

SPECIAL MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY APRIL 29, 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

1. Call Meeting to Order

#25-99

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#25-100

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

7. By-Laws

#25-2243 Cemetery By-law

#25-101

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #25-2243 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) 2025 Amalgamated Tender Results

#25-102

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we accept the results of the 2025 amalgamated tender for calcium, culverts and surface treatment as presented.”

CD.

b) 2025 Gravel Tender

#25-103

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to send out the 2025 Gravel Tender.”

CD.

c) 2025 Summer Students – successful in our summer student grant applications.

d) 2025 Annual Repayment Limit – Received as information

e) Sewer & Water Project Plans for 2025 – Review of Water & Sewer Surplus Summary

- Capital items for 2025 include interior and exterior coating of the water tower, SCADA upgrade at the WTP, and WTP Floc re-circulators.

f) Pumper Truck Update

- Chief & Deputy Chief to travel to Kelowna, BC from May 7-10th to view in-service truck.

#25-104

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVD that we accept the Fire Chief’s Activity Report as presented;

AND FUTHER THAT Council authorizes the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief to travel to Kelowna, British Columbia from May 7-10, 2025, to inspect an in-service pumper truck that closely aligns with the specifications under consideration for future purchase.”

CD.

g) Budget 2025

- Capital items this year include purchasing the Lake Street Property, Sewer & Water items noted above, rebuild of Mccarrel Lake Road, work toward the Echo Lake Road Bridge Replacement, and Bar River Bridge maintenance.
- Surface Treatment
 - Cemetery Road – Single layer from Watson Road to Ritter Bridge
 - Cemetery Road – Double layer from Ritter Bridge to Bar River Road
 - McCarrel Lake Road – Single layer from highway 638 to Watson Road
 - Maple Leaf Road East – Single layer from highway 17B to cul-de-sac
 - Bar River Road – Single layer from train tracks to Cemetery Road

#25-105

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that Council authorize staff to proceed with the following budget items prior to the final adoption of the 2025 budget:

- Trade in the existing photocopier and purchase a new photocopier from Algoma Office Equipment, as per the quote provided, recognizing the time-sensitive nature of the offer and the cost savings associated with early action;
- Enter into a three-year agreement for Escribe meeting management software, as per the provided quote, noting that the implementation period requires approximately 11 weeks to fully launch.

AND that all expenditures remain within the amounts outlined in the draft 2025 budget and be confirmed upon final budget approval.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

a) Central Algoma Intermediate & Secondary School – RE: Graduation Donations

#25-106

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we donate \$500.00 to Central Algoma Secondary School for the Grade 12 Graduation and \$100.00 to Central Algoma Intermediate School for the Grade 8 Graduation.”

CD.

b) Alzheimer's Society Forget Me Not Raffle RE- Permission to sell tickets in MMAA.

#25-107

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Alzheimer Society of Sault Ste. Marie to sell ticket within our Municipality for their “Forget Me Not” Raffle to be drawn on September 24, 2025.”

CD.

c) Dr. Harold Trefry Memorial Centre RE: Annual Contribution – Received as information

d) North Shore Agricultural Society RE: Sponsorship Request

#25-108

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we support the North Shore Agricultural Society Laird Fair by purchasing the Silver Sponsorship package for \$500.00.”

CD.

e) Echo Bay Central Public School RE: Request for LSC to Consult/Support Softball Tournament

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

#25-109

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that Council appoints Lynn Watson, the Municipality’s representative on the Algoma District Services Administration Board (ADSAB), as the authorized voting delegate for the upcoming ADSAB Board election and any subsequent ADSAB elections until the end of the current Council term on November 14, 2026.”

CD.

#25-110

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“**WHEREAS** Garden River First Nation has expressed interest in further exploring the future of the Upper Echo River Dam, located within their traditional territory; and

WHEREAS the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional values its respectful working relationship with Garden River First Nation and recognizes the importance of collaborative discussion on matters that affect our shared waterways; and

WHEREAS Council acknowledges that any consideration of the dam's future must be informed by accurate information, sound science, and meaningful dialogue among all interested parties;

WHEREAS the Township does not possess the scientific or environmental expertise required to assess the technical impacts of the dam or its potential removal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports Garden River First Nation’s efforts to engage in further study and information gathering regarding the Upper Echo River Dam and encourages open communication among all relevant agencies, stakeholders, and rights-holders to arrive at a well-informed and balanced outcome; and

FURTHER THAT Council does not take a position on the future of the dam but remains committed to supporting cooperative dialogue and assisting where appropriate throughout this process.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to prepare and submit a letter to Garden River First Nation reflecting this resolution and the Township’s continued commitment to respectful collaboration.”

CD.

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

#25-111

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #25-2249 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 29, 2025.”

CD.

15. **Adjournment**

#25-112

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to May 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

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

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK