

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS & TELECONFERENCE
Conference # 1-855-343-6177 Conference ID 6677865

Mayor: Lynn Watson
Council: Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis, John Bucknell, Lynn Orchard (7:25-8:15)
Staff: Lynne Duguay
Delegation: Jeff Nelson-Cavera Inc.

1. Call Meeting to Order
#20-254
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda
#20-255
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#20-256
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on August 18, 2020 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Web Site Presentation-Jeff Nelson-Cavera Inc.
Jeff presented the new website and features that will be available. We have registered with Pay Pal for online payments for fire permits, dog tags, etc. They have built ice rental features so people can book their own ice times and pay on line. Registrations for all recreational programs will be available on line as well. Training for staff will take place Tuesday Sept. 15 and we will be able to maintain and make changes on this website as needed. We are hoping to launch end of September first part of October.
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Plow Truck Tender
Defer to Sept. 22 Regular Meeting
Councillor Orchard brought information in regard to a 2019 Plow Truck that Leroy Construction has for sale. Would like the Road Super to check it out to see if it is something we might be interested in.
 - Ford’s Road
Culvert in road has been completed. Landowner needs to finish their portion.
 - McCarrel Lake Road Drainage
On site meeting has been set up for Wed. Sept. 9 at 8:00 a.m. with landowner.
 - Elizabeth Street Paving
Has been completed. We have received lots of compliments.
 - August 26 Rain Event
We received 4.5-5 inches of rain that day. We had a few minor washouts, mostly driveways. Most repairs were complete by Aug. 28
 - Echo Lake Road
Tulloch was asked to take a look at this area to see if there is any concern. Waiting for their report.
 - Cottage Rd.
Mayor and Clerk met property owner on site. There are some minor things we can to assist her with surface water.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Sportsplex
Would like to purchase a snow blower for the sportsplex rather than purchasing pickle ball equipment that was budgeted for 2020. We can look at pickle ball again next. Council was in favour of this the money is already in the budget.

Ice Rentals are coming in regularly with a number of season long bookings. Planning a 5-6 week curling league where teams can sign up for \$100.00 and it will take place on Sunday nights. If there is interest in this the season can be extended into the new year with a possible bonspiel at the end. If there is no interest that ice time will be available for rent. After the Fall Farmers Run loam will be ordered for the field beside the Sportsplex. Discussed the schedule for the arena for 2020/2021 season. We will stick with the same schedule as last year. Head Arena Caretaker will work Mon-Fri and Part time Arena Caretaker will cover off the weekends and through the week as needed.

-Milligan Gazebo

Equipment under Seniors Horizon project has arrived and the location for installation has been decided upon. Road Dept. will assist with prepping the ground and installation will take place this fall.

-Farmers Fall Fun Run

As of now there are 71 participants with 28 under the age of 12 and 12 volunteers.

-Memorial Park

#20-258

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize Seamless Eavestrough to install a Springfield Fence at Memorial Park in the amount of \$9,700.00. This will replace the hedge that was removed.”

CD.

-Halls

Both Sylvan Valley Hall and Echo Bay Community Hall will continue to be closed until Sept. 30, 2020. Council will discuss this further at the Sept. 22 Council Meeting. Further information will be available then in regard to COVID-19 and possible second wave and school openings etc.

-Loon Dollar Park

The 3 Ducks Unlimited interpretive signs have been put back up on the boardwalk.

-Parade of Lights

#20-259

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to apply to the Ministry of Transportation for a permit to close Hwy 638 on Saturday December 12, 2020 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. for the 28th Annual Parade of Lights.”

CD.

The theme for this year's Parade of Lights is “Christmas on the Farm”

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

3 calls during this reporting period.

Fire hall maintenance on hold. Equipment maintenance-air pack testing scheduled for Sept. 12, 2020.

All annual truck inspections have been completed.

-Fire Department Training

More discussion at the Sept. 22 Council Meeting.

#20-260

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the report from Road Super, Leisure Service Coordinator, and Fire Chief.”

CD.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

-Sept 21, 2020 7:30 p.m. next meeting-Conference Call

f) Planning Board

g) Police Services Board

-Sept. 21, 2020 7:00 p.m. next meeting

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

-Area 3 Board Vacancy-Election

Election to take place next week. 2 People have put their names forward, Bryon Hall from St. Joseph Twp. and Blaine Mersereau from Twp. of Johnson.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

-Commercial Recycle Pick-up discussion

We will begin picking up Commercial Recycling again starting Thursday September 17, 2020.

-WEE-Electronic Waste-OES-Ontario Electronic Stewardship

The last electronic bin was picked up last week and GFL, on behalf of OES will not be placing another bin at the landfill. This program will no longer exist by the end of December 2020. The new program that will be replacing this program will be the Electronic Products Recycling Association.

-Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) Agreement

#20-261

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to move forward with the agreement with the Electronic Products Recycling Association for the pickup of the electronics at our landfill once the WEEE-Electronic Waste Program is over through Ontario Electronic Stewardship.”

CD.

-Ministry of Environment Landfill Amendment Update-Tulloch Report

Tulloch Engineering provided us with a report in regard to moving forward with our amendment to allow us to accept Non-Hazardous Contaminated Soil at our landfill from within the Algoma District. We have to complete an environmental screening process in order to move forward with this amendment which will cost between \$5-\$7,000.00. The revenue that we collect from the disposal of non-hazardous contaminated soil (which is primarily from rehabilitated gas stations) is a win/win for us because we collect the revenue but also are able to use this material for cover which is a mandatory requirement under our ECA. Clerk was given direction to inform Tulloch that we will continue with this process.

k) Sewer and Water

We will read meters on Sept. 30 while weather is still good, in order to catch those up who go over their base amount. Will discuss when the next meter reading will take place.

7. By-Law

8. Unfinished Business

a) Electronic Participation & Proxy Voting in Municipal Meetings Discussion

Clerk to amend by-law to allow electronic participation in an emergency situation only. All rules of existing Procedural By-law will continue, which allows electronic participation but requires a quorum in Council chambers. We are not moving forward with Proxy Voting at this time.

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

Clerk to update Business Continuity Plan to add the collection of Commercial Recycling starting September 17.

b) Bear Sightings in Echo Bay-Discussion

Councillor Bucknell informed Council that he has received 48 messages in regard to bears in the community of Echo Bay. He is concerned about how the MNR is dealing with these bear issues and stated the Bear Wise Program is not an efficient system. When you call the OPP if the bears are causing an imminent threat it takes time for them to arrive on the scene. More needs to be done about this issue.

#20-257

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we send a letter to MPP Mike Mantha in regard to the bears in Echo Bay and the need for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to amend the rules on how these bears are dealt with.”

CD

c) Maple Leaf Road-Purchase from Becker Estate

Clerk to move forward with this.

d) Great West Life Group Benefits Renewal

Working on gathering updated numbers as well as market comparisons. Defer to Sept. 22 meeting.

e) Municipality of Huron Shores-Community Owned Broadband Network Improving Connectivity for Ontario Program-2nd Letter

f) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive
12. Correspondence
13. Mayor & Councillors Comments
Clerk to get hourly price from The Plumbers to do some plumbing repairs in some of our municipal buildings.
14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#20-262
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #20-2083 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 8, 2020.”
CD.
15. Adjournment
#20-263
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”
CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2020.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR