

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 3, 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

#23-344

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

#23-345

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#23-346

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on September 19, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – all equipment running well.
- Landfill – running okay garbage push taking place. The trailer dumping area has been moved to begin building the 4:1 slope. And-Son is completed. Philips will be moving their equipment in this week to begin the ditching project.
- Echo Lake Road Slope Stabilization Project Philips has completed the stabilization project and equipment has been removed. Waiting for the final inspection report from Tulloch’s.
- We will have our Road Super reach out for a quote to top dress with gravel on Echo Lake Road and contact our gravel supplier from this year to discuss the quality of our gravel.
- Cottage Road Upgrades –Work has begun on Cottage Road. Tree removal will be taking place and the road widening will continue.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Hurley Park – Councillor Chevis, LSC & Road Super met on site with CRCS on Thursday September 28th. CRCS has made a commitment to be on site to begin installation the week of October 16th. The roads department has removed the playground equipment from the sand dome to allow for winter sand delivery. CRCS will be responsible for transporting the equipment to the park. Once the project begins it is anticipated to take approximately 2-3 weeks. The Clerk contacted OTF requesting an extension on our OTF completion date for installation and reporting and an extension was granted until November 30th.
- Community Halls – New water heater is being installed October 4, 2023.
- Operation Actively Aging – we had approximately 120 people at the last luncheon.
- 2023 Northern Ontario Regional Workshop – LSC to attend this workshop in Sudbury Oct 4th.
- Treats in Your Trunk – Sunday October 29th – registration is now live on our website.

- Parade of Lights – Saturday December 9, 2023

#23-347

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation requesting that Hwy 638 be closed on Saturday December 9, 2023, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. for the Parade of Lights.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls – No Calls
- Fire Hall Maintenance – Rear man door and front man door still ongoing for replacement.
- Equipment Maintenance – Last round of bottles out for hydrostatic testing.
- Training – We had 8 attend the SSM Regional Training center for live fire training scenarios.
- Personnel – Nothing new to report under Personnel.
- New Business – None

#23-348

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

- September 26, 2023 Meeting Update – Application E2023-08 Gordon was approved.
- Agricultural Advisory Committee for the Development of the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board Official Plan: Terms of Reference – Council discussed the position at large for this committee. Clerk to post an advertisement in our newsletter and reach out to local farmers/hobby farmers to see if any are qualified and interested in holding this position.

g) Police Services Board

- September 25, 2023 Meeting Update – Staff Sgt. Graham went over our numbers to date. WE discussed the portable radar signs, and we believe they do help slow traffic in the school zone area. We will look at getting our name back on the list to have the signs again. We have extended our Police Services Agreement for an additional two years, or until new CSPA comes into force.
- 2024 Annual Billing Statement Package – 2024 budgeted policing costs are expected to decrease. The final reconciliation of the 2024 annual costs are included in the 2026 billing.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

- September 28, 2023 Meeting Update – Mayor Watson attended, many good discussions. Not all operations for the ADSAB are in full operation due to staff shortages. Wawa is currently appealing their apportionment; the outcome may affect all other municipalities in the area.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

- September 23, 2023, in Wawa – Mayor Watson to Attended in person. The meeting was good. The Mayor from the town of Dubreuilville discussed the negative effects on the town due to the influx of population in the area for mine development with no additional taxation benefit to the municipality, especially the hardship on their landfill.

j) Landfill/Recycling – Included in Roads Report above

k) Sewer and Water

- OCWA Quarterly - September 27th – OCWA went over the treatment plan numbers from the last two quarters. Discussion about preventative maintenance such as sewer line flushing and using cameras to investigate problem areas in the sewer system to identify infrastructure deficiencies.

7. By-Laws

#23-2176 – Fees for Services of Use of Property – Continued Discussion – Items remaining for review include sewer & water fees and looking at adding a capital fee to the utility billing.

8. Unfinished Business**9. New Business**

- a) Housing Affordability Task Force’s Recommendations – Rank Top 5 Recommendations – Mayor Watson invited Council to provide input about their top 5 recommendations out of the 74 put forth by the affordability task force. Our council highlighted many of the same issues.
- b) Parking By-law Enforcement – Clerk to Advertise for a P.O.O. to enforce our parking by-law.
- c) Ontario Trillium Foundation – Open for Applications under the Resilient Communities Fund: Council will wait to see where our strategic priorities fall with the development of our new strategic plan.
- d) AMCTO – Fall Zone – November 2-3, 2023 – Sault Ste. Marie
#23-349
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk & Treasurer to attend the AMCTO Fall Zone – November 2-3, 2023, at the Quattro Hotel and Conference Centre, registration fee is \$125.00 each.”
CD.
- e) OCIF & NORDS Commitments – There are new opportunities to utilize OCIF funds for asset management software and building condition assessments. We have committed NORDS funding to the future replacement of the Echo River Bridge.
#23-350
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk Administrator to send out a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services for the replacement of the Echo River Bridge.”
CD.
- f) Building Permits
#23-351
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Derek Hansen
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Raymond Trecartin to put an addition on existing garage to convert to in-law suite, Township of Macdonald to re-shingle the vault at the Maple Leaf Cemetery, Adam Mitchell to re-shingle, Mark Whitmell to construct a residence, Robin Cooper for an addition and deck, Chris Towell to building a garage and Fritz Schlegel for a deck & fence.”
CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account**11. Closed Session-Permissive****12. Correspondence**

- a) Algoma Public Health Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2023
#23-352
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we accept the Algoma Public Health Meeting minutes from May 24, 2023, as presented.”
CD.
- b) Notice of Public Consultation – Revisions to code of procedure for MFIPPA appeals. -Received as information

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

- Councillor Chevis and Councillor Bailey will not be in attendance for the October 17th meeting due to scheduling conflicts.
- Mayor Watson to attend RAIN Luncheon Saturday October 14th.
- Mayor Watson and Clerk to participate in FONOM Asset Management seminar October 5th.

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

#23-353
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Derek Hansen
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2199 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on October 3, 2023.”

CD.

15. **Adjournment**

#23-354
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to October 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 17th day of October 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR