

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JUNE 6, 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: Lacey Kastikainen

Delegation: Andy Beaton

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-189

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

#23-190

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#23-191

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on May 16, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Andy Beaton – Yard Maintenance By-Law #19-2039 Complaint – 902 Cameron Road

- Mr. Beaton requested that council have administration direct our by-law enforcement officer re-attend 902 Cameron Road as he does not agree with the results of the site visit and conclusion the Clean Yard By-law Enforcement Officer made back in April of this year.
- Council is not going to order anything for this request and does not get involved in bylaw enforcement decisions.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance
 - Chev 23-6 was picked up at Crosstown in Sudbury on May 23rd and is now in service.
 - 12-5 Dump truck is back in service
 - All other equipment running well
- Echo Lake Road
 - May 25 – Ontario 17 Construction Completed the grinding of Echo Lake Road
 - May 26 – dust control was applied and we had Ray’s contracting water truck come in to activate the flake calcium
- Street Sweeping
 - Still waiting on some wet weather to finish the outstanding roads which include Dam Road, Mccarrel Lake, Lonely and Gordon Lake Road.
- Ditching
 - Ford and Bar River Road have been completed. Started working on Maple Drive. Shovel returned to construction equipment on June 5th – roads department will finish some of the culverts in this section with the backhoe.
 - Road Culvert on Mccarrel Lake Road was changed to a smaller diameter and lowered.

- Hurley Park Electrical
 - May 30th – Foundation was dug and backfilled in preparation for electrical work.
- Bell Fiber Echo Lake Road
 - May 30th – met with a representative from Bell Canada and Pickard Construction regarding the proposed project – Clerk and Road super drove Echo Lake Road with them and Bell and Pickard are willing to work with Road Super regarding placement of the fiber line.

#23-192

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we grant municipal consent to Bell for the proposed Fiber Project to take place along Echo Lake Road, granted that Bell and their contractors work in conjunction with our Acting Road Superintendent to ensure that the Bell infrastructure doesn’t impede the future maintenance of our roadway.”

CD.

- Gravel Tender Results: Received two tenders – Possamai Construction & Gilbertsons

#23-193

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Possamai Construction for the Gravel Tender 2023 in the amount of \$83,650.00 + \$10,874.50 (HST) = \$94,524.50.”

CD.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex
 - Sportsplex roof tender results – Mike Moore Construction Ltd. & Maverick and Son Exteriors & Consulting Services Inc.

#23-194

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Mike Moore Construction Ltd. for the Sportsplex Arena Roof & Insulation Replacement in the amount of \$548,700.00 with the ArenaShield addon for an additional \$5,070.00 for a total of \$553,770.00.”

CD.

- Youth Softball, Soccer & Summer Camps
 - Softball has approximately 130 kids registered, and soccer has 137 kids registered. Summer camps are still open for registration.
- Hydro-One – Operation Actively Aging
 - Programs are going well – Lunch on May 31st had about 70 in attendance.
 - Cooking Club – The cooking made easy is on June 13th.
 - Garden Club – community gardens have started, and we will be planting the Municipal gardens on June 15th.
 - Kick off to Summer Lunch – Scheduled for June 21st.
 - Prize Bingo – Scheduled for June 27th.
 - Games Club & Outdoor BBQ scheduled for July 6th.
- Summer Students
 - Parks maintenance student started June 5th, Lending Library/Museum student to start June 12th. Office Admin & Rec Assistants to start July 4th. Student Orientation to take place on June 15th at the Echo Bay Hall.

- Township Senior of the Year

#23-195

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we honour Mike Siemers as our Volunteer Senior of the Year and invite them to the Dr. HS Trefry Memorial Centre barbeque celebration in honour of senior’s month on Tuesday June 27th at 11:00 a.m. at the Legion in Richards Landing.”

CD.

- Bike Rodeo and Family Fest Friday, June 9th
- Ontario Trillium Foundation – Capital Grant

#23-196

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation under the Capital Grant program that closes June 15th, 2023, for a Splash Pad at Milligan Gazebo.”

CD.

- Ministry for Seniors & Accessibility's 2023-2024 Seniors Community Grant Program
 - Unfortunately, due to the competitive nature of this program we were unsuccessful in our application under this program.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls
 - Outdoor fire – Macdonald Twp.
 - Landfill Fire – Macdonald Twp.
 - Propane/CO Leak – Laird Twp.
- Fire Hall Maintenance – Doors scheduled to be changed in August
- Equipment Maintenance – Repairs to onboard generator of Rescue truck were completed and will be reinstalled this week
- Training – with ongoing and hot conditions, focus will be on wildland fires and tanker shuttles. Next weeks will focus on fire behavior and theory.
- Personnel – Nothing new
- New Business – With the upcoming water tower inspection the fire department will revert to the fire plan that they implemented during the oil spill emergency and not use fire hydrants from June 12-22, 2023.

#23-197

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

CD.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

- #E2023-05 Application – Update

#23-198

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we amend resolution #23-166 to state that council recommends that Consent be granted for Application #2023-05, Applicant-Koski conditional to an Environmental Impact Study being completed prior to any building permits being issued.”

CD.

- May 23, 2023 – Meeting Update – The planning board has approved a draft RFQ for Official plan services, they approved to raise the general levy for consent application from \$800 to \$1200 per consent effective August 1, 2023. They approved the 2023 budget in the amount of \$32,275.00 – Our municipal portion is 32% or \$10,328.00.
- The board has also designated an additional representative from The Township of Tarbutt to sit on the planning board.

g) Police Services Board

- May 29th meeting re-scheduled for June 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- MTO Letter – Highway 638 Signage –Clerk received a letter back from the ministry on May 18th stating that they do not permit the permanent installation of photo radar devices on provincial highways, but they do have a program in place to deploy these digital signs on a monthly basis, the Clerk requested that we be put on this list with a September time frame. On Thursday June 1st we received a follow up letter stating that the ministry will be able to deploy two digital speed signs on a temporary basis in the area of concern on highway 638 at each end of the Echo Bay School zone. They intend to deploy these signs in our area in September of this year for a one-month time frame.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

- The last meeting was cancelled as there were not enough items on the agenda to get together. Next meeting will be in person on June 22nd.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

- An onsite meeting took place on May 30th with Tulloch Engineering, Mayor Watson, Acting Road Superintendent Cody Jarrell, and the Clerk Administrator. We discussed and verified the work that needs to be completed in relation to the brush/tree removal and perimeter ditching.
- Landfill clearing and perimeter ditching tender. -For the tender that closed on July 13, 2022 we received two bids.

#23-199

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this council does not accept any of the bids received in the Landfill Clearing & Ditching Tender, Project 22-0031 that closed on July 13, 2022.”

CD.

k) Sewer and Water

- Hurley Park – Electrical Upgrades – Work to continue the week of June 19th
- Hydrant Flushing –Took place from May 29-June 1, 2023
- Water Tower Inspection – June 12-22, 2023 – Water Conservation reminders were sent out in the newsletters and water and sewer bills this month. Fire department will not be using fire hydrants during this time.

7. By-Laws

#23-2186 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – Data Sharing & Services Agreement

#23-200

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Resolved by: Parker Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #23-2186 being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a data sharing agreement with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.”

CD.

#23-201

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2186 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#23-202

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2186 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Mccarrel Lake Road – Bell Junction Box at Siemers Corner

- Bell has agreed to remove this junction box and bury the wire two metres back from the current location, approximately 1 metre deep. This will allow us to properly ditch in the area and will no longer impede snow removal.

b) Realtax Inc. – Tax Registration Services

#23-203

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to utilize the services of Realtax Inc. for any outstanding tax arrears.”

CD.

c) Charged For Change – Application Results

- We were not successful in our application to this program for EV charging stations and are encouraged to reapply next year, the area of focus for this program is the downtown part of a community.

d) Central Algoma Intermediate & Secondary School – CASS 50th Reunion Support

- Council will not be making a financial contribution to this initiative.

e) North Channel Nurse Practitioner – Request for Letter of Support for an additional Nurse Practitioner

#23-204

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we send a letter of support for the North Channel Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic in their expression of interest for an additional Nurse Practitioner to help enhance services in our area.

CD.

f) Adopt 2023 Budget

#23-205

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the 2023 Budget and set the tax rate on \$2,400,000.00 and authorize the Clerk to draft the Tax Rate By-law.”

CD.

g) Building Permits

#23-206

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this council acknowledges that the CBO approved building permits for 1848683 Ontario Inc. for siding, roofing & window repairs, Carl & Partice Peiffer for shingle replacement, David Aaltonon for boat house demolition and construction, Robert Winter for a fence and the Echo Bay Elks for a garage.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#23-208

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:55 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239 (2):

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;”

CD.

#23-209

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 9:18 p.m. and continue its Regular Council Meeting.

CD.

-Discussed a personnel/human resources issue.

-Discussed a request for expense reimbursement sewage backup due to a blockage on the municipal line.

#23-210

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we reimburse the property owner of Roll #57 51 010 000 13204 0000 in the amount of \$1,696.90 related to expenses incurred due to a sewage backup that occurred on May 7, 2023, that was determined to be a municipal responsibility.

CD.

12. Correspondence

a) Minister of Infrastructure – Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure. O.Reg. 588/17

- Received as information

b) City of Pickering – RE: Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

- Received as information

c) City of Cambridge – RE: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

- Received as information

d) Algoma Public Health Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2023

#23-207

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept Algoma Public Health Meeting minutes from the March 22, 2023 as presented.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#23-211

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2187 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 6, 2023.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#23-212

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to June 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 20th day of June, 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR