

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MAY 21, 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, Trisha Daynard, Cody Jarrell, Matt Jarrell, Catie Stevens

1. Call Meeting to Order

#24-159

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

#24-160

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#24-161

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on April 16, 2024, and Special Minutes of Council held on April 23rd and April 30th, 2024, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance
- Brushing
- Ditching
- Landfill
- 2024 Tender Results
- Load Restrictions
- Underground Fuel Tank at Municipal Garage

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Summer Students

#24-163

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we hire Stella Shaughnessy as our Museum/Lending Library summer student to begin June 10, 2024 for a 10-week period, and that we hire Taylor Cronin as our office Administrative Assistant student to begin July 2, 2024 for an 8-week period, and that we hire Abby Mick, Lily Mick and Samantha Thomas to be recreational activity counselors to begin July 2, 2024 for an 8-week period and that we hire Evan Ayotte as our Parks Maintenance/Labourer summer student to begin June 3, 2024 for a 10-week period.”

- Senior of The Year 2024 – Jody & Patty Hambly have been selected as the 2024 Senior(s) of the year.
- Youth Softball
- Babysitter & Stay Safe Course
- Family Fest
- Bike Rodeo
- Public Washrooms/Outdoor Fountains

c) Fire Chief

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

#24-164

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“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

- May 13th Cemetery Tour – Report – Approximately columbarium locations have been decided and columbarium’s have been ordered. Overall cemeteries are in decent condition.

f) Planning Board

- Updated LEAR Mapping – Agricultural Advisory Committee

#24-165

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOVLED that we rescind motion #24-133.”

#24-166

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we accept the recommended AG designation using the LEAR methodology as per the attached schedule.”

CD.

g) Police Services Board

- Detachment Boards – Establishing By-law

#24-170

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“WHEREAS under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, it is mandated that members of detachment boards undergo record checks to ensure suitability for their roles;

AND WHEREAS timely and thorough record checks are essential to maintain the integrity and credibility of detachment boards;

AND WHEREAS efficient administration of record checks requires designated authority to oversee the process and ensure compliance with legal requirements;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)/Clerk possesses the requisite administrative expertise and responsibility to manage such processes effectively;

BE IT RESOLVED that the authority to ensure that record checks for detachment board members are conducted in accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, is hereby delegated to the CAO/Clerk of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CAO/Clerk is authorized to establish procedures, guidelines, and timelines for the conduct of record checks, in consultation with relevant stakeholders and legal counsel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CAO/Clerk is empowered to take any necessary actions to ensure compliance with legal requirements and the expeditious completion of record checks, including engaging external agencies or consultants if deemed necessary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this delegation of authority shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by further resolution of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith Aberdeen Additional.”

CD.

- Appointment(s) to new Detachment Board
#24-171
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“WHEREAS effective governance of the Sault Ste. Marie O.P.P. detachment board requires meaningful representation from the community it serves;

AND WHEREAS, the input and perspectives of community members are invaluable in shaping policing policies and practices that reflect local needs and priorities;

AND WHEREAS, Tom Headrick has demonstrated a strong commitment to community engagement, advocacy for public safety, and possesses the necessary qualifications and experience to serve as a representative on the detachment board;

AND WHEREAS, under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, all board members are required to undergo record checks to ensure suitability for their roles;

AND WHEREAS, the appointment of Tom Headrick is pending the outcome of the required record checks as mandated by the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Tom Headrick is hereby provisionally appointed as the community representative to the Sault Ste. Marie O.P.P. detachment board established under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, pending the outcome of the required record checks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tom Headrick is authorized to represent the interests and concerns of the community on the Sault Ste. Marie O.P.P. detachment board and to contribute actively to its deliberations, decision-making processes, and policy discussions, subject to the successful completion of record checks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tom Headrick shall serve on the Sault Ste. Marie O.P.P. detachment board commencing upon the completion of an acceptable record check and shall end on December 31, 2026, unless otherwise extended or modified by further resolution of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tom Headrick is encouraged to engage with community members, stakeholders, and relevant organizations to gather input, feedback, and perspectives on policing matters, and to communicate these effectively to the detachment board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tom Headrick is expected to uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability in their role as a community representative on the detachment board.”
CD.

- #24-172
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“WHEREAS the Community Safety and Policing Act mandates the establishment of detachment boards to oversee policing services in our community;

AND WHEREAS, it is essential to have representation from our council on the detachment board to ensure effective governance and accountability;

AND WHEREAS, Mayor Lynn Watson has demonstrated a commitment to public safety and community welfare, and possesses the necessary qualifications and experience to serve on the detachment board;

AND WHEREAS, under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, all board members are required to undergo record checks to ensure suitability for their roles;

AND WHEREAS, the appointment of Mayor Lynn Watson is pending the outcome of the required record checks as mandated by the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019;

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Lynn Watson is hereby provisionally appointed as the representative to the Sault Ste. Marie O.P.P. detachment board established under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, pending the outcome of the required record checks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Lynn Watson is authorized to represent the interests of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional on the detachment board and to participate fully in its proceedings, including decision-making processes and policy discussions, subject to the successful completion of record checks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Lynn Watson serve on the detachment board for the duration of their term as a member of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional council, or until such time as their appointment is rescinded or modified by further resolution of the council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Lynn Watson is encouraged to collaborate with other members of the detachment board, law enforcement agencies, community stakeholders, and residents to promote effective policing services and address public safety concerns in our community.”

CD.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
#24-173

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept the Algoma District Administration Board Meeting minutes from March 28, 2024, meeting as presented.”

CD.

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

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

- Echo Bay Drinking Water System (DWS) Inspection Report for 2023/2024

#24-174

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOVLED that we accept the Echo Bay Drinking Water System (DWS) Inspection Report for 2023/2024 as presented.”

CD.

7. By-Laws

#24-2206 Enbridge Gas Franchise Agreement

#24-175

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOVLED that we give by-law #24-2206 its third and final reading.”

CD.

#24-2219 Real Property Disposal By-law

#24-176

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to draft By-law #24-2219 being a by-law to establish policies and procedures for the sale of real property.”

CD.

#24-177

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

CD.

#24-2220 By-law to Establish Police Detachment Board

#24-167

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to draft By-law #24-2220 being a by-law to establish the Sault Ste. Marie O.P.P. Detachment Board pursuant to the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.”

CD.

#24-168

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #24-2220 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#24-169

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #24-2220 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Summary of Draft Strategic Plan Feedback & Remaining Timeline for Strategic Plan Completion
- b) Circular Materials – Proposed Depot Operations Agreement
- c) Hurley Street – Additional Street Light Quote
- d) Community Risk Assessment Plan – Quotes

#24-178

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the quote from ABKM Consulting to complete our Community Risk Assessment as per Ontario Regulation 378/18 for \$8,500.00 + HST.”

CD.

- e) Northern Ontario Women’s Caucus: The Power of One Voice in Politics

#24-179

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize Councillor Shelly Bailey and Cao/Clerk Lacey Kastikainen to register for the Northern Ontario Women’s Caucus annual membership, registration fee \$25.00 each.”

CD.

- f) AMCTO – Spring Zone – CAO Report
- g) Central Algoma Intermediate & Secondary School Graduation Donations

#24-180

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we donate \$500.00 to Central Algoma Secondary School for the Grade 12 Graduation and \$100.00 to Central Algoma Intermediate School for the Grade 8 Graduation.”

CD.

- h) Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act – Letter of Compliance

- i) Building Permits

#24-181

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Luc Baillargeon-Smith for an additional, St George’s Anglican Church for new stairs and ramp, Eric Ramsay to repair valley on roof, Shawn Conway to demolish garage, Kris Flood to repair garage shingles, Mike Siemers to re-shingle roof and Andrew Link to replace chain link fence.”

CD.

- j) 2024 Budget Discussion – Continued

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#24-162

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for the month of April 2024:

Invoices:	\$216,978.19
Payroll:	<u>\$43,502.77</u>
Total:	\$260,480.96”

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#24-183

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:50 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 a conflict situation between ratepayers that took place at the landfill.

#24-184

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed session at 9:00p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”
CD.

12. Correspondence

- a) Grant Buck – RE: Status of “Echo Bay Carwash” highway Flooding

- b) Hope Air – RE: Declaring “Hope Air Day” in Ontario

#24-182

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“Whereas, access to healthcare is a fundamental right for all citizens, regardless of their geographic location;

Whereas, Hope Air, a charitable organization, has been tirelessly dedicated to providing access to healthcare by facilitating free flights and other services for patients living in rural and under-served communities in Ontario, ensuring they can receive vital medical treatment regardless of distance or financial means;

Whereas, Hope Air has been instrumental in bridging the gap between smaller communities and hospitals far from home, reducing the barriers that often prevent individuals from reaching medical care;

Whereas, the impact of Hope Air extends beyond the individual patients served, positively affecting families, communities, and the healthcare system as a whole by promoting wellness and reducing the burden of untreated medical conditions;

Whereas, the compassion, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by Hope Air and its volunteers embody the spirit of community and the belief in the inherent value of every individual's well-being;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional that June 7th, 2024, shall be known as "Hope Air Day" in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in Ontario's remote and rural communities.

We urge all citizens to join us in celebrating Hope Air Day and to reflect on the significance of ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all members of our society. Let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting initiatives that promote health equity and extend our gratitude to Hope Air for their unwavering dedication to serving those in need.”

CD.

- c) EGIS – RE: Minutes from February 26, 2024, meeting Highway 638 Bridge Replacements

- d) ADSAB – RE: Alternate Apportionment Model

- e) Ministry of Finance: RE: New property tax option & Extension of Vacant Home Tax authority

- f) Canadian Military History Guide Project – RE: Wounded Warriors Canada – Advertisement Request

- Items A and C-F received as information.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#24-185

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #24-2221 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on May 21, 2024.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#24-186

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to June 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 4th day of June 2024.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK