

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY APRIL 1, 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, Adam Chevis, Parker Brockelbank

Absent: Shelly Bailey (vacation)

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen, Cody Jarrell

Delegation: Chris Kresin – Kresin Engineering

1. Call Meeting to Order

#25-80

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

#25-81

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#25-82

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on March 4th, 2025, and Special Minutes of Council held on March 18th, 2025, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Kresin Engineering – WTP & STP Capital Finance Plan & Structural Review

- Mr. Kresin provided a comprehensive condition review of both the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), highlighting several urgent items that should be addressed within the current fiscal year. These include recoating the interior of the water tower, painting the exterior to prevent further corrosion, updating the SCADA system at the WTP, and inspecting the intake, reservoir, and pump wells. Kresin Engineering will continue gathering the necessary information to support the management and implementation of these projects throughout the year.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Winter Works – All equipment running. 900 tonnes of winter sand used to date so far, Cottage Road has been plowed 31 times this season.
- Equipment Repair – Grader had pins and bushings replaced in the steering axle, the main axle pin bore was worn and needed to be sent for line boring. All pins and bushings have been replaced with a rebuild of the front axle. Multiple O-rings, seals and hydraulic lines have been replaced to stop leaking in the transmission. Headlight was replaced and rear backup light replaced. Backhoe requires a neutral safety switch and the part is on back order. Truck 31-6 had a hydraulic line and clamp repaired.
- Training – Roads crew attend propane training course last week. Will be looking to do book 7 training this year for traffic control plans.
- Gravel Tender – To be reassessed at next meeting once we know the condition of Bar River Road East as the frost comes out.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex -Will remain open until April 13th
- Olympia Advertising Update – pricing from surrounding areas presented
- Senior of the Year – Call for nominations to be advertised.
- Ball Hockey – Update – Looking at getting this program going this year.

c) Fire Chief – Nothing new to report

#25-85

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.

d) Treasurer’s Report

#25-84

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

Invoices: \$446,828.22

Payroll: \$46,438.36

Total: \$493,266.58.”

CD.

e) Cemetery Board

- March 24, 2025, Meeting Update – By-law has been submitted to the BAO for approval. Cemetery Tour to take place on May 13th at 7pm.

f) Planning Board

- E2025-01 Applicant Henderson

#25-85

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that Council recommend consent be given for E2025-01 applicant Henderson, with the condition that any portion of the road allowance located on the subject property be conveyed to the municipality at the expense of the owner.”

CD.

- March 25, 2025, Meeting Update – The board is still working on completing the Official Plan, also discussing options to fill the Secretary-Treasurer position.
- Application requirements for Severances on Mccarrel Lake, as a Natural Trout Lake – All planning applications for consent on Mccarrel Lake will need to be accompanied with an environmental impact study.

g) Police Detachment Board

- March 24, 2025, Meeting Update
- 2024-2025 Successful RIDE Grant Application – Not enough notice to coordinate and utilize before provincial year end of March 31st.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

- 2025 ADSAB Budget & Municipal Contribution \$614,840.00, up \$26,605.02 from 2024

i) Algoma District Municipal Association – Next meeting April 12th in Johnson.

j) Landfill/Recycling – see below

k) Sewer and Water

- Water & Waste Water Financial Plan under O. Reg. 453/07 to be completed as part of the Municipal Drinking Water License – Application for renewal date November 23, 2025

7. By-Laws

25-2245 2025 Tax Ratio By-law

#25-87

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

CD.

25-2247 Provincial Offences Intermunicipal Agreement with City of Sault Ste. Marie

#25-88

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to draft By-law #25-2247 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign a Provincial Offences Intermunicipal Agreement renewal with the City of Sault Ste. Marie for a future period of five (5) years, commencing on April 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2030.”

CD.

#25-89

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #25-2247 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#25-90

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #25-2247 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Community Emergency Preparedness Grant – Successful application for \$26,895.00

#25-91

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Transfer Payment Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

AND THAT they have the authority to bind the Corporation of the Corporation of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen with respect to said agreement.”

CD.

b) Contaminated Non-Hazardous Materials Loads for 2025 – How many to accept for 2025

#25-83

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement to accept up to 175 triaxle loads of contaminated non-hazardous soil at our landfill, conditional to all other requirements being met.”

CD.

c) Garden River First Nations Upper Echo River Barrier dam Removal Project – Meeting update and request for letter of support

- Council reviewed the information provided by GRFN and has requested additional details regarding the potential repercussions of the dam removal. A decision has been deferred to a future meeting.

d) Municipal Drainage Update – A site visit was conducted last week by our Drainage Superintendent from K. Smart Associates. The project is progressing, and drainage area maps were provided. The official report has not yet been received but is expected at a future date.

e) Ministry of Transportation – RE: Reply for request for maintenance of ditch on Highway 638. The MTO has confirmed they will not be providing maintenance for this ditch. The municipality will need to determine how to proceed with its ongoing upkeep.

f) J.L. Richards – Master Planning Fee Letter (Revised) – Received as information

g) Building Permits

#25-92

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved a building permit to Craig Lypps to replace siding, windows and door and James Miller to for a kitchen renovation, and window and door replacement.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#25-94

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239 (2):

- k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.”

CD.

- Discussed the Laird Fire Agreement

#25-95

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we come out of closed session at 9:23 p.m. and continue our Regular Council meeting.”
CD.

#25-96

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“REOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to renew the Laird Fire Agreement under the existing terms, with the addition of a clause requiring a proportional payout for the new pumper truck in the event of a breakdown in the relationship between the parties for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2025.”
CD.

12. Correspondence

- a) Algoma Power – Community Newsletter – Received as information
- b) Algoma Public Health – January 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes

#25-93

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Algoma Public Health Meeting minutes from January 29, 2025, as presented.”

CD.

- c) MNRF – 2025-2026 Algoma Forest Annual Work Schedule – Received as information

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#25-97

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #25-2248 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 1, 2025.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#25-98

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to April 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 20th day of May 2025.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK