

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY JULY 2, 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, Parker Brockelbank, Shelly Bailey  
Absent: Adam Chevis  
Staff: Lacey Kastikainen  
Delegations: Virtual – Art Booth  
Observers: Jessica Clark, Natalie Blake

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

#24-220

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**

#24-221

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

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

#24-222

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

**5. Delegations/Public Presentation**

7:00 p.m. - ABKM Consulting: Presentation of Community Risk Assessment

#24-223

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“WHEREAS ABKM Consulting has conducted and presented a comprehensive Community Risk Assessment for our community, as per Ontario Regulation 378/18;

AND WHEREAS, it is imperative that Council utilizes the findings and recommendations of the Community Risk Assessment to guide the development and implementation of policies, strategic, and resource allocation for fire protection services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional that:

- 1) The Community Risk Assessment by ABKM Consulting is accepted; and
- 2) The Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional commits to using the findings and recommendations of the Community Risk Assessment to inform all decisions related to the provision of fire protection services.”

CD.

**6. Staff & Committee Reports**

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – All in working order
- Lake Street Resurfacing – the unexpected soft road base from approximately Station Road to Milligan Gazebo has caused the new paving to wave. Recommendation is to let sit over the winter, do some ditching, brushing in the spring and re-pave next year.
- Roadside Grass cutting – Ongoing
- Surface Treatment – Scheduled to be here the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

- b) Leisure Services Coordinator
  - Hurley Park – Construction crew on site – scheduled to be completed by end of week.
  - Gardens/Flowers – ongoing at all municipal parks/monuments.
  - Community Movie – Scheduled for Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm in the Sportsplex
- c) Fire Chief

#24-224

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“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
  - The planning board believes we should be able to offset quite a bit of the costs proposed by the scope change presented by JL Richards by doing some of the work in house by the board staff.
- g) Police Detachment Board
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
- j) Landfill/Recycling
  - ExxonMobil Landfill Audit Schedule for July 4, 2024, at 12pm – Required to remain on approved vendors list for waste management services for non-hazardous contaminated soil disposals.
- k) Sewer and Water
  - Water and Sewage Treatment Plants – Comprehensive Performance Evaluations Kresin Engineering

#24-225

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept the quote from Kresin Engineering to complete a comprehensive performance evaluation of the municipal water treatment plant (WTP) and sewage treatment plant (STP) for a cost of \$9,786.00 + HST.”

CD.

**7. By-Laws**

**#24-2223 Tax Rate By-law**

#24-226

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #24-2223 its third and final reading.”

CD.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

- a) LCBO Closure – Echo Bay Location

Councillor Bailey declared a conflict and left Council Chambers

- Council discussed the ripple effect that this closure will have on our community and its economical stability. CAO & Mayor to try to set up meeting with LCBO and contact the media about this closure.

Councillor Bailey Returned to Council Chambers

- b) Review Proposals & Appoint Drainage Engineer – “Highway 638 Car Wash” petition drain #24-227

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“WHEREAS, a petition has been duly filed under the provisions of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17, as amended, for the improvement of drainage works of the “Highway 638 Echo Bay Car Wash;”

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional is required to appoint an engineer to examine and report on the proposed drainage works;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional hereby appoints Joel Miller, a qualified and licensed drainage engineer, of K. Smart Associates Limited, to prepare a report in accordance with the provisions of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c D.17, as amended.”

CD.

- c) Highway 638 Bridge Replacements – Detour on Municipal Roads Discussion
  - We have reason to believe that the Engineers for this project have miscommunicated that Council has approved a detour for this project on municipal roads. CAO to reach out to Engineers to invite Engineers/MTO to next council meeting to discuss.
- d) Echo Lake Road Bridge Replacement – Project Schedule from Kresin Engineering
  - The planning and development of this bridge has begun. Kresin Engineering is expected to tender this project in winter 2025 with a Dec 2025 completion date.
- e) Echo Lake Road Bridge Replacement – Geotechnical Engineering Investigation Proposal Review #24-228

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we proceed with the recommendation from Kresin Engineering and accept the proposal from EXP Services Inc. to complete the Geotechnical Investigation for the Echo Lake Road Bridge Replacement for \$13,657.00 + HST.”

CD.

- f) Conservation & Demand Management Plan – 2024-2028 #24-229

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the 2024-2028 Conservation and Demand Management Plan required by Ontario Regulation 507/18 as presented.”

CD.

- g) Municipal Equipment Operator Course – New course being offered on an application basis, we have registered Facilities Operator
- h) H&M COFI Announcement – New funding announcement will see a major fibre project in our municipality. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- i) Municipal Administration Program – Unit 3 #24-230

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we register the Administrative & Treasury Assistant for the AMCTO Municipal Administration Program Unit 3 – September – December, 2024. Registration Fee \$405.00 + HST.”

CD.

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

**11. Closed Session-Permissive**

#24-232

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:00p.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 vandalism that occurred at Milligan Gazebo on June 22, 2024.**

#24-233

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed session at 8:10p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

**12. Correspondence**

- a) Algoma Public Health Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2024 – 5pm

#24-231

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept Algoma Public Health Meeting minutes from the April 24, 2024, meeting as presented.”

CD.

**13. Mayor & Councillors Comments**

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

#24-234

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #24-2226 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 2, 2024.”

CD.

**15. Adjournment**

#24-235

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to July 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** we accept the minutes this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

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**MAYOR**

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**CAO/CLERK**