

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2020
7:05 P.M. TELECONFERENCE
Conference # 1-855-343-6177 Conference ID 6677865

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: John Bucknell, Shelly Bailey, Teleconference: Lynn Orchard, Adam Chevis

Staff: Lynne Duguay

1. Call Meeting to Order
#20-108
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:05 p.m.”
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda
#20-109
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#20-110
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council Meeting held on March 17, 2020
be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Winter Works
Winding down. 935 tonne of winter sand used this season, 216 less than last season.
 - Spring Run-off
All water ways and ditches flowing smoothly.
 - COVID-19
Roads Dept managing well with only call-in workers as needed. No problem with staffing, they are there within 15-20 min. of being called in.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - COVID-19 Pandemic
Pictures have been taken of closed parks and barricades. Echo Bay’s for Sale has been rescheduled for August 29 Or Sept. 12. Soccer and ball still unknown. Lots of inquiries.
 - Sportsplex
Head Arena Caretaker checking the building regularly. 2 new cylinders ordered from Propane Plus. During the shut down cylinders being kept outside. We will keep the ice rental rates the same for the coming season as last season.
 - Echo Bay Hall
Need to get a quote on repairing the whole roof at the hall. No more leaks to date since the repair was completed.
 - Museum
Will schedule a meeting once it is permitted.
 - Events
All following events have been cancelled or re-scheduled. Easter Craft Night-cancelled, Kids Can Cook-cancelled, Echo Bay’s 4 Sale-rescheduled, Ball Program-on hold, Soccer-on hold. Everything else is on hold until further notice.

- c) Fire Chief
 - Agreement with Algoma Public Health for Naloxone Program-on hold
 - MNR Municipal Partnership Agreement-sent out
 - Provincial Restricted Fire Zone

Friday April 3, 2020 the Province put a Restricted Fire Zone in place. All fire permits have been cancelled and no new permits will be given out.

#20-111
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Supervisor, Leisure Services Coordinator and Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

- d) Treasurer’s Report
- e) Cemetery Board
- f) Planning Board
- g) Police Services Board
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
- j) Landfill/Recycling
 - continue reduced Landfill Hours Tuesday 12-5 and Saturday 9-5

#20-112
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we suspend commercial recycling pickup until further notice.”

CD.

Letters to be sent out to all businesses.

- k) Sewer and Water
- 7. By-Law
 - 8. Unfinished Business
 - 9. New Business
 - a) Covid-19 Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion
 - #20-113
 - Moved by: John Bucknell
 - Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
 - “RESOLVED that we adopt the amended Business Continuity Plan as presented.”

CD.

- b) April 14, 2020 Budget Meeting-cancelled
 - suggestion-have a budget meeting as part of our April 21 Regular Council Meeting.

#20-114
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we cancel the April 14, 2020 Budge Meeting due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and reschedule it as part of our Regular Council Meeting on April 21, 2020.”

CD.

- c) Leisure Services Coordinator Recruitment-revisit April 21 Regular Council Meeting
- d) Echo Bay Community Hall-Temporary Food Bank Discussion
 - #20-115
 - Moved by: John Bucknell
 - Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
 - “RESOLVED that we designate the Echo Bay Community Hall to become an essential building and temporary location for the Echo Bay & Area Food Bank in the event that COVID-19 Pandemic goes longer and extended food bank services are required for our community.”

CD.

e) Building Permits

- 10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
- 11. Closed Session-Permissive
- 12. Correspondence
- 13. Mayor & Councillors Comments
 Councillor Orchard inquired about discussing the purchase of new plow truck at the next Budget Meeting. Suggested moving forward with this purchase this year and budget over 2 years. It takes almost a year to build it. There is an issue with where to park it. He suggested parking grader outside and put new plow truck in municipal garage.
 Councillor Chevis stated this might not be the budget year to do it-we might need that money for something else. With the COVID-19 Pandemic situation it is going to take a number of years to recover from this-should we be spending this money in this years budget?
 Mayor Watson wanted to thank all our employees for doing their part during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law #20-116
 Moved by: Shelly Bailey
 Seconded by: John Bucknell
 “RESOLVED that we pass By-law #20-2071 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 7, 2020.”
 CD.
- 15. Adjournment #20-117
 Moved by: John Bucknell
 Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
 “RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to April 21, 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