

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2020**  
**7:00 P.M. TELECONFERENCE**  
**Conference # 1-855-343-6177    Conference ID 6677865**

Mayor: Lynn Watson-CC

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay-CC

Observer: Robert & Sharon Morgan, Pam Orchard

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#20-156  
Moved by: Lynn Orchard  
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  
#20-157  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”  
CD.
  
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
#20-158  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on May 19, 2020 be accepted as presented.”  
CD.
  
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
  
6. Staff & Committee Reports
  - a) Road Supervisor
    - Gravel Tender Results  
#20-159  
Moved by: Lynn Orchard  
Seconded by: John Bucknell  
“RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Possamai Construction Inc. for the Gravel Tender 2020 in the amount of \$40,800.00 + \$5,304.00 = \$46,104.00.”  
CD.  
  
We received 3 tenders, Possamai, Gilbertson and Garden River First Nations.
    - Asphalt Tender Results  
#20-160  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Ellwood Construction Inc. for the Asphalt Tender 2020 in the amount of \$128,636.00 + \$16,722.68 = \$145,538.68.”  
CD.  
  
We received 2 tenders Ellwood Construction and Avery.
  - Landfill-May 27 Onsite Meeting  
We met on May 27 at the landfill with Marshall Thompson from Tulloch, Mayor, Rd. Super, Clerk and Landfill Attendant. Discussed some of the items that were addressed in a letter from Kirk Crosson from Ministry of Environment. This will go to Council for discussion and a letter to address these concerns needs to be sent to the Ministry. Also discussed how to deal with the surface water run off that pools down below. The bank behind the Electronic Bin needs to have a 4.1 slope and closed off. Ditching down below around the perimeter of the dump area needs to be discussed to help with the drainage.
  - Ditching  
Wheeled excavator has been rented for the month of June for ditching. They will mostly be concentrating in the Echo Lake and Iron River Road area. Question: Where is the spoil going?

-Culvert Repair Requests

We have had a number of requests to repair culverts that have bumps in them. In most cases the culverts are installed properly and are the right size. We need to continue follow our culvert policy which we brought into effect last year. If people need some extra gravel to go on top their culverts they have access to it at the municipal garage they just have to make arrangements. In some instances we will have to use discretion depending on the circumstance and the severity of the situation.

-Farm Tractor Tender

#20-162

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to put out a tender for a 2020 4 Wheel Drive Farm Tractor & Front End Loader. Tenders due on Thursday July 2, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.”

CD.

Clerk to send to Council the list of where the tender is being sent.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-COVID-19 Pandemic

All municipal buildings still closed to the public.

-Tower Lake

Trees were taken down on May 15.

-Sylvan Valley Hall

The back steps were repaired on Saturday

-Trans Canada Trail Project-Code #103340-bicycle repair station being ordered

-Summer Students

We were successful with the Federal Canada Summer Jobs Summer Student Grans for 3 positions, a Landscape Labourer, Recreation Assistant and Food Security/Office Assistant. Each position is for 8 Weeks. We were also successful with the Provincial Summer Experience Program for a Recreation Assistant for 7 weeks. Resumes were due on June 1 for these positions. We will conduct the interviews on Monday June 8 beginning at 2:30 p.m. We will suggest that they wear face masks. Council Chambers will be set up with social distancing protocol in place as well and cleaning protocols in place. There will be less than 5 in CC at any given time.

-Events-Discussion

Soccer slated to start end of June-still waiting for news from Provincial Government whether we can have this in 2020 or not.

Swim Program-waiting on word from City if the pool will be open this summer or not.

Summer Camps-discussing possible virtual summer camps. First camp scheduled for week of July 20<sup>th</sup>

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Three Emergency Calls

All 3 calls were for burning complaints called in from passing motorists-no action was taken

-Training

Continues to be delivered via the Target Solutions Online Platform. June 12 Pumper Operations training still going ahead at this point.

#20-163

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from Road Super, Leisure Services Coordinator and the 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

-May 27 Landfill Meeting Report

-Response Letter to Ministry of Environment

#20-164

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the suggested comments from Tulloch Engineering based on direction from the onsite meeting held on May 27, 2020 at the landfill site. Letter to be sent to MECP confirming these comments.”

CD.

-Request Letter from Clarkway Construction  
#20-161

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we enter into an agreement with Clarkway Construction to accept up to 100 loads of contaminated non-hazardous soil with the option of accepting more if we can use it. A shovel & operator to be part of this agreement.”

CD.

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Law

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

Nothing new to add other than the Provincial Emergency Order has been extended to June 30, 2020. Everything else is status quo.

b) Adopt Budget 2020

#20-165

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we adopt the 2020 Budget and set the tax rate on \$2,337,000.00 and authorize the Clerk to draft the tax rate by-law.”

CD.

c) Leisure Services Coordinator Recruitment-Short list

-Interviews will be held on Friday June 12 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Councillor Chevis, Clerk & Leisure Services Coordinator to conduct the interviews.

d) Summer Students

Received approval from Canada Summer Jobs for 3 Summer Students-Office Administrative Assistant, Recreation Assistant, Landscape Labourer-Set date for Interviews.

Received approval from Summer Experience Program 2020 for 1 Recreation Assistant Student-Set date for Interviews.

Summer Student Interviews will take place on Monday June 8, 2020 beginning at 2:30 p.m.

e) Administrative Assistant Retirement Date-June 30, 2020

-Dinner scheduled for Thursday June 25 at Echo Bay Hall (tentatively)

If Premier Ford extends the number for gathering we will be able to have this function. If he does not we may have to reschedule for a later day.

f) CASS Graduation Request

#20-166

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOVLED that we donate \$400.00 for the Grade 12 Graduation at Central Algoma Secondary School and \$50.00 for the Grade 8 Graduation.”

CD.

g) Boat Access to McCarrel/Cloudy Lake Inquiry

Councillor Orchard went over some of the history in regard to the Plans of Subdivision that was created on McCarrel and Cloudy Lakes and how at one time it was boat access only and then eventually road access was given. The boat launch that was being used for a number of years at the end of McCarrel Lake Road was actually a private boat launch that the owners allowed people to use for years. Now that the property has changed hands the new owners are no longer allowing this use. This property is also in the Township of Laird. The closest public boat launch to access McCarrel & Cloudy Lakes is the Diamond Lake boat launch. The municipality does not own any property on these lakes and we have no obligation to provide access to these lakes. There is some crown land at the dam but not sufficient enough property there to build a proper boat launch with parking etc.

h) Township of Plummer Additional-Reciprocal Arrangements for Essential Services during emergency situations  
Requesting entering in a reciprocal agreement that would cover off a lot of essential/emergency services during an emergency situation. Discussed this should be a shared services type agreement with a number of central Algoma municipalities involved. Clerk to get more information and possible take it to the next Clerks Meeting.

i) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

a) Municipality of Huron Shore-Regional Broadband  
#20-167

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of Huron Shores in their pursuit to seek out effective rural broadband solutions and support the concept of a regional approach to provide network opportunities and effective broadband to our most rural/remote areas and will meet the needs of all our communities into the future.”

CD.

b) Huron North Community Economic Alliance-Regional Broadband

c) Town of Fort Erie-High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Orchard & Pam Orchard shared information that Net Spectrum is looking at providing better internet service to St Joseph Island. Not sure of all the details but was an interesting article on CBC.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#20-168

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #20-2075 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 2, 2020.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#20-169

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** these minutes be accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**