

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 18, 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, Parker Brockelbank, Derek Hansen, Adam Chevis

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

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

#23-143

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

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**

#23-144

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

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

#23-145

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on April 4, 2023, be accepted as presented.”  
CD.

**5. Delegations/Public Presentation**

**6. Staff & Committee Reports**

a) Road Supervisor

- Winter Works

- all equipment running fine

- we will soon be taking the wings off the trucks and grader

- Plow trucks are scheduled for an annual inspection at Goulais River Truck and Tractor April 19

- EARS Amalgamated Tender

#23-146

Moved by: Derek Hanse

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the results of the Amalgamated Tender for flake calcium, culverts and Surface Treatment as presented.”

CD.

- Wamco awarded flake calcium

- Iconix awarded plastic culverts

- Elwood Robinson awarded surface treatment

- Algoma Power Road Supervisors Meeting

- meeting took place in SSM on April 13. Main highlights of work being completed this year in our area are upgrades to substation on Government Road, updating pole line on Bar River Road from Village to Cemetery Road and a large vegetation project for the Village of Echo Bay to be discussed at the town hall meeting on April 19.

- Culvert Washout

- April 11, 2023, frost lifted a centerline culvert at 107 Echo Lake Rr. We were able to push it back down with the backhoe and divert water back through the pipe and backfilled with gravel.

- Landfill

-with spring nearing a cover will be required at the landfill as soon as the cover pile melts  
-currently pushing and packing garbage into the east side of the landfill that needs to be covered and brought up to a 4:1 slope. By filling in this area with garbage instead of all soil material we should save on the amount of material that is needed to be hauled to the landfill.

- Chev – 11-4

-Used tires will be put on Chev 11-4 to get us to the end of life for this pick up

- Gravel Tender 2023

-Will be working on this first week of May. Recommended amounts: 2000 cubic meters of 5/8 crushed on roads, 1000 cubic meter 5/8 crushed for stockpile, 500 cubic meters 3 inch minus for stockpile, 500 cubic meters pit sand for landfill cover.

-Enbridge Gas has paused their fees for locates for now. There was a lot of push back.

c) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex

-Our season has come to an end, and we are in the process of removing the ice.

- Youth Softball, Soccer & Summer Camps

-Soccer currently has 51 registered

-Softball currently has 40 registered

-Summer Camps are filling up nicely

- Hydro-One – Operation Actively Aging

-We had our kickoff to this programming on Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> with a lunch and survey for seniors to let me know individual areas of interest within the programming to be offered. Seniors prize Bingo will be April 19<sup>th</sup>. I am currently working on a calendar of events/programs to provide seniors. This takes planning and coordination with hall/venue availability as well as securing instructors for some programs. Also, in the process of setting up an Operation Actively Aging Advisory Committee. This committee will meet with LSC and assist in planning and coordinating the programs/events and activities.

- Summer Students

-The deadline to receive resumes closed on April 14. LSC and Clerk shortlist and interviews will be held on May 3. We were successful in receiving funding from Young Canada Works for the Museum Lending Library student as well as 1 student under Summer Experience.

- Inclusive Community Grants Program 2023-2024

-We are applying for inclusive picnic tables and benches for our 6 parks.

- Easter Egg Hunt at the Elks

-We had about 90 kids participate in the Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny which was held at the Elks in partnership with the township. Went very well.

- Echo Bay for Sale

-Registrations are coming in slowly but will pick up next week. Maps will be available at the Sportsplex, and we will have sellers there as well. Echo Bay Hall will not be a location for vendors this year.

-Community Halls

#23-150

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we hire Karen Helkie as the Hall Caretaker to begin April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.”  
CD.

d) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls

-one call MVC on Hwy 638

- Fire Hall Maintenance

-Replacement of the door seals on the large garage doors have been rescheduled due to cold weather.

- Equipment Maintenance

-all equipment is in good working order.

- Training

-First Aid and CPR training was completed on April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>- 6 people certified. Regular Monday training for the month of April will consist of pumper operation, water supply, hoses and appliances, and a general back to basic list of topics.

- Personnel-nothing to report  
New Business

Mayor Watson requested washing down parking lot at Echo Bay Hall & in front of big door at Sportsplex.

#23-151

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.

- e) Treasurer’s Report
- f) Cemetery Board
- g) Planning Board

- #E2023-04 Applicant Lewis  
#23-148

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that Council recommends that Consent be granted for Application #E2023-04, Applicant-Brian & Lisa Lewis.”

CD.

- h) Police Services Board
- i) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- j) Algoma District Municipal Association
- k) Landfill/Recycling

- Nexxgen Environmental Limited Request – Update  
-this project will no longer be happening. Suncor decided not to bring the material to our landfill.
- Spring Clean-up  
Some extra hours have been allocated to the landfill for spring clean up.
- Backup part-time landfill caretaker

#23-149

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we hire Karen Helkie as our backup Part-Time Landfill Caretaker effective immediately.”

CD.

- l) Sewer and Water

- Letter from Chris Kresin – RE: Spencer Young extension request

Chris Kresin met the township on April 12 and went over the request from Spencer Young to extend a water and sewer service to his property on Waterfront Rd. A response was received and presented to Council listing the reasons why Council should not approve this request. A letter will be sent to Spencer Young providing the Engineers’ recommendation for Council not to approve and list the reasons why.

## 7. By-Laws

### #23-2174 Parking By-law – Enforcement Discussion

Council discussed that the signage that will be placed on certain roads will hopefully be enough for people to comply to the new parking by-law. In situations where there is an issue, and a ticket may be required it was discussed that our existing By-Law Officer will be contacted to deal with it. Deal with problem people when there is in fact a problem. If additional signage is needed, we will look at it on a case by case basis.

### #23-2176 Fees for Services of Use of Property – Discussion

- Schedule “H” – Landfill

## 8. Unfinished Business

## 9. New Business

- a) Explore Inc. (Formerly Explornet) – Request to amend antenna rental agreement on Water Tower

Council was fine with this request in principle but wants to ensure that these additional towers can in fact go on our Water Tower. Once this has been determined they will look at amending the existing agreement. They do want to discuss the monthly fee. They do not feel an additional \$200.00 per month for an additional 3 towers is enough. Clerk to contact Explore Inc. to discuss further.

- b) OCWA: A Standard of Care Training Session delivered by the Walkerton Clean Water Centre –  
Wednesday May 3, 2023, 2:00pm Bruce Mines

#23-152

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Councillor Brockelbank to attend “A Standard of Care Training Session” on Wednesday May 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bruce Mines Community Hall.”

CD.

- c) Public Meeting – April 19, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. Echo Bay Hall
- d) Budget Meeting – April 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- e) On-site meeting with Tulloch Engineering at Sportsplex Monday April 19th, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
- Met with Matt Kirby from Tulloch on Tuesday April 18 to discuss the new cement slab that has been heaving. We are not going ahead with bore holes to determine the wetness of the ground under the slab---no point. Matt is going to contact Avery to see if they can repair the curbing etc. where the Ice Resurfacer comes on and off the ice. He feels that damage was done by them, and he will be meeting with them and then following up with us.

- f) Building Permits

#23-153

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge CBO approved building permits to: Ron Litalien for a garage.”

CD.

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

#23-147

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for March 2023:

Invoices: \$255,854.03

Payroll: \$49,948.56

Total: \$305,802.89

CD.

**11. Closed Session-Permissive**

**12. Correspondence**

- a) Alzheimer Society – Forget Me Not Raffle Tickets

#23-154

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize Alzheimer Society of SSM to sell tickets to their “Forget Me Not” raffle to be drawn on September 21, 2023.”

CD.

- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – RE: The Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act

- c) Municipality of North Perth – RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

#23-155

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of North Perth in urging the Provincial Governments to a) require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year and b) underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities.”

CD.

d) Township of Perry et. al – RE: Bill 5 “Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.”

#23-156

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and Townships of Mulmur and Perry in endorsing Bill 5-Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councilor’s and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s inquire determines that the member has contravened this requirement.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#23-157

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2182 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 18, 2023.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#23-158

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to May 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this\_\_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_\_2023.

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MAYOR

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CLERK ADMINISTRATOR