

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 20, 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

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

#23-213

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**

#23-214

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented/amended.”

CD.

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

#23-215

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on June 6, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

**5. Delegations/Public Presentation**

**6. Staff & Committee Reports**

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance
  - All equipment running well
  - The old Truck 11-4- Council has decided to offer the Chev 11-4 for sale as is, and will be advertised in our next newsletter with a minimum bid of \$500.00
- Street Sweeping
  - All completed – tractor is now being prepared for roadside grass cutting.
- Gravel
  - Stockpile is complete, landfill is complete, 2” stockpile is half done and roads crushed is half done, hoping to be completed by end of week.
- Hurley Park Electrical
  - Projected to be completed Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> – will backfill once completed
- Surface Treatment
  - Gov’t Road, Watson Road and Cemetery Road have been patched and prepped for a single overlay. Ellwood Robinson to begin on June 21<sup>st</sup> – plan to be completed by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Dust Control
  - With the rain last week, were able to get all the gravel roads graded and calcium applied. Once we complete gravelling Echo Lake Road, we will calcium this area as well.
- Landfill
  - Slowly picking away at pushing and covering garbage in between other jobs but are having a difficult time keeping up with all the garbage that is coming in with house & cottage demolitions this year. Once gravel and surface treatment are completed an operator will be dedicated to this task to get some work orders taken care of.

- With the age and condition of the old bulldozer we should start thinking of alternative options.

#23-217

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that rescind resolution #23-185 authorizing the Clerk Administrator to Tender the Landfill Clearing and perimeter ditching project.”

CD.

#23-218

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the quote dated June 20, 2023, from And-Son Contracting & Gravel Enterprise Inc. to cut, chip and remove the trees within the municipally prescribed and flagged area at the municipal landfill.”

CD.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex
- Youth Softball, Soccer & Summer Camps
- Hydro-One – Operation Actively Aging
  - Cooking Club – The cooking made easy is on June 13<sup>th</sup> had 14 in attendance
  - Garden Club – Started on June 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Kick off to Summer Lunch – Scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> with Trefry in attendance
  - Prize Bingo – Scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Games Club & Outdoor BBQ scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer Students
  - Parks maintenance student started June 5<sup>th</sup>, Lending Library/Museum student to start June 12<sup>th</sup>. Office Admin & Rec Assistants to start July 4<sup>th</sup>. Student Orientation took place on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Echo Bay Hall.
- Bike Rodeo and Family Fest Friday, June 9 – well attended and received great feedback from the public
- Ontario Trillium Foundation – Capital Grant was submitted for a Splash Pad on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Hurley Park – Still waiting to hear from CRCS to get a delivery date for the park equipment. Fountain is scheduled to be installed Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls
  - Smoke Call, Laird Twp.
  - Reported Bon Fire, Macdonald Twp.
- Fire Hall Maintenance – Doors scheduled to be changed in August.
- Equipment Maintenance – Generator installed, truck battery replaced, annual inspection completed. All other equipment in good working order.
- Training – Wildland Fire fighting and fire behavior continues for the rest of this month.
- Personnel – Nothing new
- New Business – Echo Bay school kindergarten classes attended the Fire Hall for a class trip tour on June 15, 2023. The school has requested the department to bring a truck to the school on June 26<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon for the rest of the school to learn about emergency services.

#23-219

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“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

- #E2023-07 -Alcock Application
  - Recommendation deferred to July 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting to allow time to hear back from our municipal planners for feedback/recommendation.

g) Police Services Board

- June 19, 2023 Meeting Update
  - Staff Sgt. Laurie Graham was the successful candidate for the position.
  - The police services board is requesting to apply for the 2023-24 Victim Support Grant, the Sault OPP detachment would like to complete upgrade to their victim interviewing room. This room is often used to interview women who are victims of domestic violence and children. Upgrades will include a love seat, chair, kids area with coloring table to create a more welcoming and safe environment for victims.

#23-220

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Police Services Board to apply for the 2023-24 Victim Support Grant.”

CD.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

- Not clear if the in person meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> will take place unless quorum is found.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

- Clearing/Ditching Project - Update
- Attendant Shed Break-in week of June 12<sup>th</sup> stolen items were reported to the OPP.

k) Sewer and Water

- The Water Tower inspection took place, and everything is back online. The final report will be presented to Council once received.
- Hurley Park Electrical Upgrades – should be completed on the morning of June 21<sup>st</sup>.

7. By-Laws

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

- Schedule H – Landfill – Further discussion about landfill tipping fees, staff will look into incorporating a tipping fee component into the building permit by-law to allow for a certain number of loads to be included with certain types of building permits.

**#23-2188 Borrowing By-law**

#23-221

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #23-2188 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet expenditures of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional for the year ending December 31, 2023.”

CD.

#23-222

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2188 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#23-223

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2188 its third and final reading.”

CD.

**#23-2189 Tax Rate By-law**

#23-224

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #23-2189 being a by-law to set and levy tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2023.”

CD.

#23-225

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2189 its first and second reading.”

CD.

## 8. Unfinished Business

## 9. New Business

a) Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environmental Compliance Approval Application

#23-226

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize Kresin Engineering Corporation to submit our Municipal sewage Collection System Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environment Compliance Approval application as presented.”

CD.

b) Shared/Regional By-law Enforcement Officer

- Clerk Administrator to meet with surrounding area clerks to look into shared services for by-law enforcement. Areas of enforcement include, dogs, clean-yard & parking.

c) Cottage Road Power Pole – Update

- Contacted Algoma Power and they have no plans in the immediate future for any pole replacement on this road. They are however willing to work with the municipality if we have any requests, the municipality would be responsible for paying any residual value for the assets (pols), part of the labour and materials for any new poles, legal costs for any easements that would be required, as well and any brushing that would need to be completed for new pole locations.

d) Annual Clerks Conference – Report

- Clerk attended the Annual Conference in Niagara Falls from June 11-14<sup>th</sup>. There was a lot of great information and networking opportunities to meet with Clerks from across the province. One of the most common shared concerns was employee recruitment and retention and is being felt province wide. There were many informative sessions that included revitalizing municipal meetings, municipal case law updates, MPAC information sessions and harnessing productive conflict in the workplace.

e) Building Permits

#23-227

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Edward Lapish to demolish a single-family dwelling, Anissa Robinson to change windows and install new siding, and to Lauren Hope to add two sections of fencing in the rear yard.”

CD.

## 10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#23-216

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

Invoices:	\$346,213.71
Payroll:	\$50,789.78
Total:	\$397,003.49.”

CD.

## 11. Closed Session-Permissive

## 12. Correspondence

a) FONOM –Housing Resolution  
#23-228  
Moved by: Derek Hansen  
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most.

WHEREAS the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional community Council understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario.

WHEREAS the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional community Council understands that the Federal **National Housing Strategy** allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in **Community Housing Network** as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national **Community Housing Network** relative to every other province and territories.

WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing.

WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through **Reaching Home**, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of **Community Housing Network** nationally.

WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of **Reaching Home** funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province.

WHEREAS the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Community Council understand the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long-term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project.

WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national **Canadian Housing Network** amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal **National Housing Strategy**.

WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the **Social Housing Agreement** for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs.

WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Community Council also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main **National Housing Co-Investment Fund** program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Community Council would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that FONOM appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FONOM also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories **Repair Fund** under the **National Housing Co-Investment Fund**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FONOM supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal **Housing Accelerator Fund**. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Community Council wish to request that **Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation** consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's **Housing Supply Action Plans** into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Council believe the federal government should heed the precedent of the **Social Housing Agreement** and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the **Rapid Housing Initiative's** 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED This lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Community Council urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT a Copy of the Resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Ahmed Hussen, Carol Hughes, Premier Ford, Minister Clark, Michael Mantha, Leaders of the Federal and Provincial Opposition Parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities."

CD.

b) FONOM – Bail Reform Resolution

#23-229

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we support the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) in calling for bail reform changes and requesting that the Federal Government to make the following legislative changes.

- 1) Create a designation of a chronic persistent offender
- 2) Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings.
- 3) Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences.
- 4) All bail-related gun charges to go to the superior court for bail release.”

CD.

c) Huron Shores – RE: Letter to the Ontario Minister of Health re: Health Care Crisis – Received as information

d) Plympton-Wyoming – Bell-Hydro Infrastructure – Received as information.

e) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – RE: Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy – Received as information.

**13. Mayor & Councillors Comments**

**14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law**

#23-230

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2190 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 20, 2023.”

CD.

**15. Adjournment**

#23-231

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to July 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** we accept the minutes this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**