

SPECIAL MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
WEDNESDAY MARCH 29, 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: Grant Collings

Observer: Michael Cote

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-122

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#23-123

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. – Grant Collings – Cottage Road

- Mr. Collings was curious to know what Council has planned for improvements on Cottage Road this year. Mayor Watson indicated that Council would be continuing discussions regarding Cottage Road during budget deliberations this year, and that the goal was to continue improvements on Cottage Road.
- Mr. Collings also inquired about Council's thoughts on running a sander on Cottage Road for next winter season. He has been utilizing the sand provided by the municipality and hand shoveling and he feels that a pile of sand at the end of the road that he can access with his loader would be more sufficient and would allow the township provided buckets to remain full for users as needed.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a. Budget 2023

7:00 p.m. **Acting Road Superintendent**

- Went over numbers from the Roads Budget.
- Completion of the Echo Lake Road Stabilization project will continue this year.
- Surface treatment numbers will be similar to last year, pending results of the amalgamated tender and is scheduled to take place on Cemetery Road from 638 to Watson Road, Government Road from King to Bar River Road and on Watson Road East from highway 17B to Driftwood Drive.
- The 11-4 pickup truck is going to require a lot of maintenance to stay on the road so it may be time to look at replacing it. Quotes for a pickup truck replacement will be provided to Council for next budget meeting.
- Received a quote from Stobie's to sand and plow Cottage Road for next year's winter maintenance at \$450.00 per trip with the township supplying the sand, or \$480.00 per trip with Stobie's supplying their own sand. -Council to further discuss Cottage Road budget.

- 7:30 p.m. **Fire Chief**
- Looking to purchase an additional 6 sets of bunker gear.
 - WSIB increased over the last two years as there was a WSIB rebate granted during COVID-19 with the reduction in numbers of claims provincially.
 - Man door replacements and seals on the large garage doors will be completed as maintenance items at the Fire Hall.

- 8:00 p.m. **Leisure Services Coordinator**
- The LSC went over her numbers.
 - We are still waiting on grant application results to determine if any additional capital projects will take place this year, such as the Sportsplex roof replacement.
 - NEORA conference is going to be back in person, additional propane and safety training also to take place this year so will see an increase in the conferences/training account.
 - The OTF Hurley park improvements will continue this year with the playground equipment to be delivered as early as possible this spring.
 - Further Hurley park discussion include; a water fountain, perimeter fencing, culvert installation/parking lot creation, ditching, landscaping, and a possible privy. The numbers will be presented to Council at the next budget meeting as they were not yet available.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session

12. Correspondence

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

15. Adjournment

#23-124
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