

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2019
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay

1. Call Meeting to Order
#19-74
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#19-75
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council Meeting held on February 19, 2019
be accepted as presented.”
CD.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
Mayor Watson filed a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest-Item 5-a-Tuira &
Weller Bridge Tender Recommendation
Councillor Bailey filed a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest-Item 5-a-Request
Letter for Guard Rails on Echo Lake Rd.

4. Delegations/Public Presentation

5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
-Training
#19-76
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Road Super, Grader Operator &
Equipment Operator to attend a Book 7-Signing in Construction Zones
Training, on April 17, 2019 in Little Rapids. Cost is \$165.00 per person.”
CD.

-Winter Operations
All running normal.
-Manhole Tender-Recommendation-deferred to March 19, 2019
Received 3 tenders.
-Tuira & Weller Bridge Recommendation
Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room at 7:27.
Councillor Orchard took the chair as Deputy Mayor.
We received tenders from Leroy, Phillips, Belanger, Avery & NAC.
#19-77
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we accept the tender from North American
Construction (1993) Ltd. For the Tuira & Weller Bridge Replacement in
the amount of \$1,187,414.00 + \$154,363.82 HST Total \$1,341,777.82 as
recommended by Tulloch Engineering Inc.”
CD.

Mayor Watson resumed as chair at 7:35 p.m.
-Letter-Echo Lake Rd. request for guardrails
Councillor Bailey declared a conflict and left the room at 7:20 p.m.
Letter of request was received to place guard rails along Echo River due to
icy road conditions, animals crossing the road and the fear of a vehicle
going into the river. Council needs to consider the distance, they would
have to be engineered need to discuss with Roads Dept.

Clerk to send a letter confirming receipt of this letter and that Council will look into this request.

Councillor Bailey returned to the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

- b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Sportsplex
 - March Break skate times have been confirmed.
 - Summer Students
 - Summer Experience Program due March 13, 2019. We will apply for 1 recreational assistant student.
 - Museum
 - Meetings to start back up in March.
 - Events/Programs
 - Christmas Pole Lights-budget item
 - Indoor Soccer-may be happening at the Echo Bay School
 - Curling-starting Sunday March 10
 - Ball & Soccer Registration-Due April 5
 - Swim Program-John Rhodes Centre Pool July 2-5 & 8-12
 - Summer Camps-Registration Forms out.
 - 10,000 Steps-Will be starting every Thursday in April 6:30-8:00 at the Sportsplex, in conjunction with Algoma Public Health.
 - Zumba-Will be starting up again on March 20 at SV Hall.
 - PRO Webinar-Inclusive Recreation: Sharing Success Stories
 - Report to follow
 - Programs
- c) Fire Chief
 - Activity Report
 - #19-78
 - Moved by: Lynn Orchard
 - Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
 - “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
 - March 21 Quarterly Meeting
 - OCWA will be presenting the Annual Report at this meeting. Anyone from Council who wishes to attend is welcome.
 - Echo Bay Drinking Water System Inspection Report #1-1ADWW
 - No non-compliance issues.

6. By-Law

#19-2031 Tree Canopy By-law

#19-79

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #19-2031 being a by-law to adopt a Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy for the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional.”

CD.

#19-80

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #19-2031 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#19-2033 Procedural By-law

#19-81

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #19-2033 being a by-law to establish rules governing the proceedings of Council, the calling of Meetings and the conduct of members, staff and the public.”

CD.

#19-82

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #19-2033 its first and second reading.”

CD.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- a) By-law Enforcement-Animal Control Officer-Set up Interviews
Received 3 applications. Clerk to set up interviews.

- b) Transit Meeting-City Sault Ste. Marie, Garden River, Twp. MMAA
Mayor Watson and Clerk met with Nicole Maione from Sault Ste. Marie Transit and Ken Gaeton, Darlene Solomon and Tanya Boissoneau from Boissoneau Buslines from Garden River to discuss the potential of a joint venture for public transportation from Echo Bay to Garden River to SSM. The first step will be to do a needs assessment by way of a survey. We will be sending out a survey as well as Garden River. Once that is complete and we have compiled the results we will get back together to discuss further.

#19-83

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to send out a Transportation Survey to assess the need for public transportation in our municipality.”

CD.

- c) Pregnancy and/or Paternity Leave Policy

#19-84

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we adopt the Pregnancy and/or Paternity Leave Policy as presented and incorporate it into our Human Resources.”

CD.

- d) Satellite Nurse Practitioner Clinic-Request for Funds, Additional Hours & Possible Services.

We have once again requested funds to cover the rental cost of the building that houses the Satellite Nurse Practitioner Clinic here in Echo Bay which we budget \$8,500 per year. It has been confirmed that they will pay 50% of the cleaning costs which is \$1,250.00 per year. We need to continue pursuing this.

- e) Procedural By-law-First Draft

All of Council has a copy of this and need to go through this document and be very comfortable with it.

- f) Website Update

We met with Dave Pitcher from Mosaic Media to discuss updating our website and getting Lacey trained to maintain it. We do not have to do a lot to do our updates and Lacey is now working on bringing the information up to date. This is a tool that we will use more and keeping up to date.

- g) Date for Training for Council and Boards-Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest

Clerk to book Expertise for Municipalities to do a 3 hour evening training for Council and our Boards and Committees possible March 27, April 4 or April 11.

- h) United Way FREE Income Tax-April 6, 2019
#19-85

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we make the Echo Bay Hall available on Saturday April 6, 2019 for the United Way to offer a free income tax session for people to have their taxes completed. No charge.”

CD.

- i) Building Permits

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

10. Closed Session

11. Correspondence

- a) Township of South Stormont-Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund
#19-86

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

WHEREAS the Provincial Government announced it was conducting a review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership fund (OMPF), which provides annual funding allotments to municipal government to help offset operating and capital costs;

AND WHEREAS Municipalities were further advised that the overall spending envelope for the program would decrease having a significant impact on future budgets and how funds are raised by Municipalities as funding will be reduced by an unspecified amount;

AND WHEREAS if allocations to municipalities are reduced, Councils will need to compensate with property tax increases or local service reductions;

NOW THEREFOR be it resolved that although an interim payment has been received, Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional expresses grave concern with the potential reduction and/or loss of the OMPF allotment in future years;

AND FURTHER, Council petitions the provincial Government to complete the OMPF review in an expeditious manner as future financial consideration ensures municipal sustainability;

AND FURTHERMORE this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP, FONOM, ADMA and Central Algoma Municipalities.

CD.

- b) Bridging The Gap-Field & Market-March 14 6:30-8:30 Johnson
Community Centre

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Orchard is looking into who owns the light at the intersection of Church St. & Hurley Haven.

Councillor Bucknell asked if he could sit in on the Police Services Board Meeting-yes you certainly can.

Councillor Bailey stated she priced solar lights at Costco for the municipal decorative signs-need to look into a little more.

13. Confirming By-law
#19-87
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #19-2034 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 5, 2019.”
CD.

14. Adjournment
#19-88
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”
CD.

THAT we accept the minutes this _____ day of _____ 2019.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR