

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 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.

Acting Mayor: Adam Chevis

Council: Derek Hansen, Parker Brockelbank, Shelly Bailey-absent (vacation)

Virtual Participant Council: Lynn Watson (virtual participant via Zoom)

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-76

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

#23-77

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

#23-78

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on February 7, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

a) Winter Works

- All equipment is running fine, replaced 2 hydraulic hoses on grader wing.
- Fire hydrants have all been cleared for accessibility and snow ditching has taken place as required.

b) EARS Meeting

- Last meeting was held on February 8th, amalgamated tender was submitted. EARS is looking to include winter sand in next years amalgamated tender.

c) 2-Way Radios

- Removed from all vehicles and returned to Quattro.

d) Echo Lake Road Culverts

- 2 loads of gravel added to Echo Lake Road to fill some of the existing holes.

e) Bumps on Watson Road

- Recent calls/concerns received regarding bumps in the 400 block of Watson Road. - Council has deferred this issue to be dealt with during discussions with council and department heads for the 2023 budget.

- Acting Mayor Chevis inquired about a culvert replacement on Maple Drive that was verbally committed to by our previous Superintendent of Public Works. Staff has no record of this application and has asked that an entrance permit application be submitted to the office to formally begin the culvert replacement process.

- b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - a) Sportsplex –
 - o Echo Bay Eagles hockey team came for a few practices and will have one further practice prior to their tournament to be held on February 28th.
 - o Classes from the Echo Bay school have attended for skating 3 times now this season as well.
 - o Discussion was held about the Woman’s shinny time slot which is currently Sunday evenings at 9:00pm as participation levels have been low, will investigate a more suitable time slot for next season.
 - b) Magazine Membership: Algoma That Real magazine membership to be included in this year’s budget.
 - c) Seniors Valentine Lunch – Held on February 15th had approximately 80 in attendance and received really good feedback from participants. Next seniors’ lunch is planned for March 29, 2023.
 - d) Winter Carnival - Sunday February 26, 2023, 12:00pm-3:00pm at the Sportsplex
 - e) YMCA Teen Day – Cancelled due to low registration numbers – will look at other teen activities in the future.
 - f) Seniors Community Grant Program 2023-2024 application to be submitted by March 6, 2023.

- c) Fire Chief – Deputy Chief Cody Jarrell
 - 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. AED unit was received and is now in service.
 - 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

#23-80

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“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
 - Next meeting March 27, 2023, at 7:30pm
- f) Planning Board
 - Next Meeting February 28, 2023, at 7:00pm
- g) Police Services Board
 - February 13, 2023, Police Services Board – Meeting Report
 - Mayor Watson Update: Met with new Acting Staff Sgt. Laurie Graham, had very good discussion regarding policing in our area. The full time Staff Sgt position has been posted and will likely be filled by March-April of this year.
 - No new confirmation on the implementation date of the detachment boards but it will likely take place sometime in 2024.
 - We informed the OPP that we were approached by the City of Sault Ste. Marie Police Department regarding a possible proposal to police our area.
 - The Police Services Board passed a resolution and sent a letter to the MTO to request speed signs be procured and erected at each end of the Echo Bay School zone on highway 638, these signs will flash at speeders to slow down and are solar powered.
 - Next Meeting March 27, 2023, at 7:00pm
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
 - a) Next meeting will be held on February 23, 2023 and will be the first in person meeting. (All prior meetings so far this term has been held virtually). This meeting will include budget discussions and a report to local councils for 2023 budget requirements will be made thereafter.
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association

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

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

- Next budget meeting – February 28, 2023, at 7:00pm

9. New Business

- a) Council Remuneration – Treasurers’ Report 2022
#23-81

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept the Treasurer’s Statement of Elected Officials summarizing council remuneration and expenses for 2022.”

CD.

- b) Post for Back up Part-Time Landfill Caretaker
#23-82

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to post for the position of Back up Part-Time Landfill Caretaker.”

CD.

- c) United Way FREE Income Tax Clinic – Tuesday March 28, 2023 from 9:00-10:30am.
#23-83

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we make the Echo Bay Hall available on Tuesday March 28, 2023, for the United Way to offer a free income tax session for people to have their taxes completed. No charge.”

CD.

- d) Landfill Operator Training Course to be provided by Pinchin Ltd. – March 20, 2023 – Cost will be maximum of \$100.00 per participant.

#23-84

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Deputy Clerk, the Part-Time Landfill Caretaker and the Acting Road Superintendent to attend the landfill operators training course provided by Pinchin Ltd., on Friday March 10, 2023, in Hilton Beach, at a registration price of \$100.00 per participant.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#23-79

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for the month of January 2023:

Invoice: \$221,956.02

Payroll: \$47,454.97

Total: \$269,410.99”

CD.

11. Closed Session

12. Correspondence

- Corporation of the County of Huron – RE: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act.
 - Accepted as information.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#23-85

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2173 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 21, 2023.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#23-86

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

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

ACTING MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR