

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

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: Derek Hansen, Parker Brockelbank, Adam Chevis, Shelly Bailey

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

Delegations: Spencer Young

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-99

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#23-100

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

#23-101

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. – Spencer Young – Water & Sewer line extension Waterfront

Mr. Young spoke with Council about getting permission to install water and sewer lines & natural gas lines along Waterfront Road approximately 1700 feet to Roberta Blvd. & Margaret Street on the backside of the ditch on the east side of Waterfront Road within the municipal road allowance and tie into the municipal water & sewer system.

- This location is currently located outside of our service area, and we will need to consult with our sewer and water engineer Kresin Engineering for more information.
- Concerns expressed by council include ensuring we don't prohibit any future development and consulting with other property owners in the area.

Mr. Young also spoke about extending the hydro approximately 465ft down Margaret Road from Watson Road.

- Mr. Young was advised to get a connection plan from Algoma Power and submit it to the office for approval.

Mr. Young requested that Council grant permission to allow for an exception to the half loading restrictions currently in place so concrete trucks can access his property.

- Council denied this request.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a. Road Supervisor

- Winter Works
 - Winter works has been slowing down.
- Training
 - Joe Ceglie is registered to take the propane handling course.
 - Cody is registered to participate in the Ontario 1 call training.
- Locates
 - We received correspondence that Enbridge Gas will begin charging \$200.00 per locate that requires Enbridge to come and physically mark locates. – Staff will look into this further and provide updates as they become available.

- Boardwalk
 - The equipment we had arranged to remove the old boardwalk was no longer available as it requires repair. Once proper equipment is available boardwalk removal will take place.
 - Brushing on Mccarrel Lake Road
 - Request from Councillor Brockelbank regarding site line brushing at 336 Mccarrel Lake Road. – In order to achieve proper line of sight we will need permission from the landowners in this area and the work can be completed as part of the roadside brushing this spring.
 - Lake Street Asphalt
 - Last year's quote was presented to council.
 - Road super to get an updated quote for a price this year, as well as including the Municipal Office parking lot.
 - Proposed Bell Fibre Project
 - The Road Superintendent was contacted by a representative from Bell regarding a very large Bell Fibre project that would run from Sylvan Valley hill up Echo Lake Rod to the cell tower located in the unincorporated township of Kehoe. This project is still in the early stages and we are waiting on more information on what the exact plan is.
 - Half Loads
 - Half loads were put in place on Monday March 20, 2023.
- a) Leisure Services Coordinator
- Sportsplex
 - Sportsplex rental numbers are slightly up since last year.
 - Ministry for Seniors & Accessibility (MSA) – Inclusive & Accessible Community Grants
 - Staff are still confirming details on what will be applying for.

#23-102

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize staff to apply for funding through the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility under the Inclusive and Accessible Community Grant, due April 20, 2023.”

CD.

- Youth Softball, Soccer & Summer Camps
 - Registrations are now open and can be found on our website or at the municipal office.
 - Boardwalk
 - Removal of the old boardwalk will take place as soon as we can get proper equipment.
 - Easter
 - Easter Egg hunt is going to take place in partnership with the Echo Bay Elks during their pancakes with the Easter bunny on April 8th from 8:30 – 11:30am
 - Echo Bay's for Sale
 - Registrations are now open and can be found on our website or at the municipal office.
- b) Fire Chief
- Emergency Calls
 - Structure fire, Echo Bay
 - Fire Hall Maintenance
 - Ongoing – Door seals on large garage doors have been rescheduled.
 - Equipment Maintenance
 - All equipment is in good working order.
 - Training
 - First aid training will take place in April dates still to be determined – space available for other municipal staff requiring certification and will be coordinated.
 - Personnel - None
 - New Business – None

#23-104

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

CD.

- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Cemetery Board
- Next Meeting March 27, 2023 – 7:30p.m.

- e) Planning Board
 - March 14th – Meeting Update
 - Councillor Bailey update to council included that a resolution was passed at the March 14th meeting terminating Municipal Planning Services Ltd. and the planning board will be proceeding with a request for quote for completing the Joint Official Plan.
 - There was also discussion regarding the composition of the board.
- f) Police Services Board
 - Next Meeting March 27, 2023 – 7:00p.m.
- g) Algoma District Services Administration Board
 - 2023 Budget Summary & Apportionment
- h) Algoma District Municipal Association
 - Next Meeting - April 22, 2023 – 11:00a.m.- 3:00p.m. – Echo Bay Elks Hall
- i) Landfill/Recycling
- j) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

#23-2176 Prescribing User Fees for Services or Use of Property

#23-105

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #23-2176 being a By-law to prescribe user fees for services or use of property.”

CD.

#23-106

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2176 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#23-2177 Appoint Treasurer

#23-107

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #23-2177 being a By-law to appoint a municipal treasurer.”

CD.

#23-108

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2177 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#23-109

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2177 its third and final reading.”

CD.

#23-2178 Tax Ratio By-Law

#23-110

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #23-2178 being a By-law to Establish Tax Ratios for 2023.”

CD.

#23-111

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2178 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#23-112

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2178 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Charged for Change – Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Program

#23-113

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize staff to apply to the Charged for Change Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program funded by Aviva Canada Inc. to install EV charging stations in public locations.”

CD.

9. New Business

a. Council Road Tour? Any Interest?

- Tentative date – May 17th during the day – Clerk to call and arrange with Bus Lines.

b. COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Policy

#23-114

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we amend Section 7 of the Human Resources Policy under Health & Safety to rescind the Covid-19 Employee Vaccination Policy.”

CD.

c. Understanding MFIPPA Workshop – April 4, 2023

#23-115

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Deputy Clerk to participate in the virtual Understanding MFIPPA Workshop on April 4, 2023, with a registration fee of \$340.00.”

CD.

d. Strive to Thrive as a New Municipal Clerk – May 15, 2023

#23-116

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Deputy Clerk to participate in the Strive to Thrive as a New Municipal Clerk webinar on May 15, 2023, with a registration fee of \$105.00.”

CD.

e. Emergency Management - Appointing Brooke Campbell as employee of Municipality.

#23-117

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we appoint Brooke Campbell as an employee of the municipality for Emergency Management purposes as the municipal Plans Chief.”

CD.

f. Tulloch Recommendation – Sportsplex Perimeter Concrete Issue

- Received a letter from Tulloch’s regarding the heaving and cracking of concrete at the Sportsplex. Council does not want to go ahead with the recommendation to bore holes in the concrete and would like to setup a meeting with Tulloch’s to discuss repairs further.

g. 10 Year Road Improvement Plan – Prepared by Tulloch Engineering

- Received as information.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#23-103

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

Invoice: \$264,046.72

Payroll: \$46,998.31

Total: \$311,045.03.”

CD.

11. Closed Session

12. Correspondence

a) Township of East Garafraxa & Township of Howick – RE: Ontario School Board Elections

#23-118

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we support the resolution passed by the Council of the Town of Petrolia regarding school board elections in requesting that Ontario school boards become responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at a minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections.”

CD.

b) Chatham Kent – RE: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

- Received as information.

c) Town of Petrolia – RE: Future Accuracy of The Permanent Register of Electors

#23-119

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the Town of Petrolia in requesting that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors.”

CD.

d) Mayor & Councillors Comments

- Councillor Brockelbank expressed his apologies for missing the last meeting.
- Councillor Chevis inquired about the amount of dog waste around our municipality, and wondered if there was any way that we could address this.

e) Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#23-120

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2179 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 21, 2023.”

CD.

f) Adjournment

#23-121

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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