

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JULY 15, 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, Parker Brockelbank, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen

1. Call Meeting to Order

#25-163

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

#25-164

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#25-165

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on June 17, 2025, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment repair
- 2025 Gravel
- Ditching Rental
- Landfill

#25-166

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOVLED that Council authorize Lajoie Bros. Construction to hire the municipal bulldozer and operator for the soil disposal project, at an hourly rate consistent with market rates.”

CD.

- Roadside Grass Cutting

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Summer Programs
- Hurley Park
- Healthy Aging & Wellness Fair
- Algoma IPAC Hub Measles Info.

#25-167

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that the Township authorize the LSC to attend the Healthy Aging and Wellness Fair at the St. Joseph Island Legion on September 16, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., to represent the municipality and share information with the public about the programs and services offered within the Township.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls
- Fire Hall Maintenance
- Training
- Personnel
- New Business

#25-170

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

#25-168

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

Invoices: \$363,781.92

Payroll: \$45,890.52

Total: \$409,672.44.”

CD.

** Councillor Hansen declared a conflict and left Council Chambers.

#25-169

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Tiffany Fleming for 2025 student training in the amount of \$225.00.”

CD.

** Councillor Hansen returned to Council Chambers.

e) Cemetery Board

- Benches – Will proceed with purchasing 3 benches matching color to our columbarium’s.

f) Planning Board

- Tarbutt Township – RE: Secretary-Treasurer Position

#25-171

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council supports the Township of Tarbutt’s motion requesting that the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board publicly advertise the Secretary-Treasurer position and begin an active recruitment process, including a turnover and training period with the current Secretary-Treasurer.”

CD.

g) Police Detachment Board

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

- OCWA Quarterly July 9th – Update
- Inspection of Raw Water Intake & Exterior of Intake Pipe - Quote

#25-172

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we accept the quote from Porpealia Repair Ltd. to dive and inspect the water treatment plant’s raw water intake, total price \$10,131.80 + HST.”

CD.

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- Successful Tax Sale – July 10, 2025 Tender Results (3 properties) – Received as information
- Unsuccessful Tax Sale – No tenders Received (1 property) – Options Discussion

#25-173

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that Council direct staff to proceed with vesting the property associated with Tax Sale File 23-04 in the name of the Township, that the lands be retained for municipal use as part of the road allowance, and that the Mayor and Clerk/CAO be authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the vesting.”

CD.

c) Algoma Power – Water Tower Antenna Rental Extension
#25-174

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that Council authorize the renewal of the antenna lease agreement with Algoma Power Inc. (API) for continued use of space on the Echo Bay Water Tower for a five (5) year term, from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2030, under the same terms and conditions as the original agreement, with no change to the current rental rate;

AND THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to effect the renewal on behalf of the Township.”

CD.

d) Echo Bay to St. Joseph – Community Tree Giveaway Proposal – Received as information

e) Ontario Trillium Foundation – Seed Grant

#25-175

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that Council authorize the CAO/Clerk to submit a Seed Grant application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation to support municipal master planning and to execute any require documents.”

CD.

f) Building Permits

#25-176

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Brent & Carol Chevis to replace a deck, Mike Nott to demolish a garage, Anissa Robinson to demolish a garage, Paula Dunning to re-roof former pottery studio, Birch Lake Holdings Inc. to demolish shed, Birch Lake Holdings Inc. to construct 26’ X 28’ shed, Ken Irvine to re-shingle dwelling, and Chris Gordon to demolish tarp barn.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#25-180

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:45p.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;
- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;”

CD.

To discuss:

- 1) Circular Materials Depot Agreement Amendments
- 2) A zoning matter regarding an identifiable individual
- 3) A tax matter regarding personal information about an identifiable individual

#25-181

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed session at 8:45p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

#25-182

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that Council receive the summary for information and direct staff to proceed with formal acknowledgement of the Change Notice issued by Circular Materials Ontario, with no objections to the proposed extension and amended terms.”

CD.

#25-183

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“WHEREAS the property located at 182 Cottage Road remains in contravention of the Township’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 10-1699 and Building Code Act regulations, despite multiple notifications and formal correspondence;

AND WHEREAS the owners were issued a Final Notice on July 2, 2025, providing 14 days to bring the property into compliance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO/Clerk to initiate enforcement proceedings, including legal action, should full compliance not be achieved by July 16, 2025;

AND THAT all related costs incurred by the Township in enforcing compliance be recoverable from the property owners through any lawful means available.”

CD.

#25-184

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“WHEREAS Council has received and reviewed correspondence and conduct from a member of the public that includes repeated unfounded allegations, defamatory remarks, and disruptive behaviour toward municipal staff;

AND WHEREAS Council considers this conduct serious and potentially harmful to the wellbeing of staff and to the integrity of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to consult with legal counsel regarding available options for protection under applicable legislation, including but not limited to a cease and desist letter, trespass order, or other appropriate actions;

AND FURTHER THAT Council confirms the municipality will continue with the tax arrears process for the subject property in accordance with Policy #2025-1, with no exceptions or modifications.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

- a) Ministry of Rural Affairs – RE: Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – RE: Bill 17
- c) North Shore Link Project
- d) FONOM RE: Canadian Softwood Lumber Dispute

#25-178

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional supports the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities’ (FONOM) June 30, 2025 letter to the federal and provincial governments, urging immediate action to address the significant economic threat posed by the increased softwood lumber tariffs imposed by the United States.”

CD.

- e) FONOM – RE: NORDS Expansion

#25-179

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional supports the call for the Province of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program permanent and to expand eligibility to recognize infrastructure impacts from agricultural operations.”

CD.

- f) Township of Hornpayne – RE: Opposition to Provisions in Bill 5

#25-177

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOVLED that the correspondence items A, B, C, and F, be received as presented for information.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Mayor Watson – Correspondence from Jodi Wildman offering to host a get together with the Leader of Ontario’s Official opposition Marit Syles – Mayor Watson will try to attend if they are able to get meeting setup.

Mayor Watson – Correspondence received from the Ministry of Infrastructure stating that they will not have any funding available for the Echo River Bridge Replacement as we requested. Council discussed having a public meeting in late August/early September and inviting members of Kehoe, Garden River First Nation and the Echo Lake Road Committee to attend.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#25-161

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #25-2254 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 15, 2025.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#25-186

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to August 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 19th day of August 2025.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK