydrogeological Reports for 2022.”
CD.
- c) Emergency Management – Appointing Tiffany Fleming as Employee of Municipality.
#23-68
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we appoint Tiffany Fleming as an employee of the municipality effective January 1, 2023 for Emergency Management purposes as the municipal Community Emergency Management Coordinator.”
CD.
- d) Building Condition Assessment Project – PSD Citywide
#23-69
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we accept the project proposal from PSD Citywide Inc. for our building condition assessment project in the amount of \$51,100.00.”
CD.
- e) Emergency Management Ontario: Senior Elected Officials Workshop – March 8, 2023 – SSM Civic Centre 10am-2pm
#23-70
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the CEMC, Alternate CEMC, Finance and Admin Chief & Plans Chief to attend the Senior Elected Officials Workshop held on March 8, 2023, in Sault Ste. Marie.”
CD.

#23-71

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize Councillor Derek Hansen to attend the Senior Elected Officials Workshop held on March 8, 2023, in Sault Ste. Marie.

CD.

- f) Amendment to Budget Meeting Schedule
 - o April budget meeting moved to Monday April 26, 2023, at 7:00p.m.
- g) Huron North Community Economic Alliance – Upcoming Meeting
 - o Accepted as information.
- h) Building Permits

#23-72

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved a building permit tpo Hydro One Networks Inc. for fire alarm, electrical and HVAC upgrades at the relay building located at the Echo River transfer station.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session

12. Correspondence

- a) Central Algoma – 2022 Tax Rate Survey
 - o Accepted as information.
- b) Algoma Fish & Game Club - Children’s Perch Derby March 12, 2023 – Prize Donation

#23-73

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we donate 1 hour of free ice time for a prize for the Children’s Perch Derby being held on March 12, 2023.”

CD.

- c) Ontario Farmland Trust – Planning to Save the Soil – Webinar March 23rd.
 - o Accepted as information.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

- Mayor Watson would like each member of council to meet with their respective committees/departments and administrative staff to go over an in-depth look at each departments budget prior to the March budget meeting. This will give staff and council an opportunity to thoroughly look at each budget line item prior to presenting to council for adoption.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#23-74

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2171 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 7, 2023.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#23-75

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

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

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR