

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 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: Derek Hansen, Adam Chevis, Parker Brockelbank (absent), Shelly Bailey (absent)

Staff: Lynne Duguay

Delegation: Algoma Power-Peggy Lund, Mike Degilio

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

#23-90

Moved by: Derek Hansen

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**

#23-91

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

**4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#23-92

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on February 21, 2023, and Special Minutes of council held on February 28, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

**5. Delegations/Public Presentation**

7:00 p.m. Algoma Power Inc.

Health, Safety & Environment-really advertising call before you dig.

Community Attachments-New forms being completed.

Environmental Sustainability

Fleet Replacements-EV (electric vehicles)- they have a charging station at the new building that is free of charge for use right now.

Customer Service-Engagement, Customer Satisfaction Survey, E-Billing Campaign, ESA Public Safety Survey, Customer Portal-e-billing, bill access, online payments, online forms, API Chat, Ontario’s Green Button Program, New Distributed Energy Options

Operations Update-Annual Roads Super Meeting will be in April (no date confirmed yet), Broadband Network, Capital Projects-Line rebuilds-Hwy 68 the only one in our township this year.

Station Reliability Projects-Echo River TS Supply Contingency Upgrade

Vegetation Management-Mostly in the Village this year. Letters have been sent out to property owners.

Suggested attending the Public Meeting on April 19 at the Echo Bay Hall to provide more information to the ratepayers and answer any questions.

Other Regulatory Applications-2023 Distribution Rates-Residential 2.6% increase, Seasonal 1.7% decrease, Commercial-3.53% increase, Streetlights- 11.45% decrease, Industrial-8.3% decrease.

New Electricity Pricing Plan Rate Option “Ultra Low” more information to come.

**6. Staff & Committee Reports**

a) Road Supervisor

a. Winter Works

All equipment is running fine. Replaced fanbelt on truck 12-5 and air leak on truck 21-6.

b. Spring Rentals

Sweeper booked from Battlefield for last week of April for street sweeping.

Wheeled excavator booked from Construction Equipment for the month of May and first week of June.

First week of May will have the brush head for roadside brushing and remaining weeks will be used for ditching and big culvert installations.

Ditching areas left over from last year includes: Bar River Rd from bridge to #836 Ford Rd. from Bar River Rd. to Steve Fords Garage entrance, Maple Drive, Finish Hurley Park ditching and entrance and 4 culverts in the roadways.

- c. Sand Shed
  - Tulloch have been in contact with the supplier to do warranty repairs on the fabric tarp and will be in contact when a date has been selected for work to be completed.
  - Mayor Watson informed Council that Iron River Rd is in bad shape due to the construction happening by Hydro One at the Transmission Station. Hoping Roads Department can either grade it when it gets warmer or put some gravel on it.
  - Discussed removal of old Boardwalk. Rd. Super suggested renting a skid-steer with an attachment that will basically grind up the wood and leave in place. Hoping to have it booked for this week while the weather is good and allows this demolition.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- a. Sportsplex
  - Issues with the new concrete heaving/cracking. Tulloch has been notified and is monitoring and will be in touch with Avery.
  - Rentals for March are quite full. March Break booked right through.
  - Work has been completed to the timekeeper's box.
- b. Winter Carnival
  - Had a great day with about 80 people attending.
- c. Hydro-One "Operation Actively Aging"
  - Luncheon planned for March 29<sup>th</sup> where the announcement for this funding will take place and more information for the Seniors.
- d. Summer Students
  - We are now accepting applications until April 14, 2023.
- e. Youth Registrations
  - Registrations for Softball, Soccer, Summer Camps will be available soon.

c) Fire Chief

- a. Emergency Calls
  - No calls.
- b. Fire Hall Maintenance
  - Door seals on large garage doors is scheduled for repair week of March 13. Quote of \$5,500.00 was received for replacement of front and rear man doors which will take place this summer.
- c. Equipment Maintenance
  - All equipment in good working order.
- d. Training
  - First Aid training is scheduled for April and will be a full course.
- e. Personnel-None
- f. New Business-None

#23-93

Moved by: Adam Chevis

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
  - March 27 next meeting.
- f) Planning Board
  - February 27, 2023, meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- g) Police Services Board
  - Next Meeting March 27 @ 7:00 p.m.
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
  - Will be hosted by our municipality on April 22, 2023 @ Echo Bay
- j) Landfill/Recycling
- k) Sewer and Water
  - Annual and Summary Reports for the Echo Bay Water System was presented to Council and will be posted on the website.

**7. By-Laws**

#23-2174 Parking By-law

#23-94

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #23-2174 being a By-law to regulate traffic and parking in the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional.”

CD.

#23-95

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2174 its first and second reading.”

CD.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

- a) Public Meeting Discussion – dates & topics
- b) OCWA – 2022 Annual & Summary Reports for the Echo Bay Water System
- c) NORDS & OCIF Funding Commitments
- d) Charged for Change – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program
- e) Budget Meeting – Next Meeting March 29, 2023, at 7:00p.m.
- f) MPAC – Any interest in a council orientation/information session?

**10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account**

**11. Closed Session-Permissive**

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

- a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- g) a matter in respect of which a council, board committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
- h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of person, or organizations
- j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

**12. Correspondence**

a) AMO – A Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario

#23-96

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

**Homelessness Resolution**

A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario

**To Premier Doug Ford:**

Please be advised that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional at its meeting held March 7, 2023, adopted the following:

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to address this complex challenge; and,  
WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

CD.

- b) The Niagara Region – Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health & Opioid Addiction

**13. Mayor & Councillors Comments**

**14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law**

#23-97

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2175 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 7, 2023.”

CD.

**15. Adjournment**

#23-98

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**