

**SPECIAL MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2024
7:00 P.M. –Echo Bay Hall**

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 due to Planning Board Meeting)

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen, Mat Jarrell, Cody Jarrell

Delegations: Wayne Junor, Shawn Evoy, Matthew Frolick, Jennifer Errington, Dave Pollari, Rhonda Crozier

1. Call Meeting to Order

#24-148

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we open our Special Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#24-149

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Joint Meeting with Township of Laird

- Joint Roads Projects

- Bar River Road Surface Treatment 2025 – Surface treatment for 2025 on Bar River Road covers approximately 3.6km (7.2 lane km’s). Approximate cost for the surface treatment and gravel using this year numbers is approximately \$115,000.00 + HST. Preparation works this year will including looking at ditching, culvert replacements, cold patching, and taking a closer look at adding some possible riprap in some of the high flow areas. The two Roads departments will coordinate working together on the preparation work, using in stock items to complete.
- Bar River Road Bridge
 - Bridges are due for inspection this year (2024). Macdonald Township has hired Kresin Engineering to complete this. Once final inspection reports are received, we will re-visit for work to be completed in 2025.
- Cloudy Lake Road Surface Treatment
 - Laird Township would like to know if MMAA has any imminent plans to complete surface treatment on Cloudy Lake Road. MMAA council has prioritized the re-build of Mccarrel lake road with some of the preparation work to begin this year, such as ditching, culverts & widening. Cloudy lake road is not on the immediate docket to be completed but we will continue communication with Laird Township to ensure that we can work together on the project. High level anticipation would be no earlier than 2026-2027.
 - There was also discussion about the large hill on this road as well as the turnaround area for the snowplow not being large enough.

- Fire Department
 - 2023 Final Operational Budget
 - The 2023 fire budget went slightly over the projected amounts as our Fire Chief was able to capitalize on some large savings by purchasing SCBA units last year with a savings of (\$10,000.00). Additional to bill Laird for 2023 is \$1,945.19.
 - 2024 Operational Budget
 - The 2024 operational budget was presented with a total expenditure of \$179,560.00. Total to Laird is \$89,780.00. Larger items in this year’s budget includes purchasing an additional 12 SCBA units & hoses as well as 16 remaining cylinders that are required to meet standards.
 - Long-Term Capital Fire Budget
 - We are due for our pumper truck replacement in 2026. This is going to cost approximately \$750,000.00 to replace. Most of our items are captured through our operations budget on an annual basis (fire protective clothing, cylinders, air packs, etc.).
 - We will also be approaching the end of useful life for the Tanker & Rescue Truck in 2030, however, these trucks do not have the same regulations as the pumper truck, and we may be able to further extend the useful life of these assets.
 - Unauthorized Tile Drainage Outlet bored under Bar River Road
 - There was an unauthorized tile drainage outlet bore under the Bar River Road. The municipality of MMAA was not contacted by the owner of the property to request permission and fill out the request for Council consideration.
 - The owner of the property did reach out to the Laird Township Road Super and he had no issue with the project but did not realize that MMAA had a process regarding these types of requests in our municipality.
 - MMAA will follow up with the owner to ensure that proper documentation and agreement is formalized. This agreement will address responsibility for damages (now and future), indemnity of liability to the municipality, and enforceable to current and future owners, as well as responsibility for providing locates for future projects, if necessary.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#24-150

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #24-2217 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 23, 2024.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#24-151

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to May 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 21st day of May 2024.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK