

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JUNE 18, 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.

Acting Mayor: Shelly Bailey (Mayor Watson absent)

Council: Derek Hansen, Adam Chevis, Parker Brockelbank

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

Delegations: Virtual – Marilyn Cameron, Jason Ferrigan

1. Call Meeting to Order

#24-201

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

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

#24-202

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#24-203

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on June 4th, 2024, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. - J.L Richards – Final Strategic Plan Presentation

#24-204

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan 2024-2029 has been diligently developed and presented to this Council;

AND WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration, it has been determined that the Strategic Plan aligns with our organizations mission, vision and goals;

AND WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan has undergone thorough consultation and feedback from stakeholders, ensuring comprehensive input from all relevant parties;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council hereby adopts the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Final Strategic Plan 2024-2029 as presented, acknowledging its significance in guiding our organizations efforts over the next five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all necessary actions be taken to implement the Strategic Plan effectively, with regular monitoring and evaluation to ensure its successful execution.”

CD.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – All in working order
- Gravel Tender – Gravel completed this week
- Ditching – Ditching completed for this year
- Lake Street Resurfacing – In progress
- Municipal Garage Fuel Tank Removal – Complete and TCLP results clear
- Roadside Grass cutting - Ongoing
- Bridge Update – Bridge reports expected in coming weeks. Project plan for Echo Lake Road Bridge Replacement to follow.

- b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Summer Students – 2 students have started
 - Family Fest – held inside due to weather conditions
 - Bike Rodeo – Had 27 kids in attendance to learn about bike safety
 - Recreational Youth Sports – Ball finishes up end of June with tournament July 6th. Soccer to begin week of July 2nd.
 - Hall Caretaker Vacancies
- c) Fire Chief
 - Emergency Calls
 - Fire Hall Maintenance
 - Equipment Maintenance
 - Training
 - Personnel
 - New Business

#24-206

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
- f) Planning Board
 - Joint Official Plan Scope Change Request – JL Richards
- g) Police Detachment Board
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
- j) Landfill/Recycling
- k) Sewer and Water
 - Water Tower Repairs – Scheduled for the week of July 22nd.

7. By-Laws

#24-2223 Tax Rate By-law

#24-207

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to draft By-law #24-2223 being a By-law to set and levy tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2024.”

CD.

#24-208

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

#24-2224 Agreement with AMO for the Canada Community Building Fund

#24-209

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to draft By-law #24-2224 being a By-law to authorize the Acting Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign a Municipal Funding Agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the administration of the Canada Community Building Fund.”

CD.

#24-210

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #24-2224 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#24-211

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #24-2224 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Petition Drain Application – “Echo Bay Car Wash”

#24-212

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“WHEREAS, a petition for drainage works has been received by the Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen additional under Section 4 of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17;

AND WHEREAS, the petitioners have requested the construction, improvement, and/or maintenance of a drainage system to address water management issues affecting their properties;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed with the petition submitted from Edward & Karen Hodgkinson for drainage works in the area known as the “highway 638 Echo Bay Car Wash” and instruct the CAO/Clerk to proceed with the notice required under Section 5 of the Drainage Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 8 (1) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, that staff recommend to Council a Drainage Engineer for the examination of the areas requiring drainage and proceed with the requirements of a petition drain for Plan H777, Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 55, Lot 57 and Lot 58 RCP.”

CD.

- b) Clerk’s Annual Conference – Report

- c) Street Light Update – Lake Street North streetlight too damaged in storm, requires full replacement.

- d) Elected Official Training with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

#24-213

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“WHEREAS ongoing education and training are essential for effective municipal governance;

AND WHEREAS, mid-term training sessions for elected officials enhance leadership skills and promote better decision-making;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) plays a key role in supporting municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, our municipality is willing to host a mid-term training session and is willing to invite participation from other neighboring Councils;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council requests the MMAH to collaborate with us in organizing a mid-term training session for elected officials, which we are prepared to host;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the training session cover pertinent topics in municipal governance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the MMAH to facilitate coordination and support for this training initiative.”

CD.

- e) Seniors BBQ June 25th – St. Joseph Island Legion – Senior of the Year Award presentation to the Hambly’s, Councillor Brockelbank to present the award on behalf of the Municipality.

#24-214

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we honour Jody & Patricia Hambly as our Volunteer Seniors of the Year and invite them to the Dr. HS Trefry Memorial Centre barbeque celebration in honour of senior’s month on Tuesday June 25th at 11:00 a.m. at the Legion in Richards Landing. Councillor Brockelbank and CAO/Clerk will be in attendance to present the award.”

CD.

- f) Asset Management Plan – Update: We were successful in securing an additional 30 hours of consultant time through the Amp It up Program.

- g) Fleet Vehicle Options

#24-215

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the quote from Northside Toyota to purchase a 2024 Toyota Tacoma 4X4 double Cab Auto SR5, for \$49,770.50 + HST, and authorize the Mayor & CAO/Clerk to sign all pertinent documents related to the purchase.”

CD.

h) Building Permits

#24-216

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to ADSAB to re-shingle Hurley Haven A building, Robby McNaught to re-shingle norther & south side of dwelling roof, Dave Penno to re-shingle dwelling and attached garage and Ed & Karen Hodgkinson to construct a residence with attached carport.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#24-205

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

Invoices: \$249,868.66

Payroll: \$64,249.85

Total: \$314,118.51”

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

a) J.L. Richards – RE: Bill 185 Royal Assent – Changes to Municipal Act, Planning Act and Development Charges Act. – Received as information

b) Paul Hazlett – RE: Take Root Program; Desbarats to Echo Bay Collaboration

#24-217

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“WHEREAS, the proposal, as presented by Paul and Tania Hazlett, outlines a strategic plan to expand tree and shrub distribution across multiple townships, including a native wildflower seed giveaway to promote local biodiversity; AND WHEREAS, the project seeks to secure funding partnerships to offset costs, including a pending application to Tree Canada for financial support, and proposes in-kind contributions from local stakeholders to ensure project feasibility; AND WHEREAS, initial discussions with project partners indicate alignment with community goals and potential benefits for participating municipalities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Echo Bay revegetation project proposal in principle, pending further details and confirmation from project partners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk to communicate Council's endorsement of the proposal to the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board catchment area municipalities, and to seek their collaboration and support for this initiative.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#24-218

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #24-2225 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 18, 2024.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#24-219

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to July 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 2nd day of July 2024.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK