

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2024**  
**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: Derek Hansen, Adam Chevis, Parker Brockelbank, Shelly Bailey

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

#24-187

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

CD.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

#24-188

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

**4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#24-189

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

**5. Delegations/Public Presentation**

**6. Staff & Committee Reports**

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – All equipment is running well.
- Gravel Tender Results

#24-190

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Bernt Gilbertson Enterprises Limited for the Gravel Tender 2024 in the amount of \$73,554.00 + HST.”

CD.

- Ditching – We have the ditching machine until June 7<sup>th</sup>. Will continue as far as we can on Mccarrel Lake Road.
- Landfill – Completed a push on May 29<sup>th</sup> continuing cover with ditching material.
- Lake Street Resurfacing – Met onsite with Avery’s on May 27<sup>th</sup> Crew began prep work on May 28<sup>th</sup> for paving project.t
- Municipal Garage Fuel Tank Removal – TCLP results came back clear to dispose of soil at landfill. Lajoie will continue monitoring the well at garage.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Tower Lake – Vandalism occurred. LSC & Facilities Operator completed the cleanup. Police were notified. We will put fire pits in to help mitigate multiple fire locations and keep ashes contained.
- Municipal Public Washrooms – All open for season
- Hall Caretaker

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls
- Fire Hall Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance
- Training
- Personnel
- New Business

#24-191

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

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

f) Planning Board

- E2024-07 – Applicant Kastikainen

#24-192

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that Council recommends that Consent be granted for Application E2024-7, Applicant Kastikainen.”

CD.

g) Police Detachment Board

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association – Next executive meeting June 5, 2024, virtually

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

**7. By-Laws**

**#24-2219 Real Property Disposal By-law**

#24-193

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOVLED that we give By-law #24-2219 its third and final reading.”

CD.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

a) Adopt 2024 Budget

#24-194

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the 2024 budget and set tax rate on \$2,438,000.00 and authorize the CAO/Clerk to draft the Tax Rate By-law.”

CD.

b) EMO Albany Spring Sector Meeting

#24-195

Moved By: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CEMC and Alternate CEMC attend the Albany Sector Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday June 6, 2024, from 8:45am – 3:30p.m.”

CD.

c) Drainage Update – Met with Jon Linley Drainage super to discuss maintenance on municipal drains

d) Building Permits

#24-196

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Ray Trecartin for a deck, Kyle Hunt to re-shingle dwelling, Carter Dorscht to construct a fence, Melody Vaughan for a deck, Tiffany Vanzant to replace the front steps and landing, and Elizabeth Felicie to construct chain link fencing.”

CD.

**10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account**

**11. Closed Session-Permissive**

**12. Correspondence**

a) St. Joseph Island Planning Board – RE: APH Fees for Land Use Planning Applications

#24-197

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“WHEREAS the St. Joseph Island Planning Board has brought to our attention concerns regarding the proposed fee schedule associated with Algoma Public Health's Sewage System Program 2024,

AND WHEREAS the Planning Board has expressed reservations about the justification for the fees proposed to be charged for the review of land use planning applications, including consents to sever, minor variances, and zoning by-law amendments,

AND WHEREAS the Planning Board questions the potential excessive and unreasonable nature of the proposed fees, especially considering that in most cases, no on-site inspection is required for land use planning applications,

AND WHEREAS there is uncertainty about the authority under the Ontario Building Code Act to authorize the charging of fees for the review and comment on land use planning applications,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council stands in support of the concerns raised by the St. Joseph Island Planning Board regarding the proposed fee schedule for Algoma Public Health's Sewage System Program 2024,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges Algoma Public Health to reconsider the proposed fees and ensure that they are reasonable, transparent, and aligned with the actual costs and services provided,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Algoma Public Health and relevant authorities to convey our support for the concerns raised by the St. Joseph Island Planning Board and to advocate for fair and equitable fee structures.”

CD.

b) Enbridge – RE: Rate rebasing application & Keeping Energy Costs Down Act – Received as Information.

c) Algoma Public Health Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2024

#24-198

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOVLED that we accept Algoma Public Health Meeting minutes from March 27, 2024, meeting as presented.”

CD.

**13. Mayor & Councillors Comments**

- Mayor Watson - Fence located at the MTO drain on municipal property on Highway 638/Church Street. Request from neighbor to remove the fence to allow for access to cut grass. This fence no longer serves no purpose and Council is okay with the removal.

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

#24-199

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #24-2222 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 4, 2024.”

CD.

**15. Adjournment**

#24-200

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to June 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** we accept the minutes this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

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MAYOR

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CAO/CLERK