

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 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, Catie Stevens

Delegation: Riki Olszewski (virtual attendance)

1. Call Meeting to Order

#25-265

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

#25-266

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#25-267

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on October 21, 2025, be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Virtual - Suraci & Olszewski Chartered Professional Accountants – 2024 Financials

#25-268

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the 2024 Financial Statements (Draft) from Suraci & Olszewski Chartered Professional Accountants, as presented.”

CD.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

- Equipment Maintenance - All equipment in working order
- Winter Sand – 1200 ton of sand was treated with salt and ready for winter works
- Lake Street North Road Closure – Completed faster than expected and back open today.
- API Road Supers Meeting – Many poles replaced for fibre project. No line clearing in 2026.

c) Leisure Services Coordinator

- Sportsplex – OTF Grant in final stages, Sponsorship opportunities are going very well.
- Municipal Christmas Community Event Schedule

#25-271

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that Council authorize staff to prepare and submit an application to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility’s 2026–27 Seniors Community Grant Program, and further authorize the CAO/Clerk and applicable staff to complete all required documentation and reporting associated with the grant.”

CD.

d) Fire Chief

- Emergency Calls – None since last report
- Fire Hall Maintenance – Looking to complete some lighting upgrades before year end.
- Equipment Maintenance – All equipment in working order.
- Training – Another car was donated so we will continue vehicle extrication techniques.

- Personnel – Two applicant packages have been sent out and once they have been signed and accepted the candidate names will be brought forward for Council approval.
- New Business – Pre-construction meeting with Fort Garry Fire Trucks was held this week. Every line of spec was reviewed and necessary changes have been made. A few minor decisions let to complete the process.

#25-272

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

CD.

e) Treasurer’s Report

#25-269

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

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

Invoices: \$318,827.16

Payroll: \$66,657.28

Total: \$385,484.44.”

CD.

*Councillor Hansen declared a conflict and left Council Chambers at 7:19pm

#25-270

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Tiffany Fleming a \$200.00 per diem for attending the Emergency Management Fall Sector Meeting.”

CD.

*Councillor Hansen returned to Council Chambers at 7:20pm

f) Cemetery Board

- Cemetery Board Vacancy

#25-273

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that Council declare a vacancy on the Cemetery Board and direct staff to advertise for a new member to begin serving in 2026, and further that Council express appreciation for the service previously provided in this role.”

CD.

- Next meeting November 24th

g) Planning Board

- E2025-11 Walling – New lot addition application with larger retained parcel

#25-274

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that Council supports Consent Application E2025-11 Walling, being a lot addition within the Agricultural (AG) Zone, as the proposal aligns with the Township’s Zoning By-law No. 10-1699 and the Provincial Policy Statement, 2024 by supporting viable agricultural operations;

AND THAT Council does not support the imposition of any condition that would prohibit future buildings or development on the enlarged agricultural parcel, noting that:

- this application is a boundary adjustment, not the creation of a new remnant parcel,
- the existing parcel already carries lawful as-of-right development permissions under the AG Zone, and
- these permissions are not removed simply because a lot addition occurs;

AND THAT Council further advises that a “no future development” condition would be impractical and unenforceable, as such restrictions are not registered on title and are not discoverable through routine building permit review.”

CD.

h) Police Detachment Board – Next meeting November 24th

i) Algoma District Services Administration Board

j) Algoma District Municipal Association

- k) Landfill/Recycling
- l) Sewer and Water
 - Drinking Water System Financial Plan

#25-275

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that Council accepts the Echo Bay Drinking Water System Financial Plan #278-301, as required for the Municipal Drinking Water Licence renewal; and further that staff be directed to submit the accepted plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and include it with the licence renewal documentation.”

CD.

- Water Tower Project Update – Interior project should be completed this week and we should be able to begin the process of going back online. The exterior project will be postponed and looked at in the Spring due to paint chip containment issues.
- OCWA Quarterly Meeting Update – Change in management with OCWA will take place. We met the new manager. We discussed the upcoming service agreement that is up for renewal and will be working with Kresin Engineering to ensure no ambiguity in the future contracts and include Asset Management O. Reg. Compliance as part of the service agreement.

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) CAO Report – Received as information
- b) 2025 EMO Exercise & Training – Monday December 1st at 1:00p.m. – Council Chambers
- c) 2025 Insurance Renewal – Renewal terms to follow
- d) Pothole Prevention and Repair Program – MTO

#25-276

Moved by: Derke Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that Council authorize the Township to apply to the Ministry of Transportation’s Pothole Prevention and Repair Program, and further authorize the CAO/Clerk to submit all required application documents.”

CD.

- e) 2026 OCIF Allocation – 2026 Allocation is \$142,712.00 which is up from \$129,738.00 in 2025.
- f) Laird Fire Truck Agreement & 2026 Fire Agreement

#25-277

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor and the CAO/Clerk to enter into the Fire Protection Services and Cost Sharing Agreement with the Township of Laird for the renewal term of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, as amended.”

CD.

#25-278

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and the CAO/Clerk to execute the “Pumper Truck Capital Cost-Sharing Agreement” on behalf of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional.”

CD.

- g) Building Permits

#25-279

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Brittany Vallee for a residential dwelling, Floyd Cooper to building a seasonal cottage, Rod Jarrett to put a 30’ X 50’ addition on garage, Shelley Evoy to building new cottage, Paul & Tania Hazlett to replace metal roofing, Lori Hurley to demolish Hallmark trailer, Joe Nelles to re-shingle dwelling roof, Billy Evoy to put 14’ X 32’ addition on dwelling, and 1000372087 Ontario Inc. to replace deck.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#25-280

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:27p.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) Litigation Matter – Statement of Claim
- 2) Legal advice – FOI Process

#25-281

Moved by: Derek Hansen

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed session at 8:50p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

- a) Hydro One – Norh East Power Line Open House
- b) Planning Board – RE: Notice of Application for Consent – L2025-06 Applicant Shaun Evoy
- c) AMCTO – RE: Harassment & Incivility Survey Key Findings
- d) FONOM Shares Final Report on Internal Migration to Northern Ontario
- e) FONOM RE: Fall Economic Statement
- f) Minister of Finance – RE: 2026 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Update
- g) Trefry – RE: Letter of Thanks
- h) Danny Whalen FONOM – RE: Letter of Thanks
- i) Rock Networks – RE: Public Meeting Echo Bay Hall – November 26, 2025 at 7pm.

- All items received as information.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#25-282

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Derek Hansen

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #25-2259 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on November 18, 2025.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#25-283

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to December 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this 16th day of December 2025.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK