

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 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

Absent: Shelly Bailey (sick)

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen, Matt Jarrell

Virtual Delegation: Elliot Lake Women’s Group – Esther Rongoma

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

#24-272

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**

#24-273

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

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

#24-274

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

**5. Delegations/Public Presentation**

7:00 p.m. Elliot Lake Women’s Group (ZOOM)

- Esther provided an overview of the services offered to the East Algoma region through the Elliot Lake Women’s group – men’s & women’s shelters and additional services. Council will help spread awareness by sharing information on our website and in our newsletters. No financial contribution at this time but will be reviewed during 2025 budget deliberations.

**6. Staff & Committee Reports**

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance
- Roadside Grass cutting Second Round
- Landfill Ditching Project
- Winter Sand Tender

#24-276

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOVLED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk and Road Superintendent to tender for 700 tonnes of winter sand.”

CD.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex
- Part-Time Arena Caretaker Position

#24-277

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to post for a part-time arena caretaker.”

CD.

- Part-Time Community Hall Caretaker Position

#24-278

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to post for a part-time hall caretaker(s).”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls
  - 3 motor vehicle collisions, one in Macdonald, two in Laird.
- Fire Hall Maintenance
  - Door seals and industrial fans to be replaced in October.
- Equipment Maintenance
  - Fit test and SCBA maintenance schedule for second week of September
- Training
  - August 19<sup>th</sup> – structure fire training in Laird.
- Personnel – Nothing new to report
- New Business
  - Request from Laird Township Council to create a Purchasing Committee for our new pumper truck purchase. Council and Chief Jarrell have no problem inviting Laird to participate in discussions about the new pumper truck but will not be creating an official purchasing committee. The decision on which truck we purchase is the responsibility of our Council and the truck will be purchased on the recommendation of our fire department and adhering to our procurement by-law.
  - Our Fire Agreement with Laird is coming due December 31, 2024 – Council would like to look at updating this agreement and involving legal for review.
  - Fire Protection Grant 2024-2025

#24-275

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we apply for the 2024-2025 Fire Protection Grant offered through the Ministry of the Solicitor General.”

CD.

#24-279

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOVLED that we accept the reports form the Road Superintendent, Leisure Service Coordinator and Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

- d) Treasurer’s Report
- e) Cemetery Board
- f) Planning Board
- g) Police Detachment Board
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
  - May 9, 2024 Minutes

#24-280

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that w accept the Algoma District Administration Board Meeting minutes from May 9, 2024, meeting as presented.”

CD.

- i) Algoma District Municipal Association – Next meeting September 21, 2024 Blind River 10am
- j) Landfill/Recycling
- k) Sewer and Water
  - Systems Audit – Completed by SAI-Global – No non-conformances or OFIs.

**7. By-Laws**

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

- a) Municipal Equipment Operator Course – Duncan Brodie was a successful candidate for the new Municipal Equipment Operator Course that will cover the cost of training in several areas. The course is a 10-week course that begins on October 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great opportunity for staff advancement and will include completion of DZ Driver training.
- b) Meeting with JL Richards Chief Architect about Recreation Property Master Plan - Update
- c) Community Hall – Rental Numbers 2022 & 2023
- d) Building Permits

#24-281

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Mardie Jondreau to repair deck railing and install front and side stairs.”

CD.

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

**11. Closed Session-Permissive**

**12. Correspondence**

- a) North Shore Link Project – Echo Bay Open House – Echo Bay Elks Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – 4p.m.-7p.m.
- b) Free Dump Days – Local Municipalities

Items A & B – Received as information

**13. Mayor & Councillors Comments**

- Mayor Watson tabled discussion about the bump at 480 Watson Road. CAO to have Road Super install a bump sign in both directions to try to slow traffic in this area.

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

#24-282

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #24-2230 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 3, 2024.”

CD.

**15. Adjournment**

#24-283

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hanse

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to September 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** we accept the minutes this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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**MAYOR**

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**CAO/CLERK**