

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 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, Adam Chevis, Shelly Bailey (absent – sick)

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen, Catie Stevens, Cody Jarrell, Trisha Daynard

Delegations: Carlo DiCandia – Northern Insurance

Observers: Mike Cote

1. Call Meeting to Order

#23-396

Moved by: Adam Chevis

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

#23-397

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#23-398

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on November 7, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. – Northern Insurance Brokers – Carlo DiCandia

- Carlo let Council know that the insurance market has been stabilizing since the last 4-5 years and should remain stabilized for the time being. Our overall premium has increased by \$5,269.00 over last year due to inflationary increase to our total inventory valuation. Our insurance program is based on replacement costs. Mr. DiCandia also discussed the opportunity for council to purchase cyber insurance which can be added at any time during the year.

#23-399

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we renew our Insurance Policy with Marsh Canada through Northern Insurance Brokers from December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024 in the amount of \$79,187.00 + HST.”

CD.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – two hoses replaced on the dozer, back rack & amber light have been installed on the pickup and the backhoe bucket has been repaired.
- Landfill Ditching – landfill ditching project has been going quite slow but progress is being made, the water storage barrel has been drained for the winter.
- Winter Works – all equipment ready to go for winter works, Road Super met with Stobie Mechanical to go through Cottage Road identifying hazards and areas of concern.
- Request for Purchase of Winter Sand

#23-400

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the sale of our winter sand to Ed Hodgkinson for winter maintenance at Echo Bay School, price to be determined at full cost recovery.”

CD.

- Lonely Lake Road Beavers – 3 beavers have been removed and roads crew has been pulling log from the dam to slowly lower the water levels to prevent serious washouts to our roadway.
- Lake Street North has brush/tag alders that are beginning to interfere with passing traffic. Clerk reached out to Bell as these bushes are tied up in their lines. Will follow up on this.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Parks – Completion of Hurley Park has been delayed due to a labeling error at the manufacturer. This will delay completion until spring. We will need to discuss landscaping and installation of accessible walkways in next year's budget.
- Sportsplex – Roof should be completed by the end of week and being ice making. We will be painting the ice surface in the house this year as a trial run. We will put an advertisement out to the public to see if there is any interest in operating the canteen. In the meantime, we will operate at a reduced level of service and have the caretakers open for sales when feasible.
- Operation Actively Aging – Going well – Full calendar of events for Christmas.
- Parade of Lights – Mayor Watson will Speak at the tree lighting ceremony, and we will be asking Mike Siemers to ride in the parade as our Senior of the Year.

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.

#23-403

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“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

- Next meeting November 27, 2023 – 7:30pm

f) Planning Board

g) Police Services Board

- Next meeting November 27, 2023 – 7pm

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

- Next meeting November 23, 2023

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

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

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

#23-2176 Fees for Services or Use of Property

#23-404

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #23-2176 its third and final reading. “

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Shared By-law Enforcement Officer (BLEO) – Update
 - Township of St. Joseph has offered to host as the administrator for a shared by-law enforcement officer. This will be a good option moving forward to help fill the services gap in our by-law enforcement.
- b) Community Emergency Preparedness Grant
#23-405
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Derek Hansen
“RESOLVED that we authorize staff to apply for the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant.”
CD.
- c) Building Permits – No new permits.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#23-401
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for the month of October 2023:
Invoices: \$901,762.27
Payroll: \$38,579.30
Total: \$940,341.57”
CD.

Councillor Hansen declared a conflict and left Council chambers.

#23-402
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay our CEMC Tiffany Fleming \$400.00 for Emergency Management Training per diems.”
CD.

Councillor Hansen returned to the meeting.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#23-406
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:25 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 the preliminary results of our pay & job equity review, still waiting for a full report from Ironside Consulting.

#23-407
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Derek Hansen
“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed session at 8:43 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”
CD.

12. Correspondence**13. Mayor & Councillors Comments**

-Mayor Watson – Attended Algoma Country AGM at the Water Tower last week. It was a very good session and he had the opportunity to speak with local business owners from our area.

-Mayor Watson – presented the copy of a letter he received from Paul Young. Mr. Young is not happy with how Algoma Power took care of the line clearing project in our area this summer. His main concerns were poor notification processes, poor methods for measurement and inconsistency from one property to the next. Council will discuss this issue during our next meeting with Algoma Power in 2024 to express the concern we received from the public regarding this process.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#23-408

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #23-2202 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on November 21, 2023.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#23-409

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to December 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 12th day of December 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR