

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2020
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Matt Jarrell, Cody Jarrell, Cindy Findlay, Brenda Barbarie

1. Call Meeting to Order
#20-51
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda
#20-52
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#20-53
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council Meeting held on February 4, 2020 and Special Minutes of Council held on February 5, 2020 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Allison McFarlane-Algoma Public Health-Ontario
Naloxone Program: Expansion to Fire and Police Services
Deferred to March 3 due to weather
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Joint Meeting with Twp. of Plummer
Excellent joint meeting. Discussed calcium spreader, roadside grasscutting and brushing, ditching, etc.
 - Iron River Road Culvert Report
Received report from Tulloch. Culverts that are there are adequate for the 100 year flood. Unfortunately we have gotten 2 flood events, Sept. 10, 2013 and June 10, 2019 that were beyond the 100year flood that washed out the culverts. Suggested repairing the “debris catcher” that was in place upstream with a cable and cedar logs to catch the debris before it gets to the culverts. This may prevent a wash out during a flood event.
 - Plow Truck Radiator
Was repaired but still leaking a bit somewhere-not sure where.
 - Amalgamated Tender was submitted
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Sportsplex
Overhead lights were replace and score clock numbers on Feb. 12.
We have been having an issue with propane cylinders leaking-Superior Propane is well aware and we have been tracking this.
March Break Skates schedule provided.
 - Sylvan Valley Hall
Front deck has been lowered and Home Hardware was made aware of the fascia board being loose on front of building.
 - Echo Bay Hall
Pilot lights still going out. Shelving unit was installed in storage room.

-Child Care Algoma

-Healthy Food in Recreation Centers

Meeting was held to discuss promoting healthier options in our recreation centres throughout the Central Algoma area. Hopefully they will be able to partner with Harvest Algoma to develop products.

-NHSP-Seniors in Action-Project Number 016611188

We received confirmation of approval for this grant. Exercise equipment will be purchased to promote exercise, building balance and strength etc.

-Summer Students

Canada Summer Jobs Applications due Feb. 24-we are applying for 3 this year and Summer Experience program due Feb. 27-we apply for 1.

-Safe Food Handling Course

Algoma Public Health Safe Food Handlers Course will be on March 18, 2020 at Echo Bay Hall from 9:00-4:00 p.m.

-CIP Application

We were contacted in regard to signage for the Great Trail. We would have to contact MTO for approval. We will find out in April if our grant was successful.

-Events/Programs

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

#20-54

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we accept the Letter of Resignation from Jack MacLeod from the Echo Bay and Area Volunteer Fire Department and wish him all the best.”

CD.

-Agreement with Algoma Public Health for Naloxone Program

-MNR Municipal Partnership Agreement Price

Fire Chief to get MNR to prepare the agreement and will be brought back to Council for final approval.

#20-55

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the 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

-Saturday April 25, Township of North Shore-Who is Going?

j) Landfill/Recycling

-Ministry of Environment Landfill Letter

-Discussion on Bag Tags-Landfill Identification Cards

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Law

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) 2020 FONOM Conference-May 13-15, 2020 –Timmins-Who is attending?

#20-58

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize Mayor Watson and Councillor Bailey to attend the FONOM Conference on May 13-15 in Timmins.”

CD.

- b) Dinelle's General Store-Nurse Practitioner Clinic Rent
Received a letter stating the rent for the space that the Nurse Practitioner Clinic is housed is going up as of April 1, 2020 from \$750.00 to \$825.00.
- c) #20-59
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
"RESOLVED that we adopt the Compensation Policy and Procedure and incorporate it into our Human Resources Manual."

CD.

- d) Administrative Assistant Recommendation-In Closed

- e) Job Posting-In Closed

- f) #20-60
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
"RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk and the Treasurer to attend a workshop "Advancing Asset Management in Small Rural Communities" on Feb. 26, 2020 from 9-noon in Twp. of Johnson."

CD.

- g) Building Permits

- 10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
#20-56

Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

"RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for January 2020 as follows:

Invoices:	\$227,634.91
Payroll:	\$54,255.43
Total:	\$281,890.34

CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict on the next resolution and left the room.
#20-57

Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

"RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag Centre \$7,573.15 and North America Construction (1993) Ltd. \$131,236.89."

CD.

Mayor Watson joined the meeting.

- 11. Closed Session-Permissive
#20-64

Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell

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;**
- d) **labour relations or employee negotiations;**

CD.

Discussed the Administrative Assistant position and made a recommendation
Discussed the posting for a Leisure Services Coordinator.

#20-65

Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell

"RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. and continue the Regular Council Meeting."

CD.

#20-66

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we recommend that Cindy Findlay be appointed as Administrative Assistant to begin May 11, 2020.”

CD.

#20-67

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to post for a Leisure Services Coordinator, posting to close on Friday March 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

a) Seniors Health Advisory Committee

#20-61

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

WHEREAS public health care consistently ranks as the top priority in public opinion polls, and;

WHEREAS public health provides vital health promotion and prevention services based on the unique demographic and economic, social, and cultural needs of our communities, and;

WHEREAS the evidence from hospital amalgamation in Ontario and across Canada is that they have cost billions of dollars and have not yielded the promised administrative savings but have taken money away from frontline care, and;

WHEREAS there is no evidence to support the proposed closure of 25 out of 35 local Public Health Units, the closure of 12 of 22 local ambulance dispatch centres, and the closure of 49 out of 59 local ambulance services, and;

WHEREAS there is a deep consensus among virtually all stakeholders that increasing acuity in our long-term care homes requires additional staff and resources, not cancellation of the two special funds and real dollar cuts to per diem funding of our long-term care homes, and;

WHEREAS our local hospitals have been downsized for an entire generation and cannot meet population needs while sustaining real dollar cuts to hospital global budgets, and;

WHEREAS we recognize that the provincial government has named a facilitator to conduct consultations on the proposed closures and mergers of local Public Health Units, local ambulance dispatch centres, and local ambulance services.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional calls upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Unites, land ambulance services, hospitals and long-term care homes.

CD.

b) Village of Merrickville-Wolford-Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation

#20-62

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we support the Village of Merrickville-Wolford in requesting that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provide all municipalities with supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of any wetland designations within their municipal boundaries.”

CD.

- c) Southwest Middlesex-Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019
#20-63
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex in support of the intent of Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019 and request that the Province of Ontario expand Bill 156 to identify and include protections against trespass for grain farm operations as well.”

CD.

- 13. Mayor & Councillors Comments
Mayor and Clerk attended an Accountability & Transparency Workshop today that was put on by E4M in Spanish. Very good workshop. We brought back a template of a by-law that just needs to be fine-tuned for our municipality. Good discussion and table top exercises in regard to roles of Council and roles of Staff and the importance of going through the right channels and have the right policies in place for the betterment of Council, staff, and you ratepayers.

- 14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#20-68

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #20-2064 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 18, 2020.”

CD.

- 15. Adjournment

#20-69

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

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

MAYOR-Lynn Watson

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR-
Lynne Duguay