

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JULY 4, 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

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-232

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

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

#23-233

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#23-234

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on June 20, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – Landfill bulldozer had wiring issues and required hydraulic hose replacement. Chain-link on right hand track is broken – looking to find someone to fix.
- Roadside Grass cutting – going well, should be completed by the end of week.
- Gravel – Started June 12, completed June 24th. Echo Lake Road has been graveled, graded and calcium applied for dust control. Rays Contracting was hired Friday June 23rd to water the fresh gravel for calcium.
- Hurley Park Water Line – underground water line dig was completed on June 27th. Ready for plumbers to install.
- Surface Treatment – Government Road, Watson Road and Cemetery Road have been completed by June 21st, so far everything looks good with Robinson’s work.
- Landfill – And-Son Contracting has moved their equipment in to begin the brushing/clearing project. They anticipate it will be a couple of weeks once they begin.
- Cottage Road – Northern Fencing has equipment on site and will widen the corner at 140 Cottage Road and ditch 20 meters to divert water to a natural course. Township to supply 30’ of 12” culver and two loads of gravel for road cross culvert.
- Dust Control – Echo Lake Road – The Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks has called two times this season so far regarding complaints of dust pollution on this road. Our road crew is doing the best we can to help control the gravel by applying water and calcium as necessary. We will continue grading regularly during the slope stabilization project.
- Echo Lake Road Stabilization Project – Scheduled to resume the week of July 16th.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Hydro-One – Operation Actively Aging
 - Kick off to summer lunch was on June 21st – Trefry attended to speak, and we had 24 in attendance.

- 3rd prize bingo was on June 27th and 48 attended.
- Games Club and BBQ to take place on July 6th.
- Summer Students – All started by July 4th.
- Softball & Soccer
 - Baseball has wrapped up for the season.
 - Soccer to start July 4th.
- Hurley Park
 - All playground equipment has been delivered. The fountain is ready for installation.

#23-235

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that Council approve hiring an air conditioning company to provide a recommendation on a sufficient and efficient air conditioning unit to be installed at 57-51-010-000-14201-0000, after trees were inadvertently removed from private property by a municipal employee. “

CD.

- Summer Camps
 - 4 weeks of summer camps to take place this year. Have a Ball Camp begins on July 10th, Great Outdoors begins July 17th, Under the Sea begins July 24th and Mystery Camp August 14th.
- Echo Bay Extravaganza
 - Sunday July 23, 2023 – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls
 - Smoke Call – Laird Township accidental fire
 - Burning complaint, Village of Echo Bay
- Fire Hall Maintenance
 - Two man doors left to be changed – Scheduled for August.
- Equipment Maintenance
 - The Annual Inspection and Maintenance has been completed on all four trucks and all are in working order.
- Training
 - Fire Department has started their summer holidays which will continue for the next three Monday nights.
- Personnel
 - Nothing new to report
- New Business
 - The Township of Laird has requested a fire truck and a few firefighters attended the Laird Fair in August to set up a booth for Fire Prevention and Education on the Saturday of Fair weekend.

#23-236

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED 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

#23-237

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that Council recommends that Consent be granted for Application 2023-07, Applicant – Willem Alcock, conditional that a potential request may require that the applicant complete a noise and dust study to reduce the influence areas prior to development in accordance with Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks D-Series Guidelines.”

CD.

g) Police Services Board

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

- Lajoie Brothers: Letter of request to dispose of Non-Hazardous Contaminated Soil

#23-238

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Lajoie Bros. to haul 30-50 triaxle loads of contaminated non-hazardous soil to our landfill after Acting Road Superintendent inspection and conditional to all requirements being met.”

CD.

- And-Son Contracting Clearing Project – Equipment is on site and project to commence soon.

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

#23-2189 Tax Rate By-law

#23-239

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

CD.

#23-2191 Appoint Drainage Superintendent

#23-240

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #23-2191 being a By-law to appoint a Drainage Superintendent.”

#23-241

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2191 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#23-242

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2191 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Request to reschedule August Regular Council meeting to August 22, 2023

#23-243

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we move the August Regular Council meeting to August 22, 2023.”

CD.

- b) Northshore Agricultural Society Annual Laird Fair – Sponsorship Request

#23-244

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we donate \$150.00 for the social media package for the 2023 Laird Fair hosted by the North Shore Agricultural Society.”

CD.

- c) Lake Huron North Collaborative – Request for Permission to Conduct Invasive Himalayan Balsam Pull Event at the Loon Dollar Monument

#23-245

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we grant permission to the Lake Huron North Collaborative to conduct an invasive Himalayan Balsam Pull event at the Loon Dollar Monument.”

CD.

- d) Village Residential 1 (VRA) – Development & Site Alteration outside the Development Constraint zone.
#23-246
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“WHEREAS Council recognizes that our Official Plan section 2.7.3.1 Provincially Significant Wetland Policies Section (a) states “There are two known provincially significant wetland complexes within the Township boundary. They are wetland areas along the shore of Lake George and Echo Bay. Development and site alteration may be permitted within the wetland and the adjacent lands within 120 meters only after an Environmental Impact Study demonstrates that there would be no negative impacts on the wetland or its ecological function.”

AND WHEREAS Municipal services are available within the Hamlet of Echo Bay since 1998 with the construction of the sewer and water project. Each property paying \$6,175.00 for those services;

AND WHEREAS with municipal sewer and water services being available the environmental impact on these properties is mitigated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional waive the requirement of Section 2.7.3.1 (a) of the Official Plan to require an Environmental Impact Study to be completed prior to site alteration and development within Village Residential 1 (VR1) zoning designation within Zoning By-law 10-1699.”

CD.

- e) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) – We have some AODA compliance to work on updating such as updating our Accessibility policies, Multi-year plan, training policies and outdoor play spaces.

- f) Strategic Plan

#23-247

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we retain our Municipal Planners “J.L. Richards and Associates Limited” to provide professional consulting services in the creation of our Municipal Strategic Plan.”

CD.

- g) Request for transfer of property to township of Roll #57-51-020-000-02511-0000 located on Iron River Road Legal Description: Plan H766 PT Lot 17 RP 1R3223 Parts 4 and 5.

#23-248

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we approve the request for transfer of property to the municipality of Roll #57-51-020-000-02511-0000 located on Iron River Road. Legal Description: Plan H766 PT 17 RP, 1R3223 Parts 4 & 5, with the township covering the associated legal fees to have the property transfer completed.”

CD.

- h) Building Permits

#23-249

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council acknowledges that the CBO approved building permits for Kevin Orr to complete foundation repairs, windows, siding and front porch, Derek Hansen for a Chicken barn, Randy Barbarie for a back step replacement and Elysha Foreman for a front step replacement.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

- a) Algoma Public Health Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2023

#23-250

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we accept Algoma Public Health Meeting minutes from the April 26, 2023, meeting as presented.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#23-251

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2192 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 4, 2023.”

CD.

15. Adjournment
#23-252

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to July 18, 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