

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MAY 16, 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, Catie Stevens, Cody Jarrell, Trisha Daynard

Delegation: Jean Rickaby – Trefry Advisory Committee

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-175

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#23-176

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#23-177

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on May 2, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

- **7:00 p.m. - Jean Rickaby – Trefry Advisory Committee**

Jean came to meet with council and thank our municipality for our financial support to the Trefry Centre over the years. The current focus of the Trefry is trying to reach seniors that don't have the internet and will send us info. in the future to include it in our newsletters.

- The focus of the Trefry Centre is to offer senior support from Echo Bay to Bruce Mines; programs include meals on wheels, exercise programs, transportation for day-out programs, Drs. Appointments, drop-in centres and PSW outreach programs funded through the municipalities, province, social services administration boards and private donations.
- Our Leisure Service Coordinator will investigate coordinating the Trefry into some of our operation actively aging events. The Trefry will be continuing their Senior of the Year BBQ on June 27th and will follow up with the municipality with more information.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance
 - 11-4 Truck has been pulled off the road as it did not pass its' most recent inspection.
 - 21-6 had its annual inspection completed, and all is well.
 - 12-5 is gone for annual inspection right now, waiting for windshield replacement.
- Maple Drive – Sewage Backup
 - Sunday May 7, 2023, received a call that there was a sewage backup on Maple Drive. Residents contacted Mr. Rooter – it was determined that the blockage was on the municipal line. Mr. Rooter was unable to remove the blockage and the Road Super called in GFL to use their pumper/vacuum truck to clear the blockage.
 - We will discuss line maintenance/preventative flushing with OCWA, and look into having some of the sewer lines examined with cameras to try to prevent future issues.
- Street Sweeping
 - Made it to Mccarrel lake so far, should be take one more day for sweeping to be completed.
- Roadside brushing

- Brushing took place on Watson Road from hwy 17 to Mccarrel Lake Road, site lines on Mccarrel lake Road, Cottage Road, and Echo Lake Road from hwy 638 to Gibbs corner.
- Ditching
 - Started ditching on Bar River Road, moving onto Ford Road mid-week and will finish off on Maple Drive in the coming weeks.
- Echo Lake Road
 - Pulverizing of Echo Lake Road to take place May 23-34, 2023.
- Pickup Truck Replacement
 - With the 11-4 truck no longer road safe we needed to expedite the purchase of our new pickup truck, as we need a replacement immediately in-order to avoid service interruptions.
 - We were only able to find one vendor that had an in-stock option that matched the specifications we are looking for in a commercial work truck which includes regular cab, V8, 8-foot box, towing package, Bluetooth and all terrain tires.

#23-178

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the purchase of a 2023 Silverado 1500 Work Truck Regular Cab 4X4 from Crosstown Chevrolet Ltd in Sudbury in the amount of \$54,333.00 + HST.”

CD.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex Roof Tender

#23-182

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk Administrator to Tender the Sportsplex Roof and Insulation Replacement project to close on June 1, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.”

CD.

- Sportsplex Cost Analysis
 - Youth Softball, Soccer & Summer Camps
 - Hydro-One – Operation Actively Aging
 - Summer Students

#23-183

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we hire Stella Shaughnessy as our Museum/Lending Library summer student to begin June 12, 2023 for a 10-week period, and that we hire Allison Caldwell-Pratt as our Parks Maintenance/Labourer summer student to begin June 5, 2023 for a 10-week period, and that we hire Taylor Cronin as our office Administrative Assistant student to begin July 4, 2023 for an 8-week period, and that we hire Alyssa Stevens, Abby Mick, and Lily Mick to be recreational activity counselors to begin July 4, 2023 for an 8-week period.”

CD.

- Inclusive Community Grants Program 2023-2024
 - Application for accessible picnic tables for all 6 parks was submitted.
- Echo Bay for Sale
 - We had 62 registered sales and approximately 185 maps were sold. Next year we are going to try to advertise more sales to take place out of the sportsplex arena.
- Hurley Park
 - Playground equipment is scheduled to be shipped in late June. LSC to contact CRCS Recreation to try to move up delivery date.

b) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls – One residential structure fire call on Bar River Road East
- Fire Hall Maintenance – 2-man doors still to be replaced front & back.
- Equipment Maintenance - onboard generator failed during last fire call – has been removed to be repaired.
- Training – Will be utilizing the burn house again this year now that covid restrictions allow for it.
- Personnel – Nothing new
- New Business – Nothing new

#23-184

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

CD.

c) Treasurer’s Report

d) Cemetery Board

- The Cemetery Tour took place on May 15th – the Board visited all three cemeteries. Areas of interest include fencing repairs at Aberdeen Cemetery with about 5 sections that would need to be fixed, and a few leaning stones. Maple Leaf Cemetery has some stones tipped over, leaning stones, graves to top up and holes to fill in, and the vault roof needs to be replaced. At Sylvan Valley Cemetery the board had no problems with the future site for the Orchard family bench request, and noted some leaning stones to be repairs in Sylvan Valley as well.

e) Planning Board

- Appointing alternate Council representative

#23-180

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we appoint Lynn Watson as the alternate Planning Board representative.”

CD.

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

- Appointing alternate Council representative

#23-181

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we appoint Adam Chevis as the alternate Police Services Board representative.”

CD.

g) Algoma District Services Administration Board

- Like many other places are looking to fill many positions with upcoming retirements.

h) Algoma District Municipal Association

i) Landfill/Recycling

- We had a fire at the landfill on May 13th at approximately 5pm, that was extinguished by approximately 7:05pm. The Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks was notified and the ministry did a site visit on Monday May 15th as a follow up.
- Share shed discussion – looking at doing a quarterly overhaul/purge of share shed contents.
- We have had some volunteer students attend the landfill over the last couple weeks and our entrance way has made some major improvements.
- Compliance issues include doing perimeter and ditching to be completed this year.

#23-185

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk Administrator to Tender the Landfill Clearing and perimeter ditching project.”

CD.

j) Sewer and Water

- Church Street lift stations repairs to begin in the coming weeks. The Plummers will be working collaboratively with OCWA and our roads department to complete this project.

7. By-Laws

#23-2174 Parking By-law – To come into effect October 1, 2023

#23-186

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we give By-Law #23-2174 its third and final reading.”

CD.

#23-2176 Fees for Services or Use of Property

- Schedule “B” Leisure Services - Discussion for Ice Rental Pricing
 - Council discussed ice rental pricing, further discussions to be had before any decisions made.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) FONOM Report

- A very good conference overall with lots of good information. There was no room at this venue for breakout sessions, next year it will be held in Sudbury from Monday-Wednesday which should help with attendance.

b) Explore Inc. – Request to amend antenna agreement on Water Tower

#23-187

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to amend our existing structure agreement with Explore Inc. (formally known as Explornet Communications Inc.) dated May 1, 2018, to allow for three additional antenna to be mounted on our municipal Water Tower, for an increase of \$200.00 per month to the current rent, for a total of \$741.21 per month upon installation.”

CD.

c) Council Road Tour – May 17th at 9a.m. – Any locations to add?

d) Budget 2023 – Discussion

- Went over the remaining numbers that were amended or added to the budget. Looked at the projects that need to be completed this year such as finishing off purchasing a new work truck, Hurley Park, Landfill ditching & brushing, the Sportsplex Roof and starting work on our Municipal Strategic Plan.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#23-179

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

Invoice: \$214,072.43

Payroll: \$48,545.69

Total: \$262,618.12.”

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

a) Ministry of Natural Resources – Spongy Moth

- Received as information.

b) Plympton-Wyoming – RE: Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms

- Received as information.

c) Prince Edward County – RE: Proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement – Natural Heritage and Agricultural Lands

- Received as information.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#23-187

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2185 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on May 16, 2023.”

CD.

15. **Adjournment**
#23-188
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to June 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 6th day of June, 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR