

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY OCTOBER 1, 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, Adam Chevis, Shelly Bailey

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

#24-303

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**

#24-304

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

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

#24-305

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

**5. Delegations/Public Presentation**

**6. Staff & Committee Reports**

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – Purchased new tires for backhoe
- Landfill – push and cover completed Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, working on 4:1 slope.
- Cemeteries – slabs poured for columbarium installation at all three cemeteries.
- Fibre Project

#24-306

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council recognizes the importance of expanding broadband infrastructure to enhance internet connectivity for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS requests have been received through the Broadband One Window to place infrastructure in the municipal right-of-way; and

WHEREAS the Road Supervisor has reviewed the specified plans and provided recommendations for the placement of such infrastructure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the requests to place broadband infrastructure in the municipal right-of-way, subject to the following conditions:

1. All infrastructure placements must adhere strictly to the specified plan as reviewed and recommended by the Road Supervisor.
2. Any deviations from the approved plan must be reviewed and approved by the Road Supervisor prior to implementation.
3. The applicants must obtain all necessary permits and comply with all applicable municipal, provincial, and federal regulations.
4. The applicants are responsible for any damages to municipal property and must ensure restoration of the right-of-way to its original or an improved condition upon completion of the work.
5. The applicants must provide the Municipality with as-built drawings and documentation of the completed infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality reserves the right to inspect the work at any stage to ensure compliance with the approved plan and conditions.”

CD.

- Echo Lake Road Stabilization Warranty – Site visit and inspection completed by Tulloch.
- b) Leisure Services Coordinator
  - Sportsplex
    - Vending Machines – Will purchase a used machine to place at the Sportsplex
    - Roof Warranty – Inspection completed on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> for one year expiry
    - Part-Time Arena Caretaker

#24-307

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOVLED that we hire Adam Larocque as our part-time arena caretaker.”

CD.

- 2024 Farmers Fall Fun Run – Held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> – good turnout.
- c) Fire Chief – Nothing new to report
- d) Treasurer’s Report
- e) Cemetery Board – Columbarium slabs complete, ready for install to take place after Thanksgiving.
- f) Planning Board
  - September 24<sup>th</sup> – Meeting Update: scope change from JL Richards approved. New completion date estimated in February 2025.
  - E2024-09 - Applicant Dunning

#24-308

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESSOVLED that Council recommend consent be given for E2024-09, applicant Dunning.”

CD.

- E2024-10 - Applicant Hodgkinson

#24-309

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that Council recommend consent be given for E2024-10, applicant Hodgkinson, with the condition that all newly created lots must have individual sewer and water connections integrated into the municipal system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the installation of these connections and the restoration of municipal infrastructure, including Lake Street North and respective road allowance, shall be completed at the expense of the applicant.”

CD.

- g) Police Detachment Board – Waiting for access to mandatory training for all board members.
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
  - September 24<sup>th</sup> – Meeting Update

#24-310

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the Algoma District Administration Board Meeting minutes from July 25, 2024, meeting as presented.”

CD.

- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
  - September 21<sup>st</sup> – Meeting Update – 12 in attendance, good meeting, next meeting scheduled for April 2025 to be held in Desbarats.
- j) Landfill/Recycling
  - Share shed completely purged on September 27<sup>th</sup> by roads department.
- k) Sewer and Water
  - Water Tower – Fall arrest upgrades complete and invoice from Landmark received. Communication made with Xplore Inc. to address cable relocation now that tower is safe to access.
  - Next OCWA Quarterly Scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Sludge haul scheduled for week of October 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

**7. By-Laws**

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

- a) Benefit Renewal

#24-311

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we renew our Employee Benefit package with Canada life for 1 year commencing October 1, 2024, with a total decrease of 5.27% in premium, and increase to paramedical and dental coverage.”

CD.

- b) Master Planning – Fee Letter J.L. Richards
  - Will be following up with FEDNOR and may adjust the scope of this project. Will be discussed again at future meetings.
- c) Amp it Up 3.0 Asset Management Coaching and Assistance Project – Update – we will be working with Marmark Information Technologies over the coming months and have 30 hours of consultation included in this program to work on our asset management plan.
- d) Parking By-law Enforcement – Update – Additional signage purchased; new ticket books required.
- e) Municipal Equipment Operator Course – Staffing Update – This course will require our Facilities Operator to be out of town more than originally anticipated. Will need to make staffing adjustments to cover the additional time, especially during ice building and opening of the Sportsplex for the season.
- f) Building Permits

#24-312

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved a building permit to Thomas & Lori Smith for a garage, Michael Verdone to re-shingle garage, and Darwin Richard build a storage shed with lean to off each side.”

CD.

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

**11. Closed Session-Permissive**

**12. Correspondence**

- a) North Channel Minor Hockey – RE: U15 & U18 North Channel Minor Hockey Association (NCMHA) players no longer allowed to play in Sault Major Hockey Association (SMHA) league. Request for letter of support for SMHA to reconsider.

#24-313

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“WHEREAS on August 23, parents of the U18 HL and U15 HL hockey players were advised by North Channel Minor Hockey Association (NCMHA) that the Sault Major Hockey Association (SMHA) made a decision not to allow the North Channel Minor Hockey Association to be a part of the league under Sault Major; and

WHEREAS this decision also affected the Blind River hockey teams and has significant implications on the enjoyment and development of the players on these teams; and

WHEREAS NCMHA has reached out to the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) seeking intervention, citing a long-standing relationship between NCMHA and SMHA; and

WHEREAS the stated reason for SMHA’s decision is the lack of available ice time to accommodate these teams; and

WHEREAS NCMHA has proactively booked a block of ice time at the Echo Bay Sportsplex on Sunday evenings to address the ice time concerns raised by SMHA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional hereby expresses its support for the North Channel Minor Hockey Association (NCMHA) and requests that the Sault Major Hockey Association (SMHA) reconsider its decision and allow the U18 and U15 North Channel teams to participate in the SMHA House League schedule;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Sault Major Hockey Association (SMHA), North Channel Minor Hockey Association (NCMHA), Blind River Hockey Organization, Elliott Lake Hockey Organization, and the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA).”

CD.

- b) Algoma Public Health Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2024

#24-314

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the Algoma Public Health meeting minutes from May 22, 2024, as presented.”

CD.

c) Police Retirees of Ontario – P.R.O. Teddy Bear Campaign – Received as information.

**13. Mayor & Councillors Comments**

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

#24-315

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #24-2232 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on October 1, 2024.”

CD.

**15. Adjournment**

#24-316

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to October 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** we accept the minutes this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

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**MAYOR**

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**CAO/CLERK**