

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2019
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: John Bucknell, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis, Lynn Orchard (left at 8:10 p.m.)

Staff: Lynne Duguay

Observer: Charles Gibson

1. Call Meeting to Order
#19-345
Moved by: Adam Chevis
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
#19-346
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as amended.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#19-347
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council Meeting held on September 17, 2019 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Cottage Road Update
Sept. 24 did some brushing then cleaned some ditches and culverts out with grader. Completed the gravel on Sept. 27. Cottage Rd. looks good. Council also discussed the hill going into Cottage Rd. off Hwy 638-look at asphaltting that in 2020. McKinney’s driveway-have we done anything with it? Taking out that rock.
 - Tuira & Weller Bridge Update
Everything is on schedule. Watson Rd. will be reopened by October 11 as planned.
 - Elizabeth St. Manhole Repairs Update
One manhole has been completed and they are working on the other. Will be moving to Lake St. south once they are done on Elizabeth St.
October 1 rain event. Iron River Rd. washed out again but the big culverts stayed in place. Road crew was able to get one lane open by lunch and both lanes by day end. Further up on Iron River Rd. by Mitchells and that corner is in rough shape again and Mitchell’s driveway needed repair also. Robinson driveway on Watson Rd. washed out again and has been repaired along with a driveway on King Lane. For the most part we were pretty luck and the road crew did a great job getting everything cleaned up. We need to get Tulloch in to look at the culverts on Iron River Rd. and see what we can do there to make it stronger so this doesn’t keep happening. Mayor Watson suggested putting back the debris catcher upstream to catch a lot of the debris that gets washed down there. A lot of junk is in those culverts so when we have a rain event it can’t get away fast enough and goes over the road. More discussion required.

- b) Leisure Services Coordinator
- Sportsplex
 - Motor was replace on the fan for the Eco Ice System-was still under warranty. All the motors for the fans have been sealed so no water can get in.
 - Acrylic glass has been installed on the gate doors and the dasher boards look great with the glass all the way around.
 - Dragging was done on the west side of the Sportsplex but there are still lots of rocks and this needs to be completed.
 - Echo Bay Hall
 - Furnace is in an running, just waiting for thermostat to me installed.
 - Trefry is requesting the hall again on Wednesdays for their Day Out Program. This is not a problem.
 - Sylvan Valley Hall
 - Still need to fix soft spot in the floor. Inquire about where King Billy went when the roof was redone-Clerk to look into this.
 - Trans Canada Trail Capital Project-still working on this.
 - Summer Student Grant-all reports completed.
 - Harvest Lunch
 - Scheduled for Thursday October 24 at the Echo Bay Hall. The entire Echo Bay School will be served a pasta lunch with sauce made from the community garden at the school and fresh apple sauce. This is a celebration of fall and our harvest.
 - NOCMA Meeting-October 24 at 10:00 a.m.
 - Tower Lake
 - Flower Beds-All clean out. Still need to plant bulbs.
 - Loon Dollar Park-Boardwalk completed and opened September 20. Clerk to contact Sault Naturalists to partner to build a bird viewing platform at the boardwalk next year. Interpretive signs still need to be installed. Looking at having another opening in the spring.
 - Memorial Park-pine tree not looking good. Clerk to get quote to take down and replace in 2020. We will use it this year for tree lighting.
 - Carpet Bed-getting cleaned up.
 - Flags-Maple Leaf Cemetery flag removed.
 - Cenotaph
 - Events/Programs
- c) Fire Chief
- Activity Report
 - Only one call. New lockers to arrive this week and be installed after old ones are removed this week. Training still focused on burn house. This fall they will be covering off a review of chimney fires and auto extrication. Due to current constructions and upgrades at Fire Hall they will not be having Firefighter Memorial Day Services and Open House. The department will meet at 10:00 a.m. for a flag raising event and just coffee to follow.
 - New Firefighter Recommendation
 - #19-349
 - Moved by: Lynn Orchard
 - Seconded by: John Bucknell
 - “RESOLVED that we appoint Bryce Vanderburg to the Volunteer Fire Department based on Fire Chief’s recommendation, on a 3 month probation and 6 month review and conditional that all other requirements are met.”
- CD.
- #19-350
 - Moved by: Adam Chevis
 - Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
 - “RESOLVED that we appoint Jack MacLeod to the Volunteer Fire Department based on Fire Chief’s recommendation, on a 3 month probation and 6 month review period and conditional that all other requirements are met.”
- CD.

#19-351

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Super, Leisure Services Coordinator and Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

- d) Treasurer’s Report
- e) Cemetery Board
 - Maple Leaf Cemetery Refurbished Sign
 - Getting a quote to replace sign where it was before but higher-14’ is required height.
- f) Planning Board
- g) Police Services Board
 - September 23, 2019-Good Meeting. Interviews for a new Staff Sgt. scheduled for Thursday Sept. 26 at 10:00 a.m.
 - Letter sent to Twp. of Laird inviting them to do a Joint Community Safety & Well Being Plan-Just waiting to hear back if they are interested
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
 - Report from Sept. 28 ADMA Meeting in Bruce Mines
 - Quieter meeting but was well attended. Mayor Watson is the President of ADMA for the next 2 years.
- j) Landfill/Recycling
 - Report from Sept. 20th Landfill Meeting.-Just went over the fee schedule and reiterated definitions of trailers etc. Discussed the purpose of bag tags and whether we should continue them. A suggestion to make new Landfill Identification Cards each year with the year on them because of the turn around with people moving etc.-more discussion.
- k) Sewer and Water
 - OCWA 1/4ly Meeting Sept. 25-Report
 - Good Meeting. Everything in compliance. Kresin will be getting the tender out for the roof repairs, new furnaces etc. Recommendation will come to the October 15 Council Meeting.

7. By-Law

#19-2039 Yard Maintenance By-law-7:00-7:30 Discussion
Concern about definition of “Yards”. Farmland would not be considered a yard because of the specific permitted use for farming. Yard is the area around your residence. Also discussed the length of grass. It was decided to leave it at 20 cm. or 8”. Fences definition again is not farm fences because they would fall under the Line Fences Act, this would be fences for residential area not farming area. If someone received a letter due to a non-compliance to the by-law the length of time to correct this will be 20 days rather than 10 days.

#19-348

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #19-2039 its third and final reading.”

CD.

At the October 15 Regular Council Meeting Clerk will have the by-law prepared to appoint the by-law enforcement officer to up hold this by-law.

8. Unfinished Business

- a) Animal Control By-law-(Specifically Cats)-discussion
More discussion required. Should this be an Echo Bay issue and not the whole twp?

9. New Business

- a) Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance-June 10 Flood
#19-352
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“**WHEREAS** the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen
Additional experienced a flood on June 10, 2019 and has experienced
incremental operating and capital costs;
AND WHEREAS The Council for the Township of Macdonald, Meredith
& Aberdeen Additional hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing to activate the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance
program;
AND WHEREAS the Treasurer for the Township of Macdonald,
Meredith & Aberdeen Additional is given delegated authority to verify
and attest to the accuracy of the attached claim.

CD.

- #19-353
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“**RESOLVED** that we authorize the Mayor to Terminate the June 10, 2019
Declared Emergency.”

CD.

- b) Boardwalk Update
Open and being enjoyed. Looking at having an official opening in the
spring. Clerk to contact Sault Naturalists to see if they want to partner to
build a bird viewing platform.
- c) Great West Life Benefit Renewal
#19-354
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“**RESOLVED** that we renew our benefits with Great West Life from
October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$41,246.88 per
year.”
- d) Harvest Lunch-Thursday October 24th Echo Bay Community Hall
Pasta Lunch with homemade sauce and apple sauce will be served to all
the kids at the Echo Bay School to celebrate fall and the harvest from our
community garden.
- e) Building Permits
#19-355
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“**RESOLVED** that we acknowledge the CBO approved building permits to
Kerry Gartshore-shingles, Kevin Orr-shingles, and a Demolition Permit to
Hank Doll-Boathouse.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
11. Closed Session-Permissive
Closed Session-Mandatory
12. Correspondence
13. Mayor & Councillors Comments
We had a major leak at the municipal office in the roof on October 1 during
another rain event. It was leaking in 5 different spots-the lights in the Clerk &
Treasurer’s office in the photocopy room window, window in main part of
office. Home Hardware was contacted to come and do some patching and
reported that the roof is in bad shape and needs to be done before winter or we
will have real problems in the spring. Received a quote on doing the roof
immediately.

#19-356

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we accept the quote from Home Hardware for a new steel roof for the municipal office in the amount of \$9,600.00.”

CD.

We will need to look at putting ice guards up on both sides to prevent snow and ice from going onto the parking lot on both sides of the municipal office.

Mayor Watson suggested someone attend the Sustainable Food Forum that is in SSM on October 10 sponsored by RAIN, Twp of John Farmers Market and SSM United Way.

#19-357

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize Councillor Bucknell to attend the Sustainable Food Conference on October 10, 2019 in SSM \$20.00 Registration Fee.”

CD.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#19-358

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #19-2053 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on October 1, 2019.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#19-359

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to October 15, 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