

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 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, Adam Chevis, Shelly Bailey

Staff: Lacey Kastikainen, Cody Jarrell, Matt Jarrell, Catie Stevens

1. Call Meeting to Order

#25-238

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

#25-239

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#25-240

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on September 16, 2025, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Repair
- Bar River Bridge
- Ditching Updates
- Surface Treatment
- EARSA – Meeting Update
- Water & Sewer Curb Stop Repair
- Plow Truck Replacement
- Algoma Power Road Superintendent’s Meeting – Tuesday November 4th

#25-243

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Road Superintendent to attend the Algoma Power Road Superintendent’s Meeting on Tuesday November 4, 2025, in Sault Ste. Marie, no cost to attend.”

CD.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex Sponsorships & Advertising
- Parade of Lights – Highway Closure

#25-244

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the LSC to send a letter to the MTO requesting that Highway 638 be closed on Saturday December 13, 2025, from 6:00 – 9:00p.m. for the 2025 Parade of Lights.”

CD.

- Remembrance Day – Elks hosting again this year at the Cenotaph.
- Community Christmas Dinner & Dance – Scheduled for November 28th at the Elks.
- 2026 Summer Student Funding Applications

#25-245

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to apply for 6 Summer Students for 2026. 1 Museum/Lending Library Assistant, 2 Recreational Activities Assistants, 1 Park & Recreation Assistant, 1 Recreational Activities Counsellor, and 1 Office Administration Assistant.”

CD.

#25-246

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge the hiring of Bruce McFadden for the part-time Arena Caretaker position, effective October 21, 2025, pending the satisfactory completion of all employment requirements, including training, reference, and record checks.

CD.

c) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls – 10 calls for service since last report.
- Fire Hall Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance – All in working order
- Training – Water supply and interior fire attack.
- Personnel

#25-242

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the resignation letter from Keegan Evoy from the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Volunteer Fire Department effective immediately, and thank him for his service.”

CD.

- New Business

#25-241

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“WHEREAS the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional issued a tender for the supply and delivery of one (1) Triple Combination Pumper, which closed on October 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS the tender submitted by Fort Garry Fire Trucks was the successful bid, meeting all required specifications;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional hereby accepts the tender submission from Fort Garry Fire Trucks in the total amount of \$820,748.00 plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT payment for the chassis, in the amount of \$240,500.00 plus HST, be made upon delivery of the chassis to the Fort Garry plant, with the remaining balance due upon delivery of the completed unit.”

CD.

#25-248

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

#25-247

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

Invoices: \$330,051.47

Payroll: \$47,079.49

Total: \$377,130.96.”

CD.

e) Cemetery Board – Next meeting November 24th

f) Planning Board

- E2025-09 – Applicant Moss

#25-249

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that Council recommend consent be given for E2025-09 applicant Moss, 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.

- g) Police Detachment Board – Next meeting November 24th
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association – Cancelled, hoping to re-schedule for Spring 2026.
- j) Landfill/Recycling

- Echo Bay Waste Disposal – Liability Report from Kresin Engineering

#25-250

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED we accept the Echo Bay Waste Disposal Liability Report from Kresin Engineering Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2024, as presented.”

CD.

- k) Sewer and Water

- Water Tower Rehabilitation Update – Interior going according to plans. Exterior paint is flaking off during cleaning, will need to postpone until Spring with plan to contain flakes.
 - Sludge Haul took place week of October 13th.
 - OCWA Quarterly and Management Transition Meeting scheduled for November 13th

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) 2025 Budget Review

- b) Raw Water Intake Pipe and Intake Structure Inspection report from Kresin Engineering.

#25-251

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the Raw Water Intake Inspection report from Kresin Engineering Corporation, as presented.”

CD.

- c) Echo Bay Sportsplex Structural Review from Kresin Engineering

#25-252

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we accept the Echo Bay Sportsplex Building Review report from Kresin Engineering Corporation, as presented.”

CD.

- d) Community Economic Development Workshop – November 13, 2025 – Thessalon

#25-253

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize the LSC & Mayor Watson to attend the Community Economic Development Workshop at the Sowerby Hall on November 13, 2025.”

CD.

- e) AMCTO Fall Zone – Update – Lots of discussion about the upcoming election and strong mayor powers.

- f) AMCTO Municipal Clerks Forum – October 23rd – Virtual

#25-254

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to participate in the Virtual AMCTO Clerks Forum on October 23, 2025, registration fee \$369.00 + HST.”

CD.

- g) MMAH 2025 Northeast Planning Workshop – November 13-14, 2025 – Sudbury

#25-255

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the CAO/Clerk to attend the 2025 Northeast Planning Workshop in Greater Sudbury, November 13-14th, 2025, cost to attend \$70.00.”

CD.

- h) ROMA Conference – January 18-20, 2025 – Toronto

#25-256

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we authorize Shelly Bailey to attend the ROMA 2026 Annual Conference from January 18-20th in Toronto, cost to register \$765.00.”

CD.

- i) Christmas Holiday Closures – Recommended Office closure December 24th at 12pm reopening January 5th. Landfill to be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

#25-257

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 Wednesday December 24, 2025, inclusively to re-open on Monday January 5, 2026;

AND THAT the Landfill site be closed on December 25, 2025 and January 1, 2026, and open for all other regular scheduled hours through to the end of the year.”

CD.

- j) Building Permits

#25-258

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Lucas Maszczakiewicz to build a single detached dwelling, Allison Straus to build a cottage, Theo Huffels for foundation repairs, Grant Collings to building a detached garage with washroom and Mike & Mavis Nott to re-build garage.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#25-261

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:19p.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;
- f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;”

CD.

To discuss:

- 1) Litigation Matter – Statement of Claim
- 2) Algoma Steel Oil Spill – Investigation Request
- 3) Personnel Update

#25-262

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

12. Correspondence

- a) Planning Board – RE: Notice of Application for Consent – L2025-07 Applicant Shaun Evoy
- b) FONOM – RE: New Leadership

#25-259

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that this Council extends its sincere appreciation to Danny Whalen for his many years of dedicated service and leadership as President of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and further directs staff to send a letter of thanks in recognition of his contributions.”

CD.

- c) Solicitor General – RE: OPP Cost Recover Model Review
- d) ADSAB Meeting Minutes - July 24, 2025
- e) APH Meeting Minutes – May 28th & June 25, 2025
- f) APH – RE: Working Together to Reduce Food Insecurity in Ontario
- g) Middlesex-London Board of Health Household Food Insecurity: A Primer for Municipalities
- h) Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks – RE: Compliance Policy Updates

#25-260

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the correspondence items A, C, D, E, F, G & H, be received as presented for information.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#25-263

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #25-2258 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on October 21, 2025.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#25-264

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to November 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 18th day of November 2025.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK