

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MARCH 4, 2025
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, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis

Absent: Parker Brockelbank (vacation)

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen

Delegation: Derek Barkley

1. Call Meeting to Order

#25-54

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#25-55

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#25-56

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on February 5th, 2025, and Special Minutes of Council held of February 18th, 2025, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Echo Bay Elks – Derek Barkley

- Mr. Barkley talked about the services the Echo Bay Elks Club provides to support our community. He discussed the aging and declining volunteer compliment and has worries for the future of the club. We discussed supporting in areas that we can, continue partnering on some events, grass cutting as well as providing in kind advertising in our newsletters for their events and volunteer recruitment.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Winter Works – 800 tonnes of sand used; Cottage Road plowed 26 times.
- Spring Equipment Rentals – sweeper attachment booked April 22-26, wheeled excavator for month of May and first week of June.
- Amalgamated Tender – Results will be opened at April 16th EARSA meeting.
- Equipment Repair – The grader, backhoe and 12-5 plow truck have all gone through repairs this winter season.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Echo Bay Hall – Community Spring Vendor Sale scheduled for March 29th and Canadian Firearm Safety Course scheduled for May 9th and 10th
- Ontario Trillium Foundation – Capital Grant

#25-57

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the submission for a funding application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Stream for the Accessibility and Recreational Enhancement Project, due March 5, 2025;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is hereby authorized to prepare and sign a letter confirming municipal ownership of the project site as required by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and to execute any other necessary documents related to the funding application.”

CD.

- Part-Time Echo Bay Hall Caretaker

#25-58

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept the resignation from Curt Silver as part-time hall caretaker and hire Pamela Urry as the new part-time hall caretaker.”

CD.

- Part-Time Arena Caretaker

#25-59

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge the hiring of Joseph Francis for the part-time arena caretaker position, effective February 13, 2025, and further accepts the resignation of Joseph Francis effective February 24, 2025.”

CD.

#25-60

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we hire Ryder Clark as our part-time arena caretaker, effective March 4, 2025.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

#25-61

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

#25-62

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for January 2025:

Invoices: \$301,077.04

Payroll: \$46,855.22

Total: \$347,932.26.”

CD.

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

g) Police Detachment Board

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

- January 9, 2025 Minutes

#25-63

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we accept the Algoma District Administration Board Meeting minutes from January 9, 2025, meeting as presented.”

CD.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

#25-2243 Reconsideration of Cemetery By-law

#25-64

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“WHEREAS By-Law No. 25-2243, being a by-law to regulate the operation of all municipal cemeteries owned by the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, received first and second reading on February 4, 2025;

AND WHEREAS amendments have been made to the by-law following feedback from the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) to ensure compliance with the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA) and associated regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby reconsiders By-Law No. 25-2243 in its amended form and directs that it be presented for first and second reading at this meeting.”

CD.

#25-65

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOVLED that we give By-law #25-2243, as amended, its first and second reading.”

CD.

#25-2245 2025 Tax Ratio By-law

#25-66

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to draft by-law #25-2245 being a By-law to establish Tax Ratios for 2025.”

CD.

#25-67

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #25-2245 its first and second reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) 2024 Annual & Summary Reports for the Echo Bay Water System

#25-68

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we hereby accept the 2024 Annual and Summary Reports for the Echo Bay Water System as presented and directs that the reports be made available to the public in accordance with legislative requirements.”

CD.

b) CAO Report – Municipal Investment Regulations & Current Strategy – Received as information

c) 2025 Zone 7 Spring Zone – April 10-11, 2025

#25-69

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk and Treasurer to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Workshop from April 10-11, 2025, in Sudbury.”

CD.

d) Building Permits

#25-70

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved a building permit to Ted Bingham to build a lean-to on north side of barn.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#25-72

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239 (2):

f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;”

CD.

- Discussed the Laird Fire Agreement

#25-73
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we come out of closed session at 8:30 p.m. and continue our Regular Council meeting.”
CD.

12. Correspondence

a) Algoma Public Health – November 27, 2024 Minutes

#25-71
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Algoma Public Health Meeting minutes from November 27, 2024, as presented.”
CD.

- b) MTO – RE: Roadwork on Highway 638 for 2025
- c) Dr. Harold Trefry – RE: Adult Day out Program letter of thanks to Echo Bay Elks
 - Items b & c received as information.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#25-74
Moved by: Derek Hansen
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #25-2246 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 4, 2025.”
CD.

15. Adjournment

#25-75
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”
CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 1st day of April 2025.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK