

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020
7:00 P.M. TELECONFERENCE
Conference # 1-855-343-6177 Conference ID 6677865

Mayor: Lynn Watson-Council Chambers

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay-Council Chambers

1. Call Meeting to Order
#20-129
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
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#20-129
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on April 21, 2020 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Road Side Brushing
Completed April 28 for the 2020 season.
 - Street Sweeping
Completed May 1
 - Dust Control
Completed April 28th with the exception of 2 seasonal roads, Cottage and Lonely Lake Rd.
 - Plow Truck (17-5)
Has been taken to Goulas Truck & Tractor for its annual inspection April 29, 2020.
 - Asphalt Tender
We will look at rebuilding the landfill road this year with ditching and gravel and see how it holds up. Decide if it is going to be asphalted or surface treated once the work is completed. Landfill Road to be removed from the Asphalt Tender 2020 for now.
#20-131
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to send out Asphalt Tender 2020.”
CD.
 - Gravel Tender
#20-132
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to send out the Gravel Tender 2020.”
CD.
Both tenders due May 29, 2020 and will be on the June 2 Agenda.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - COVID-19 Pandemic
Everything still closed to public.

-Sportsplex

Ice almost out of the arena. Will be completed by end of this week.

-Echo Bay Hall

Need to budget for roof at Echo Bay Hall. Stove still needs to be looked at

-Museum

Meeting to be scheduled when we are able.

-Events

Need to decide on the Slo Pitch Program at the May 19 Regular Council Meeting.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

One emergency call during this period. No maintenance at hall. Truck #13 had its annual inspection completed. Training continues to be delivered on line with Target Solutions Online Platform. 12 members are working online to complete the in-class portion of the scheduled June 12 Pumper Operations Course. No personnel issues to report.

#20-133

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

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

-Next Meeting May 11, 2020 7:30 p.m. (Teleconference)

f) Planning Board

g) Police Services Board

-Next Meeting May 11, 2020 7:00 p.m. (Teleconference)

-Solicitor General Letter-Community Safety & Well Being Plan date extended for completion

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Law

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

#20-134

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the updated Business Continuity Plan as presented.”

CD.

b) May 12, 2020 Budget Meeting 7:00 p.m.-Teleconference?

Clerk to provide all updated numbers for 2020 Budget prior to the meeting.

c) Leisure Services Coordinator Recruitment-Short list

#20-135

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we approve the short list for the Leisure Services Coordinator position and authorize the Clerk to set up the interviews when allowed based on the COVID-19 restrictions.”

CD.

d) Algoma Public Health Letter: Transparency of Algoma Public Health

#20-136

Moved By: Lynn Orchard

Seconded By: Adam Chevis

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, the Province of Ontario declared a state of emergency due to a pandemic caused by the spread of the deadly virus known as COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a virus that can be spread by those that are both symptomatic and asymptomatic thus making it easy to unknowingly spread;

WHEREAS at times the effects of the virus being spread may not be known for periods of up to two weeks;

WHEREAS as of April 23, 2020, Algoma Public Health reports that there are 12, confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the District of Algoma;

WHEREAS the East Algoma Region is a rural area that is populated by many who are considered vulnerable to COVID-19;

WHEREAS the mayors representing the Townships of Prince, Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Laird, Tarbutt, Johnson, Plummer Additional, Municipality of Huron Shores, Towns of Bruce Mines, Hilton Beach, Spanish & Blind River and the City of Elliot Lake met on April 23, 2020 to discuss communication issues with Algoma Public Health related to not receiving information from them, by community, in a timely manner;

WHEREAS the communities listed above are also not receiving requested information on both travel related and communal spread of the COVID-19 virus as it pertains to positive, negative, resolved and unresolved numbers of tested individuals in each community;

WHEREAS each of the Mayors and Municipal Councils of the aforementioned communities have a legal and moral responsibility to protect the residents of their community as clearly expressed in the Municipal Act;

WHEREAS absent such information from Algoma Public Health, a situation of unnecessary yet dire stress and anxiety among Mayors, Council Members and Community Members has been created which includes large amounts of mis-information that circulates among communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be drafted expressing the grave concerns of the above noted communities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional send a letter to the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Province of Ontario with copies to be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, Michael Mantha MPP, Carol Hughes, MP, AMO, ROMA, FONOM, and Algoma Public Health.

CD.

e) Treasurer's Statement of Elected Officials-2019

f) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Information

g) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2) :

a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- g) a matter in respect of which a council, board committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
- h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of person, or organizations
- j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

12. Correspondence

a) Town of Oakville-Food Service Industry
#20-137

Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the letter from the Mayor of the Town of Oakville in requesting the Federal and Provincial Governments to assist businesses to address the spectre of impending rent with the following essential steps:

- an immediate moratorium on commercial evictions
- a program of direct rent subsidies to businesses equivalent to the business’s sales volume reduction
- Measures to continue throughout the recovery period to allow business to ramp back up
- As these measures have been for the greater public good, Government should compel landlords and banks to share the cost of the emergency measures. They should not be born solely by the lessee

CD.

b) Township of Mapleton-Review of Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program
#20-138

Moved By: Lynn Orchard
Seconded By: Shelly Bailey

RESOLVED that we support the Township of Mapleton in requesting the Province of Ontario undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme to determine;

1. The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Tax Class Rate Programme falling disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario;
2. The adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme;
3. The differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences;
4. Economic competitiveness concerns with disproportionately higher average property taxes being paid in rural municipalities
5. Other methods of delivering the farm tax rebate programme to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province-wide.

CD.

c) Twp. of Armour-High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario
#20-139
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Armour in requesting the Province to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas of Ontario.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#20-140

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #20-2073 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on May 5, 2020.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#20-141

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to May 19, 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