

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2019
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: John Bucknell, Adam Chevis, Shelly Bailey, Lynn Orchard (absent)

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Donny Cameron, Cindy Findlay, Matt Jarrell

1. Call Meeting to Order
#19-291
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
#19-292
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented”
CD
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#19-293
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council Meeting held on July 16, 2019 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Sylvan Valley Hill Road
Road Super and Councillor Orchard met with Ellwood Robinson July 24 and made an agreement repair the washboard at east end of roadway which was completed the next day.
 - Surface Treatment
Was completed today and road super is very happy with the job they did.
 - June 10 Rain Event
Finished up August 1 with the washout repairs. Wheeled Excavator was returned August 2.
 - Gene Alcock Request
Clerk to contact Mr. Alcock and explain that we appreciate the work he did for us during the flood event but there will be no monetary value.
 - Landfill
New dump areas have been opened. Glass bin has been taken out of share shed area and blocked from receiving any more glass. Dump trailers still and issue-nothing new.
 - Watson Road Bridge Replacement
Project is coming along well.
 - Elizabeth St. Manhole Repairs
Received a request to do locates but no sign of Boyer Construction yet. Clerk to call them.
 - Quote for partial willow tree removal on Tranberg Rd.
Summers Tree Removal will be taking down a portion of the tree for us in September. Road crew will do the clean up.
Received an e-mail from the Hilstrom’s on Cloudy Lake Rd. in regard to the condition of the road. Road super and Councillor Bailey took a look and it does need some gravel otherwise seemed fine.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Sportsplex

- Bulwark to be doing a set area to see if the treatment will fix our problem. It was decided to do the northeast side, just past the first fan. This is to be done in the beginning of September.
- Reports on pricing for other rentals in the area to finalize a cost for renting the Sportsplex.
- Tulloch and Mike Moore Construction Representative were here on July 24, to look at the holes that need to be patched.
- Staffing for the arena. Are we hiring another person or are we sticking with the two we have?
- Ice is scheduled to be painted on October 23.
- Glass is to be put in starting on September 9. Who will be the third person helping out with this since the resignation of a staff?
- An email was sent to Leprohon regarding the maintenance start up. We requested October 6-8 area.
- Push at the side of the Sportsplex is still waiting to happen.
- Asphalt for the Ice Resurfer, at the large roll up door still needs to be completed.
- Dusk to Dawn light was put up on the large roll up door in July.
- I have someone interested in purchasing our curling rocks. Is council interested?
- A meeting was held on August 2, with Dave Patterson regarding holding the Northern Ontario Country Music Awards event in 2020 at the Sportsplex. Looking at last weekend in August.

#19-296

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we rent the Sportsplex for a one day event \$150.00 and a 3 day weekend \$400.00 + \$100.00 security deposit (canteen/kitchen included).”

CD.

-Echo Bay Hall

- Quotes due August 12, for the furnace.

#19-297

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the quote from Commercial/Algoma Heating for a gas furnace at the Echo Bay Hall in the amount of \$5,600.00 + HST.”

CD.

- Dishwasher was ready to use on August 2.

-Sylvan Valley Hall

- ❖ Flooring still needs to be looked at.
- ❖ Auto door button still not working. We are working with the contractor to rectify the problem.

-NEORA

- Conference call scheduled for August 28, at 9 am.
- Conference will be in Sudbury on September 23 – 26.

-Museum/Lending Library

- Next museum meeting is now Wednesday, October 16, at 10 am.
- Wizard World Wonders Reading Program that started July 17 is doing well with an average of 10 children attending so far.
- 13th Annual Extravaganza July 5, 2020, at the Sportsplex is tentatively booked.

-Tower Lake

- ❖ Roof will be done when there's an opening in the contractor's schedule.
- ❖ New privy has been started
- ❖ Cub Camp is August 21 -25

-Flower Beds/Playgrounds

- ❖ A total redo of the Dinelle's corner bed is need with barrier cloth and mulch
- ❖ The Carpet Bed Sign still needs to be cleaned up with weed barrier and the red rock fixed.
- ❖ Loon Dollar Park needs to have the weeds taken out of the pathway
- ❖ Hurley Park needs shrubs to be trimmed and flowers have been added to the butterfly garden.
- ❖ Playground inspections were completed on August 1. He mentioned that there are a number of places taking out good equipment to put in Natural Playground equipment (which is much more expensive). A thought is to replace Hurley Park. When I inspect it last, the material looks to be weakening (brittle) due to the sun exposure.

-Events/Programs

- **Slo-pitch** is completed
- **Soccer** – is completed. Division I Team B was the champions from their division of 5 teams.
- **Swim Program** is completed with 40 participants.
- **Summer Camps** – Mystery Camp is the last one for the summer.
- **Great Waterfront Trail Adventure 2019** - a stop here on Monday, July 29, began just after 9 am and continued until just before 11 am, at the Loon Dollar Park for a picture and water stop. Our students help with photos. We offered post cards to them for their efforts.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Thunder Bay Conference

#19-295

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize Brent Hurley to attend the Thunder Bay Fire Conference on Sept. 5-7, 2019.”

CD.

-Letters of Resignation

Getting them signed and will present them at the Sept. 3 meeting.

#19-298

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from Road Super, 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

Looks good with all the work the road crew has done there. We are now using the new face where all debris is going. Still waiting to meet with GFL in regard to glass bin and contract renewal.

- k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Law

#19-2039 Yard Maintenance By-law-defer

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) #19-300

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED we authorize Mayor Watson to attend the AMO Conference August 18-21, 2019 in Ottawa. Registration fee \$975.00 + tax.”

CD.

- b) Boardwalk Update

Karhi has cleared the path for the construction of the Boardwalk. Hope to get the contractor in next week to start construction.

- c) Tuira & Weller Bridge Project Update

Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room.

Bridges are coming along well and on schedule based on timelines provided

- d) Stobie Mechanical Site Plan Amendments Update

Building permit has been taken out for the fence but construction of fence has not yet begun. Clerk to send letter.

- e) East Algoma Chiefs, Mayors and Reeves Council

#19-301

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we participate in the East Algoma Chiefs, Mayors and Reeves Council and pay a \$100.00 membership fee.”

CD.

- f) Administrative Assistant-Short List-In Closed

- g) Labourer/Equipment Operator Position

#19-302

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we re-post for a Labourer/Equipment Operator position. Applications due Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.”

CD.

h) Central Algoma Ontario Health Team Application Update
Algoma OHT Update
Letter received from Ministry accepting their application for a Health Hub.

i) Building Permits
#19-303
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge permits were approved by the Chief Building Official to: Brad Stewart-house, Dan Tonon-shingles, Algoma District School Board-replace roof, Keith Johnston-lean to, Judy Mills-shingles, Lynne Duguay-shingles, Solomon Henderson-single family dwelling, Algoma District School Board-additions to school, Demolition Permit: Keith Johnston for a shed.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room.
#19-294

Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag Centre \$3,875.15 and North American Construction Ltd. \$154,744.26.”

CD.

Mayor Watson returned to the meeting.
#19-299

Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for month of July:
Invoices: \$371,060.80
Payroll: \$40,098.62
Total: \$411,159.42

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive
#19-306

Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:40 p.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;**

CD.

Went through the applications received for the Administrative Assistant position and short listed to interview 6 candidates on Wednesday August 21 starting at 3:00 p.m.

Discussed the part time grasscutting/labourer/arena caretaker position.

#19-307

Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 9:25 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.

CD.

12. Correspondence

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing-Provincial Policy Statement Review-Draft Policies
- b) City of Stratford-Opposition to Changes in 2019 Provincial Budget and Planning Act

- c) Town of Halton Hills-“Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities”
#19-304

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the Town of Halton Hills in calling upon the Province of Ontario, through the discussion paper entitled “Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities” to review and implement a deposit/return program for all single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers and that the Province review current producer requirements and look for extended producer responsibility for all packaging.”

CD.

- d) Township of McKellar-Municipal Amalgamation
#19-305

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we support the Township of McKellar in requesting the Province of Ontario, prior to and forced amalgamations in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario to do the following:

1. Hold a referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not
2. Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit
3. Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition
4. To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process
5. To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario.

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#19-308

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #19-2050 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on August 13, 2019.”

CD.

15. Adjournment
#19-309

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2019

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR