

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Catie Stevens, Cody Jarrell, Trisha Daynard

1. Call Meeting to Order

#24-284

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#24-285

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#24-286

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on September 3rd, 2024, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – one-way snowplow had pins and bushings repaired
- Roadside Grass Cutting Second Round – Completed week of September 9th
- Landfill Ditching Project – Completed
- Winter Sand Tender

#24-287

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Bernt Gilbertson Enterprises Limited for the Winter Sand Tender 2024 in the amount of \$13,783.00 + HST.”

CD.

- Cemeteries Columbarium Foundations – Base foundations complete ready for concrete.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex – Looking into vending machine options, will have recommendation for October 1st meeting.
- Community Halls – will not be purchasing a new dishwasher for the SV hall at this time will convert to three sink method to properly wash dishes.

#24-291

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the use of the Sylvan Valley Hall to the Echo Bay Snow Falcons for their monthly meetings, no charge.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls – No calls
- Fire Hall Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance
- Training
- Personnel

#24-288

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the resignation letter from Brent Hurley from the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Volunteer Fire Department effective September 9, 2024, and thank him for his service.”

CD.

#24-289

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept Fire Chief Jarrell’s recommendation to appoint Chase McIntyre to the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Volunteer Fire Department conditional to all requirements being met with a three-month probation period, followed by a six-month review.”

CD.

- New Business

#24-292

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 – Columbarium slabs ready for forming. Columbarium location approved by BAO.
- f) Planning Board
- g) Police Detachment Board – Still waiting for Laird to have at least one member appointed. The board will also now require own liability insurance – CAO/Clerk to continue investigating options.
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board – Next meeting September 26th
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association – Next meeting September 21, 2024, Blind River 10am

#24-293

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize Mayor Watson attend the ADMA meeting on September 21, 2024, in Blind River.”

CD.

- j) Landfill/Recycling – Ditching project complete. Inter Ontario & Pioneer Construction continuing to haul non-contaminated hazardous soil to the landfill.
- k) Sewer and Water – Next OCWA – October 8th, working on sludge haul to take place October 21-25.

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

- a) MMAH – Council Training Dates – Review Options

#24-294

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council schedules the MMAH mid-term training session for elected officials on November 28, 2024 at 1:00p.m. at the Echo Bay Hall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that we extend an invitation to neighboring municipalities to encourage their Councils’ participation.”

CD.

9. New Business

- a) EMO Tabletop Exercise with Hydro One– Echo Bay Hall October 2, 2024 – Full Day

#24-295

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOVLED that we authorize members of our control group to attend the Emergency Management Ontario tabletop exercise with Hydro One at the Echo Bay Hall on October 2, 2024.”

CD.

- b) AMCTO Fall Zone – October 24th & 25th North Bay

#24-296

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk & Administrative/Treasury Assistant to attend the Fall Zone Workshop in North Bay, October 24-25, 2024, registration fee \$225.00.”

CD.

c) AMCTO Clerk’s Forum – Virtual October 17, 2024
#24-297

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to participate in the Virtual AMCTO Clerks Forum on October 17, 2024, registration fee \$359.00 + HST.”

CD.

d) Findlay Ditch Cleaning (Church Street/Highway 638)
#24-298

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we contact the Ministry of Transportation to request maintenance on the Findlay ditch located along Provincial Highway 638.”

CD.

e) 2025 Fire Agreement Renewal Preparations
#24-299

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to consult with our municipal lawyer regarding the renewal of our 2025 Fire Agreement.”

CD.

f) Building Permits
#24-300

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved a building permit to John Ross to re-shingle dwelling roof.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#24-290

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

Invoices: \$584,821.04

Payroll: \$54,235.60

Total: \$639,056.64”

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

a) St. Joseph Island Planning Board – RE: APH Fees for Review of Land Use Applications

b) Ministry of Natural Resources – RE: Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program

- Items A & B – Received as information

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#24-301

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #24-2231 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 17, 2024.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#24-302

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to October 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 1st day of October 2024.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK