

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 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

1. Call Meeting to Order

#24-317

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

#24-318

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#24-319

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on October 1st, 2024, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance – All equipment in working order.
- Landfill – push and cover completed October 7th, we have been offered \$4500.00 for the old dozer. CAO to advertise for sale publicly with \$4500.00 minimum bid.
- Arena Drainage – Downspouts on east side have been connected to tile.
- Cottage Road Upgrades – Case Construction to begin work this week on next phase.
- Mccarrel Lake Swamp – stone has been placed, a cover of 2 inch minus gravel has been placed as cover and ready for the rebuild of the road.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex – condenser has been replaced, ice making continuing and painting has begun.
- Sylvan Valley Hall – will need to remain for private events only with our current dishwashing
- Phone & Tablet “Learn To” Sessions – Scheduled for Nov 5th & 26th at the library.
- Parks/Washrooms – ready to be closed for the season, winterizing to take place this month.
- Hall Caretaker Positions – Closed session
- Vandalism at Hurley Park – Closed session
- Parade of Lights – Highway 638 Closure Request – December 14th

#24-320

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the LSC to send a letter to the MTO requesting that Highway 638 be closed on Saturday December 14, 2024, from 6:00 – 9:00p.m. for the 2024 Parade of Lights.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls – Fire Alarm, Laird – Medical Assist, Echo Bay
- Fire Hall Maintenance – garage door seals to be replaced this month.
- Equipment Maintenance – all in working order
- Training – auto extrication and vehicle fire operations.
- Personnel – Chase McIntyre to join this month as newest member.
- New Business – No new business.

#24-321

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize staff to apply for funding through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) to purchase emergency supplies, equipment and services.”

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

#24-322

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for September 2024:

Invoices: \$284,511.84

Payroll: \$45,041.12

Total: \$329,552.96.”

CD.

#24-323

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Superintendent, Leisure Services Coordinator and Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board – New course administered by MMAH that CAO and Councillor Bailey as the planning board representative will complete, main topic is the new PPS.

- Dunning will be re-submitting as they wish to make changes to the application.

g) Police Detachment Board

- OPP 2025 Annual Billing Statement Package – We are looking at approximately \$30,000.00 increase in next year’s policing costs for a total of \$276,650.00.
- Board members now have access to the mandatory thematic training that must be completed before the first meeting can be held.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

- OCWA Quarterly Update – October 8th meeting – Went over the last 2 quarterly reports. Plant is working as it should. The sludge hall is planned for next week. Still going to try to complete some preventative flushing to the sewer lines prior to winter.
- The Spills Action Centre and Local Environmental officers take into consideration various risk factors such as the nature of the spill. Volume, location and containment prior to notifying downstream users and they have advised us that there have not been any recent significant spills that have not been reported to downstream intakes.

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) November 5th Regular Council Meeting – Mayor Watson & Councillor Chevis absent

#24-324

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we cancel the November 5th Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

b) Northern Treasurers Forum – November 21, 2024, Greater Sudbury

#24-325

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to attend the Northern Treasurers Forum on November 21, 2024 in Greater Sudbury, registration cost, \$45.00.”

CD.

- c) Boralex – Renewable Energy Meeting with Mayor, CAO & CBO – Update
 - Boralex is a renewable energy company that is looking to erect a 90-foot meteorological tower on highway 638 toward Leeburn. This tower does not require permits under the Ontario Building Code. Boralex is looking to study wind statistics in this area as part of a study for the viability of a future wind farm. This study can take anywhere from 1-5 years. If this area is a viable option and they want to proceed with a wind farm they require further approvals such as (but not limited to) municipal approval, official plan amendments including public consultation and would also require proper permits under the Ontario Building Code.
- d) FEDNOR – Meeting Update – CAO met with Initiative Officer from FEDNOR to discuss viable projects/initiatives that fall within the FEDNOR umbrella. Recreation is not included. Our strategic plan will help in supporting initiatives that we pursue in the future.
- e) Clean Yard By-law Enforcement – Update – We will be establishing administrative timeline procedures moving forward and will need to re-start the process with outstanding work orders issued in the Spring to ensure that they are dealt with in a timely manner.
- f) Christmas Holiday Office Closure

#24-326

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that Council approve the recommended holiday closure, with the Township Office closing at 12:00p.m. on Tuesday December 24, 2024, inclusively to re-open on Monday January 6, 2025;

AND THAT the Landfill site be closed on Thursday December 26, 2024, and open for all other regular scheduled hours though to the end of the year.”

CD.

- g) Building Permits

#24-327

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Jon MacDonald to demolish existing cottage, relocate existing storage building and construct a new cottage with attached garage, and approved a demolition permit to the Ministry of Transportation to demolish the sand dome.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#24-328

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOVLED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:38 p.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.

- To discuss Hall Caretaker positions
- To discuss vandalism at Hurley Park

#24-329

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed session at 7:45 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

#24-330

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we hire Shelley Evoy and Curt Silver as part-time hall caretakers.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#24-331

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #24-2233 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on October 15, 2024.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#24-332

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to November 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 19th day of November 2024.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK