

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 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: Parker Brockelbank, Derek Hansen, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen

Delegations: Darren Vaughan

Observers: Mike Cote, Len Lewis

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-381

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

#23-382

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#23-383

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on October 17, 2023, and Special Minutes of Council held on October 23, 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

Darren Vaughan – Potential tiny home development at 205 Hurley Street.

- Mr. Vaughan presented a preliminary plan of developing a 6-unit tiny home development. These tiny homes would have a very low environmental impact, they would all be slab on grab and range between 700-900 square feet. These would be single story, slab on grade, AODA accessible units.
- Areas of interest and concern at this time include the proximity to the Provincially significant wetland and the need for an environmental impact study to be completed by a qualified professional. This 5 acre lot has water services but does not have sewage services, and our current zoning does not define any type of tiny home development as this time. Mr. Vaughan also enquired about the possible extension of the municipal sewage infrastructure – we will need to discuss the logistics of this development with our operators OCWA and Kresin Engineering
- Mr. Vaughan will continue working with Environmental engineers and municipal planners.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance
 - The dozer is still down for repair. The bucket on the backhoe and hoses have been repaired. We will need to discuss dozer alternatives/options in the 2024 budget.
- Cottage Road Upgrades
 - Case Construction did an excellent job again this year on the Cottage Road improvements. Council would like to continue these improvements next year.
- Landfill Ditching
 - Very slow start by Phillips due to the rainy weather.
- Winter Works
 - All equipment and sand is set for winter work.
- Ontario Good Roads Conference

- Road Superintendent attended two TJ Mahoney courses that went very well. Will continue to look for courses available in our area.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Parks
 - Playground installation is ongoing with a few delays due to the wet weather.
- Sportsplex
 - Sportsplex roof is nearing completion – we are on track to begin ice making the week of November 13th.
- Operation Actively Aging
 - October lunch went well and had approx. 100 in attendance. The Greyhound game for October 5th had a sellout crowd.
- Treats in Your Trunk
 - Excellent turnout with approximately 150 kids and 22 trunks.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls – No calls
- Fire Hall Maintenance – Rear man door and front man door still ongoing for replacement.
- Equipment Maintenance – All equipment in working order.
- Training – November training will be auto extrication, vehicle fire tactics and chimney fire, roof operations moving into the winter season.
- Personnel – Nothing new to report under Personnel.
- New Business – We will need to look into upgrading our SCBA systems as our current systems no longer meet the requirement of NFPA 1981.

#23-384

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“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

g) Police Services Board

- Next meeting November 27, 2023 – 7pm

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

#23-385

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the minutes for the Algoma District Services Administration Board from September 28, 2023, as presented.”

CD.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling – Included in Roads Report above.

k) Sewer and Water

- Sludge Haul is complete. There was damage to brick walkway & landscaping by contractor. Contractor contacted Clerk to apologize and will take care of repairs.

7. By-Laws

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

- Schedule “G” - Building Permits
 - Will come back to this schedule to continue discussion.
- Schedule “I” – Cemeteries
 - The cemetery schedule will be taken to next cemetery board meeting for input.
- Schedule “J” – Sewer & Water
 - Looking at a 5.6% increase to our monthly water billing as per the recommendations in our Asset Management Plan.
 - Looking at a 7% increase to our monthly sewer billing as per the recommendations in our Asset Management Plan.
 - Looking at adding a \$5.00 monthly capital charge to address our capital deficit as highlighted in our asset management plan.

8. Unfinished Business

a) Full-Time Equipment Operator/Labourer Position
#23-386

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we hire Joe Ceglie as our full-time Equipment Operator/Labourer commencing November 28, 2023.”

CD.

b) Full-Time Facilities Operator/Parks & Recreation Position
#23-387

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we hire Duncan Brodie as our full-time Facilities Operator/Parks & Rec commencing November 13, 2023.”

CD.

9. New Business

a) The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book
#23-388

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we continue to support the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command by purchasing a business card advertisement in the Military Service Recognition Book. For \$349.50 + HST.”

CD.

b) Algoma Country Annual General Meeting Invitation – November 14, 2023
#23-389

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor to attend the Algoma Country Annual General Meeting on November 14, 2023 at the Water Tower Inn.”

CD.

c) Strategic Plan – Meeting date for Strategic Development Workshop with Council & to review engagement summary report. – Proposed date is to schedule a Special meeting for December 5th.
-Special council meeting Scheduled for December 5th with a start time of 6pm for the Strategic development workshop.

d) HNCEA Request to use Community Hall to host Funders Forum/Grant Writing Seminar in Spring 2024 – Council does not foresee a problem with this request and more information will be provided when HNCEA has more details.

e) Holiday Hours
#23-390

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that Council approve the recommended holiday closure, with the Township Office closing at 12:00p.m. on Friday December 22, 2023, inclusively to re-open on Tuesday January 2, 2024;

ANT THAT the Landfill site be closed on December 26, 2023, and open for all other regular scheduled hours through to the end of the year;

AND THAT that Council schedule the January Regular Council meetings for January 9th and 23rd at 7:00p.m.”

CD.

f) Building Permits
#23-391

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved a building permit for Hans Reich to replace a tarp covered hay shed with a steel roof.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

a) West Lincoln et al – RE: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
#23-392

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOVLED that the Corporation of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional supports the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s resolution declaring Intimate Partner Violence and gender-based violence an epidemic in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest.” See attached.

CD.

b) RAIN – RE: Request for Letter of Support for Harvest Algoma
#23-393

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk Administrator to send a letter of support for RAIN/Harvest Algoma in their application to the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development for the Skills Development Fund for their project Enhancing the Agri-food Sector: Advancing Youth Post-Secondary and Apprenticeship Readiness.”

CD.

c) Algoma Public Health Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2023
#23-394

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept Algoma Public Health Meeting minutes from the June 28, 2023, meeting as presented.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

- Councillor Chevis inquired about whether or not our Council had any plans to implement a license fee/permit for trailers. -No members of council had any concerns or plans to table this topic at this time.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#23-395

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2201 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on November 7, 2023.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#23-396

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to November 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 21st day of November 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR