

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JUNE 16, 2020
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS & TELECONFERENCE
Conference # 1-855-343-6177 Conference ID 6677865

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

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

1. Call Meeting to Order
320-170
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda
#20-171
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#20-172
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on June 2, 2020 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Roads Gravel
Began June 9 and should be completed this week.
 - 2020 Surface Treatment
May begin as early as June 22. We are ready for them.
 - Ford’s Road Drainage-Councillor Bailey declared a conflict on this subject and left the room.
Drainage issue on Ford Road at the new Henderson house. Discussed moving cross culvert further down the road to the south (bottom is rotted out anyway). Suggested getting some grade shots first then Clerk to set up an onsite meeting with the property owner, road super and roads committee once the shots have been taken.
 - Ditching
Proceeding as much as they can, focusing on the Iron River Rd. area.
 - Landfill-Haul on non-contaminated soil
On hold right now. Requires an amendment to our ECA.
 - Farm Tractor Tender-was sent out and will be due July 2, 2020 4:30 p.m.
Roadside Grass cutting should be starting on Monday June 29 once the shovel is returned.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - COVID-19 Pandemic
Skate Board park opens on Friday June. 12
 - Tower Lake
Boy Scout Troup Bar River #1 cleaned up beach on weekend of June 5-7. Still working on cleaning up rest of trees that were taken down.
 - Sylvan Valley Hall
Back step had gravel applied up to the step therefor new concrete step was not required. Railings and fascia were maintained by the caretaker. Waiting on shims to be put back.
 - Comfort Station
Pipes were broken from ice damage. Was repaired and a cover built to protect the pipes from any ice coming off the new roof. A cleaning schedule needs to be set up before we can open the Comfort Station washrooms to the public.
 - Sportsplex
Floor has been cleaned with the auto cleaner. It worked well.
 - Summer Students

Interviews were held on June 8, 2020. Safety Training took place June 12. See below.

-Events-Discussion

St. Joe Island has cancelled their soccer program for the summer. We are still waiting to see if we can have our own internal program.

Waiting to hear from John Rhodes Pool to see if we can have swimming lessons possibly in August. We are looking into other options for our summer camps. Twp. of Laird only has 1 student this year. Yoga Outdoors is being discussed by one of our Yoga Instructors possibly at Sylvan Valley Hall or Sportsplex.

Flowers are being planted and should be done this week.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Four Emergency Calls-3 burning complaints from passing motorists-no action required. One faulty smoke alarm call.

Fire Hall Maintenance-Hoping to begin soon-need to change one exterior door, stair nosing replacement, installation of the floor hydrant and installation of the remaining locker system.

Equipment Maintenance-ladder testing, pump testing and air pack testing has been tentatively scheduled for dates after July 1. Annual truck inspections are being completed as required.

Training-Ontario Fire College has postponed the scheduled Pumper Operations course for June to a date TBD. All other training remains through online sources.

No personnel issues to report for this period.

#20-184

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“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

-Update on Clarkway Construction Project

#20-173

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize Tulloch Engineer to submit an application to the Ministry of Environment for an amendment to our Environmental Compliance Approval Number A561302 in order to accept hydrocarbon contaminated soil from the Algoma District to use as cover material as well as a storage area for this material for future covers at our landfill.”

CD.

-Discussion on Date to Return to Regular Hours

#20-174

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we go back to Regular Landfill Hours beginning June 22, 2020.”

CD.

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Law

#20-2076 Final Tax Rate By-law

#20-175

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft #20-2076 being a by-law to set and levy tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020.”

CD.

#20-176

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #20-2076 its first and second reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

b) Direct Deposit

#20-177

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to move forward with Direct Deposit for payroll.”

CD.

c) Request Letter from Elks-Opening of Outside Licensed Area

#20-178

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we approve of the opening of the outside licensed area at the Echo Bay Elks property conditional to them following all of the Provincial Restrictions that are put in place in regard to COVID-19 and as amended as well as following all of the Algoma Public Health rules and protocols in regard to social/physical distancing, cleaning protocols, gathering protocols etc.”

CD.

d) Summer Students

#20-181

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“Resolved that we hire Samuel Keen for our Labourer/Landscaper for 8 weeks to begin Monday June 15, Megan Turcotte for our Office/Food Security/LL/Museum for 8 weeks beginning Monday June 29, Eila Wigmore for our Recreation Assistant for 8 weeks beginning Monday June 29 and Kassi Goslow as our 2nd Recreation Assistant for 7 weeks beginning Monday June 29.”

CD.

e) Administrative Assistant Retirement Date-June 30, 2020

-Due to the inability to gather with more than 10 the Dinner scheduled for Thursday June 25 at Echo Bay Hall will have to be cancelled. Suggesting a Come & Go on Thursday June 25 from 2-4 p.m. in Council Chambers. Clerk to finalize all the arrangements.

f) Leisure Services Coordinator Recruitment-In Closed Session

g) Resignation of Hall Caretakers

#20-182

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we accept the resignation letter form Randy & Bonnie Booth as Hall Caretakers as of September 1, 2020 and thank them for their years of service & dedication.”

CD.

#20-183

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we advertise for Hall Caretakers in our next newsletter.”

CD.

h) Building Permits

#20-185

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge CBO approved building permits to Lynn Watson-shed, Chad Granger-shingles, Brian Hurley-shingles, Rob Ringrose-shingles, Savino Cadamuro-shingles, Roman & Joan Wyslocky-storage shed, Nancy Johnson-add in floor heating, Tammy Bernabucci-deck, Shaun Beaulieu-replacement of front step, Douglas Usher-covered porch.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#20-179

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay following bills for May 2020:

Invoices: \$146,544.48

Payroll: \$31,238.32

Total: \$177,782.80.”

CD.

#20-180

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag Centre \$6,731.93.”

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#20-189

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:30 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.

Discussed the recruitment for the Leisure Services Coordinator Position.

Special Council Meeting to be scheduled for Monday June 22, 2020 for a second round of interviews with top 2 candidates starting at 4:30 p.m.

Discussed Recovery/ Restructuring of office/whole municipality opening once we are able to. Not in any hurry to open to the public as long as the Provincial Emergency Order is on.

#20-190

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 9:20 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

#20-191

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we send a letter to our Administrative Assistant stating due to COVID-19 restrictions and the inability to complete the final performance appraisal her probation period will be extended until August 31, 2020.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

- a) Town of Oakville-Urgent Action to ensure the safe re-introduction of Patio Service for Restaurants

- b) Town of Fort Erie-Request Proclamation of March 17 as Essential Workers Day

#20-186

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we support the Proclamation of March 17 as Essential Workers Day to honour all of the essential workers who sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

CD.

- c) Municipality of McDougall-OPP Detachment Boards

#20-187

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of McDougall in confirming the opinion of FONOM that the current DSSAB’s would not be the best solution for overseeing the Northern OPP Detachments.”

CD.

- d) Blue Box Program

Motion # 20-188

Moved By: Shelly Bailey

Seconded By: Adam Chevis

“**Whereas** the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways in Northeastern Ontario is a growing area of public concern;

And Whereas reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHG’s significantly;

And Whereas the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

And Whereas the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

And Whereas the Municipality of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packing, paper and paper products;

And Whereas the Municipality of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

And Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

Now Therefor be it resolved that the Municipality of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces;

Further be is Resolved that the Municipality of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional forward this resolution to the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Orchard stated that he had a difficult time hearing on the phone with everyone else in Council Chambers. He would prefer if the meetings were held by teleconference again where everyone is on the phone. It was also suggested that we purchase a better phone for Council Chambers for the teleconference meetings.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#20-192

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #20-2077 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 16, 2020.”

CD.

15. Adjournment
#20-193

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to July 7, 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