

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Matt Jarrell, Trisha Daynard

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-320

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

#23-321

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#23-322

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on September 5, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – bulldozer is back at the landfill,
- Landfill - been completing push of household garbage this week with the dozer back and have begun some cover. Will be moving the trailer dumping area closer to where we want to begin building the 4:1 slope. And-Son is wrapping up the brushing this week.
- Echo Lake Road Slope Stabilization Project – all culverts have been changed with frost tapers; all the stone has been placed at the ends of culverts to prevent erosion. The stone on the riverbank has been put in place and is being monitored for settling, there is a section of the bank that keeps settling requiring additional stone. Estimated to be completed by end of this week.
- Cottage Road Upgrades – Road Super met with Case construction to continue the upgrades on Cottage Road. Areas of work include continuing widening the road where we left off last fall, changing culverts at Northshore Drive and Diamond Lake Turn off, dig out frost boil at #190.

#23-323

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we hire Case Construction to continue into the next phase of maintenance and road improvements on Cottage Road as recommended by the Road Superintendent.”

CD.

- Good Roads Training – The township has been approved for 1 employee to attend the Good Roads Training in Sault Ste. Marie free of charge.

#23-324

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Road Superintendent to attend the Good Road’s Northern Road School “TJ Mahoney Construction” course from October 25-27, 2023, in Sault Ste. Marie, no registration fee.”

CD.

#23-325

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Road Superintendent to attend the Good Road’s Northern Road School “TJ Mahoney Maintenance” course from October 30 – November 1, 2023, in Sault Ste. Marie, no registration fee.”

CD.

- Sand Tender Results – Tender opening was held on September 19, 2023, at 10:05a.m. Bids were received from Gilbertson Enterprises and Karhi Contracting.

#23-326

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOVLED that we accept the tender from Bernt Gilbertson Enterprises Limited for the Winter Sand Tender 2023 in the amount of \$19,920.00 + HST.”

CD.

- Landfill Ditching Tender Results – Tender opening was held on September 19, 2023 at 2:10p.m. We received one bid from Philips Haulage.

#23-327

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we accept the tender from 786222 Ontario Inc. O/A Phillips Haulage for the Landfill Perimeter Ditching Tender 2023 in the amount of \$36,956.00 + HST.”

CD.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Hurley Park – CRCS to attend on site September 28th – for a pre-construction meeting.
- Community Halls – new ramp installed at Sylvan Valley Hall, the Plumbers have followed up with the Echo Bay Hall water issue and don’t believe we have a breach in the main line after further inspection, currently doesn’t seem to be losing pressure. LSC to follow up with Superior Propane to have our water heater tank inspected.
- Sportsplex – Avery’s were down and patched the concrete at the Zamboni entrance. LSC to follow up with have the curb on the east side of the door repaired prior to ice making this year. Mike Moore Construction has begun the Sportsplex Roof replacement project. The Olympia ice resurfacing machine went for inspection last week. Still waiting for the full report on repairs and maintenance.

LSC went over proposed Sportsplex ice schedule for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. We have added additional free skates, shinny, women’s shinny, seniors skating and are going to ensure we are offering events during PD days, March breaks, Christmas breaks, etc.

- Farmers Run – held on Sunday, September 17th with approximately 60 participants this year.
- Operation Actively Aging – Gold had approximately 42 golfers and 52 for the BBQ.

Upcoming events include cooking club September 20th;

- Harvest Lunch Social -September 27th
- Well-Seasoned Morning Social Club-Every Thursday, October 5th - December 21st
- Book Club Meeting-Wednesday, October 11th
- Halloween Bingo-Wednesday, October 18th
- October Lunch Social-Wednesday, October 25th
- Let’s Create Club: Paint Event-Friday, October 27th.
- Game Club-Wednesday, November 8th
- Cooking Club-Wednesday, November 15th
- Let’s Create Club: Paint Event-Friday, November 17th.
- November Lunch Social-Wednesday, November 22nd
- Let’s Create Club: Craft Event-Wednesday, December 6th.
- Cooking Club-Wednesday, December 13th
- December Christmas Dinner & Dance at Elks-Friday, December 15th
- Christmas Bingo-Wednesday, December 20th

* Still working on scheduling Greyhound Game in VIP suite, yoga, and fitness class.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls – Fire – outdoor scrap yard
- Fire Hall Maintenance – All in working order.
- Equipment Maintenance – New AED arrived and in service ahead of schedule. The first found of SCBA bottles have their hydrostatic testing complete and the next round of six are being sent this week. Flow testing of SCBA all units is scheduled to be completed by M&L Supply in October.
- Training – Fire behaviour and firefighter survival will be focus for September & October. We have 12 slots in October for members to participate in live fire training offered by the Ontario Fire College at the Sault Ste. Marie Regional Centre. The training is a full day of different training evolutions in a controlled live fire environment.
- Personnel - Nothing new to report
- New Business – None

#23-334

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“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

g) Police Services Board

- Next Meeting September 25, 2023, at 7:00p.m.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

- Next meeting September 23, 2023, in Wawa – Mayor Watson to Attend

j) Landfill/Recycling

- Ditching Tender Results - See above.
- New disposal request from Claybar Contracting Inc. to dispose of 180-200 triaxle loads of non-contaminated hazardous waste at our landfill.

#23-328

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Claybar Contracting Inc. to haul 180-200 triaxle loads of contaminated non-hazardous soil to our landfill after Road Superintendent inspection and conditional to all requirements being met.”

CD.

k) Sewer and Water

- Next OCWA Quarterly - September 27th at 10:30a.m.

7. By-Laws

#23-2197 -Authorize Mayor & Clerk to Amend OPP Contract Agreement -2-year extension

#23-330

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #23-2197 being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an amending agreement with His Majesty the King as represented by the Solicitor General to extend the duration of our policing contact for an additional two years.”

CD.

#23-331

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2197 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#23-332

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2197 its third and final reading.”

CD.

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

- Schedule “B” – Leisure Services
 - Reviewed the Leisure Services fees.
- Schedule “H” – Landfill
 - Reviewed the landfill tipping fee schedule – increases for tipping fees have been made for all load types.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Benefit Renewal – Canada Life

#23-333

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we renew our Employee Benefit package with Canada Life for 1 year commencing October 1, 2023, with a total decrease 3.18% in premiums and increase our long-term disability coverage.”

CD.

b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 2023 Virtual Northern Treasurers Forum

#23-335

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to participate in the virtual 2023 Northern Treasurers forum on October 18th & 19th, 2023, no registration fee.”

CD.

c) Building Permits

#23-336

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO approved building permits to Constance Plexman to re-shingle house & garage, Ian Kokkinen to build a garage and John Robinson for a storage barn.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#23-329

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

Invoices: \$235,941.62

Payroll: \$50,029.90

Total: \$285,971.52.”

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#23-339

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:20 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.

-Discussed personnel issue

-Discussed the Head Landfill & Head Arena Caretaker job description. Clerk to make changes to the job description and the job title, which will now be “Facility Operator/Parks & Rec.”

#23-340

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed session at 8:35 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

#23-341

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk Administrator to post for a full-time Facility Operator/Parks and Rec employee.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

- a) The National Chronic Pain Society & The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa – RE: Maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much needed care for the people of Ontario.

#23-337

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional agrees to support the Municipality of Wawa’s resolution requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much needed care for the people of Ontario.”

CD.

- b) Municipal Policing Bureau – RE: Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities – Received as information.
- c) Office of the Fire Marshall – RE: Interpretation of s.6(3) of the Fire Protection & Prevention Act. – Received as information.
- d) FONOM – RE: Support for Northern Ontario School of Medicine

#23-338

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional recognizes the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;
AND WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;
AND WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University’s medical programs;
AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University’s request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities;
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leader of the opposition parties of Ontario.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#23-342

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2198 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 19, 2023.”

CD.

15. **Adjournment**

#23-343

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to October 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 3rd day of October 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR