

**REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MAY 2, 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 (absent due to work commitment)

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen, Lynne Duguay

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-161

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

#23-162

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#23-163

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on April 18, 2023, and the Special Minutes of council held on April 24, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance
 - All equipment running well and annual truck inspections are taking place
- Culvert Washout
 - On April 17, 2023, frost lifted a centerline culvert on Cottage Road that was repaired to allow water to flow.
- Landfill
 - Cover piles are now thawed and cover for winter garbage is commencing.
- Cottage Rd.
 - Looking to continue with Cottage Road improvements where we left off last year. No power lines will be affected this year but Clerk to arrange meeting with Algoma Power to try to get pole replacement schedule.

#23-164

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to prepare an agreement for winter maintenance on Cottage Road for 2023.”

CD.

- Street Sweeping
 - Began on April 24th – brush showed significant wear, so we were only able to sweep the village Streets before it was completely worn. We will continue with the smaller sweeper on the bank of the tractor to finish.
- McCarrel Lake Rd. (Siemer’s Corner)
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- Clerk to contact Bell Canada to see if there is any way can have the junction box relocated as it is within the municipal right of way that keeps sinking. If the junction box was relocated, we could build up and properly ditch this area.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex
 - Tulloch Engineering is reaching out to Avery's to have the concrete issue at the ice resurfacers entrance repaired.
- Youth Softball, Soccer & Summer Camps
 - Still accepting registrations
- Hydro-One – Operation Actively Aging
 - First bingo went well, next one scheduled for May 18th, next seniors social scheduled for May 31, with a representative from the YMCA to attend to go over services the YMCA has to offer seniors in our area.
- Summer Students
 - Interviews take place week of May 2nd. We were successful through Summer Canada jobs for an office, park maintenance and recreation student. Summer Experience program for a recreation student and Young Canada Works for a museum/lending library student.
 - Council approved hiring a 3rd recreational student funded by the municipality and extending for an additional two weeks to park maintenance student position.
- Inclusive Community Grants Program 2023-2024
 - Application for park furnishings submitted.
- Echo Bay for Sale
 - Saturday May 6, 2023
- Family Fest & Community Bike Rodeo
 - June 9, 2023 – 5p.m. – 8p.m at the Sportsplex – music, bbq, kid's events, and bike rodeo. Rome's Independent Grocer is donating some of the bbq food again this year.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls
 - No calls to report
- Fire Hall Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance
 - Truck inspections have begun, Truck 13 completed last week.
- Training
 - May will begin with ladder operations then move into fire behavior and fire sciences, fire behavior will continue into June.
- Personnel- Nothing new to report
- New Business – Nothing new to report.

Mayor Watson requested washing down parking lot at Echo Bay Hall & in front of big door at Sportsplex at the April 18th meeting and this has been completed.

#23-165

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.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

- #E2023-05 Applicant Koski

#23-166

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that Council recommends that Consent be granted for Application #E2023-05, Applicant-Koski.”

CD.

g) Police Services Board – Next meeting May 29, 2023 – 7pm

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

- Last meeting gave an opportunity to meet new members, the ADSASB has also seen a lot of retirements this term. Overall good meeting and information sharing.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

- April 22nd meeting went well with good attendance, APH was there to provide a presentation on programs offered in our area. Lynn Watson was re-elected as President of the ADMA board.

j) Landfill/Recycling

- Spring cleanup has begun with over 34 bags of excess garbage picked up around the upper part of the landfill. The share shed has been cleaned up and 18 bags of garbage were removed to allow space for new items. They will continue to clean up garbage in the ditches. Council discussed creating a rotation schedule for share shed to get rid of unwanted/unusable items.

k) Sewer and Water

- Spring hydrant flushing will take place the week of May 29 – June 1, 2023. Residents may experience possible discoloration and periodic low pressure during this time.
- Water Tower Inspection to take place this summer, the water tower will need to be completely emptied for this inspection to take place. We will send notice to residence to try to conserve water during this time, and the fire department will be prepared to draw water from other sources during this time.

7. By-Laws

#23-2174 Parking By-law –Date for Completion

- Council decided to keep the by-law as is, with parking on only one side of Bay Street
- Effective Date for Parking by-law to come into effect – October 1, 2023

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

- Schedule “H” – Landfill – Council discussed issues with local contractors disposing of garbage from outside of our municipality and the overall need for our tipping fee schedule to increase. We need to protect the use and overall lifespan of our landfill and this schedule will continue to be discussed before a final decision is made.

#23-2183 Appointing Lacey Kastikainen as Clerk Administrator

#23-167

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we draft By-law #23-2183 being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Clerk-Administrator, Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector.”

CD.

#23-168

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-Law #23-2183 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#23-169

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-Law 23-2183 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Quote for Repair to Church St. Lift Station Electrical Panel

#23-170

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the quote from Down the Line Electric Ltd. our municipal electricians in the amount of \$21,870.00 + HST to complete the necessary ESA ordered electrical repairs at Church Street lift station electrical panel, with work to begin immediately.”

CD.

b) Central Algoma Intermediate & Secondary School Graduation Donations

#23-171

“RESOLVED that we donate \$500.00 to Central Algoma Secondary School for the Grade 12 Graduation and \$100.00 to Central Algoma Intermediate School for the Grade 8 Graduation.”

CD

c) Spring Zone Clerk’s Report

- Very good in person session, met and spoke with Brian Maki from the Ontario Marshall’s office and garnered information about mutual aid and auto aid agreements. MMAH was in attendance and provided updates, presentation topics included introduction of the 4-day work weeks, council and staff relations, ethics and ethical behaviours and future CMHC initiative funding.

d) Foodbank Update

- Echo Bay United Church Echo Bay and Area Food bank – currently serving more families than ever in our area since the onset of the pandemic and high inflation. Always accepting physical and monetary donations.

e) Building Permits

#23-172

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO approved building permits to Melodee & Roger Watson for interior renovations and John Terrance Ross for new shingles.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

a) MECP-Provincial Day of Action on Litter – Received as information.

b) Township of The Archipelago-Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites - Received as information.

c) City of Stratford-Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services - Received as information.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#23-173
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Derek Hansen
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2184 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on May 2, 2023.”
CD.

15. Adjournment
#23-174
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to May 16, 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