

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2019
6:30 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: John Bucknell, Lynn Orchard, Adam Chevis, Shelly Bailey-6:50 p.m.

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

Delegations: Lori Alcock, Richard Tibbles-Echo Bay Snow Falcons

Observer: Colleen Tibbles

1. Call Meeting to Order
#19-58
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
CD.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#19-59
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council Meeting held on February 5 and
Special Minutes of Council held on February 12, 2019 be accepted as
presented.”
CD.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations/Public Presentation

6:30 p.m. Treasurer-Budget 2018/2019
Treasurer went over final numbers for 2018. There will be a few more
invoices coming in for 2018 but not many.
Went over the few 2019 numbers that we have. Just received confirmation
from the Ministry that the OMPF numbers will be the same for 2019 as it was
for 2018. Not sure what will happen next year.
Budget Meetings set for Tuesday March 12, April 9, and May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Snow Falcons Snowmobile Club-Lori Alcock & Richard
Tibbles-Access to Municipal Roads for their Groomer
Lori and Richard were here to represent the Snow Falcons and inquire why
after 30 years of travelling on municipal roads with the snow machine trail
Council sent a letter stating that the groomer cannot go on certain municipal
roads? Mayor Watson explained our concern in regard to the new groomer
they have and the aggressive cleats on the groomer and the fear that it may do
damage to our surface treated or asphalted roads. When the groomer went
down Driftwood Drive earlier in the year it did not have the drag on it which
makes a difference. They confirmed that these cleats are no more aggressive
than the former groomer. They have contacted other snowmobile clubs in the
area and they have no problem with similar groomers on their municipal
roads. After consultation with Road Super and Grader Operator as long as we
have a good base on our roads there would probably be no damage but earlier
in the year and when things start to break up we need to be concerned.
Council inquired if the trail can go elsewhere rather than down Church St,
Hurley St. Waterfront, Watson Rd. West and Driftwood Drive. The groomer
is not allowed to go on the water and no sanctioned trails are allowed on the
water. The groomer is going to be in Echo Bay tomorrow and Council has
been invited to meet up with them to see it first hand in order to make a better
decision.

5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Winter Operations
Operations and equipment going smoothly
 - EARS Meeting-postponed to Thursday Feb. 21, 2019
 - Manhole Tender-Due Feb. 28-Tender Opening 3:00

- b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Sportsplex
 - Glass popped out of the frame by the ice resurfacers door. It was put backed in and has stayed in so far.
 - Skate sharpener is up and running again.
 - Sportsplex will be open until April 14.
 - Adult Learn to Skate Program started on Friday Feb. 15 from 6-7.
 - March Break Skates will be regular open skates with an added one on Wed. 1-3 and shinny on Tuesday and Thursday.
 - Summer Students
 - #19-61
 - Moved by: Adam Chevis
 - Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
 - “RESOLVED that we apply for Summer Experience Program Student for a Summer Recreational Assistant for 7 weeks for 2019.”

CD.

- Echo Bay Central Public School
- Skating is being scheduled for all the classes.
- Sylvan Valley Retro Ride
- Letter was sent out confirming use of the Sylvan Valley Hall and a Certificate for the free ice donation.
- Museum
- Meetings to start up in March.
- Events/Programs
- Kids Can Cook took place on Feb. 13 with 20 children.
- Indoor Soccer may be coming.
- Requesting to Participate in PRO Webinar

#19-62

- Moved by: Lynn Orchard
- Seconded by: John Bucknell
- “RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to register for a webinar on Thursday February 29, 2019 from 12-1:00 p.m. “Inclusive Recreation: Sharing Success Stories.” Cost is \$29.00.”

CD.

- c) Fire Chief
 - Activity Report
 - Some budget things to discuss-storage, they are going to go through the seasonal stuff and do a clean up. Would like a garage or something in the back.
 - #19-63
 - Moved by: Shelly Bailey
 - Seconded by: Adam Chevis
 - “RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Super, Leisure Services Coordinator and Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

- d) Treasurer’s Report
- e) Planning Board
- f) Police Services Board
 - March 18, 2019
- g) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- h) Algoma District Municipal Association
- i) Landfill/Recycling
- j) Sewer and Water

6. By-Law

- #19-2029 Code of Conduct By-law
- #19-64

- Moved by: John Bucknell
- Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
- “RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #19-2029 being a by-law to adopt a Code of Conduct for members of Council and Local Boards.”

CD.

#19-65

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #19-2029 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#19-66

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #19-2029 its third and final reading.”

CD.

#19-2030 Integrity Commissioner Appointment By-law

#19-67

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #19-2030 being a by-law to engage the services of an Integrity commissioner for the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional.”

CD.

#19-68

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #19-2030 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#19-69

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #19-2030 its third and final reading.”

CD.

#19-2031

Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy
Council was provided with the policy to look over
to adopt at the next Council Meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a) By-law Enforcement-(Planning-Clean Yard By-law etc.)

Clerk to invite Tyler Bertrand to the March 19 meeting to meet Council.

b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing-Municipal Governance

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 6:00-8:00 p.m. Richards Landing Old Town
Hall

Mayor Watson, Councillors Orchard & Bailey to attend.

c) Pregnancy and/or Parental Leave Policy

Council was provided with a copy of the policy to peruse and adopt at the
next Council Meeting.

d) Algoma Power Inc. Invitation to Open House-Tuesday February 26 at

1:00 p.m. New Work Centre 1 Gillespie St. Desbarats

Mayor Watson will attend.

e) Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding-Letter from the Minister of
Finance

Received a letter confirming that we will be receiving the same amount of
OMPF funding in 2019 as we did in 2018.

f) Boardwalk Discussion-Are we going to meet with the Elks to discuss?

Clerk to invite the Elks to the March 19 Council Meeting to discuss
further.

g) Procedural By-law-First Draft

Have not received it yet. Clerk to contact E4M again.

- h) Dates for Budget Meetings
Confirmed March 12, April 9 and May 14 as Budget Meeting dates.
- i) City of Sault Ste. Marie-Support Letter Request: Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot
#19-70
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to provide a support letter to the City of Sault Ste. Marie for their application to the Federal Governments Pilot Program to encourage immigration to Rural and Northern communities.”

CD.

- j) Building Permits

- 9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
#19-60
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for month of January 2019:
Invoices: \$343,073.50
Payroll: \$51,166.35
Total: \$394,166.35.

CD.

- 10. Closed Session

- 11. Correspondence
 - a) Central Algoma Fresh Water Coalition-Request for Support 2018-\$500.00-Budget item.

- 12. Mayor & Councillors Comments
Councillor Chevis commented he is anxious to get Snow Falcons issue settled and we need to look at this each year independently as they will differ based on conditions. We need to come up with a win win.

Councillor Orchard
#19-71
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we request Ministry of Transportation wing back the snowbanks on Hwy 638 due to the narrowing.”

CD.

- 13. Confirming By-law
#19-72
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #19-2033 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 19, 2019.”

CD.

- 14. Adjournment
#19-73
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 5, 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