

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: John Bucknell, Shelly Bailey, Lynn Orchard (7:00-8:00), Adam Chevis

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Donny Cameron, Cindy Findlay, Matt Jarrell,

Delegation: Phillip Boyle

Observers: Alexis Vanderhayden, Mrs Boyle, Rod MacIntyre

1. Call Meeting to Order
#19-327
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda
#19-328
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented/amended”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#19-329
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council Meeting held on September 17, 2019 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Phil Boyle-McCarrell Lake Rd. Allowance
Mr. Boyle is requesting confirmation on the status of the McCarrell Lake Rd. Allowance extension south of Hwy 638. Councillor Orchard gave some history on this unmaintained municipal road allowance and how in the 1970’s it was confirmed that municipal dollars had been spent on this road allowance and the public was able to use it to access their properties as far back as the road allowance goes. Mr. Boyle stated that he went to put some gravel and do some work on this road allowance in order to access his property more easily and was told that we could not do that. He is requesting confirmation from Council that the property owners are allowed to do improvement at their expense.
#19-330
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we send a letter to Darrell Hay to confirm the municipal road allowance definition (unmaintained by twp.) and access is allowed to the property owners along this road allowance.”
CD.

#19-331
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we approve Mr. Boyle to do some improvements to the McCarrell Lake Rd. extension (south of Hwy 638-unmaintained municipal road allowance) as long as he ensures he stays within the existing road allowance. These improvements are at his cost.”
CD.
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
-Roadside Grass Cutting-2nd Cut

-312 McCarrell Lake Rd.

Clerk to contact property owners to see if the agreed upon improvements to this driveway will be taking place this fall, before winter in order to not have the same problems were encountered last winter. The twp. completed the work we committed to.

-Gravelling of Cottage Rd.

Next week gravel will be place on Cottage Road as well as some brushing and a little bit of ditching where possible.

-Landfill-load coverings

There have been issues with load of debris being transported to the landfill uncovered and a lot of debris ending up along our municipal roads. This is illegal under the Highway Traffic Act and maybe we have to get more aggressive about this. Will put on agenda for Police Services Board Meeting on Sept. 23. Also, there is a landfill meeting scheduled for Friday Sept. 20 at 8:30 and a number of concerns are to be discussed. Maybe we should do an updated brochure for the landfill to be handed out with lots of information on it. Dump trailers are still an issue.

#19-332

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we hire Mike Hunter as our Labour/Equipment Operator to begin Monday September 9, 2019.”

CD.

-Cottage Road Committee-e-mail

Received an e-mail from the Cottage Rd. Committee confirming when the work will be done that was committed to by Council. Gravel will begin next week-it is stockpiled out there right now. Rd. Department was waiting for summer traffic to decrease. With this road being narrow it is very difficult to do work when there is a lot of summer traffic still.

Requesting some brushing and ditching-they will do what they are able along with the gravelling of Cottage Rd.

-Elizabeth St. Manhole Repairs-Boyer Construction starting first part of September

Mr. Boyer was in the office on Monday to talk to Clerk and Rd. Super. Confirmed construction signs were going up and hopefully get started this week.

Councillor Orchard left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

Sportsplex

- Tulloch and Mike Moore Construction Representative was here on September 2 & 3 to finish patching the holes with epoxy this time. Hoping it holds better. Also here on Sept. 9, drilling new holes for the gate.
- When talking with Matt our glass installer he suggested going to acrylic on the gate doors to lighten them up. Waiting on price.
- Glass installation process started on September 10. One day late due to hurricane Dorian as our installer was coming from New Brunswick. The backhoe was needed for unloading, taking the glass package apart and separating them. Will be completed on Monday as that's when the other posts will be arriving. Ordered acrylic glass for the gate to lighten it up.
- Due to the asphalt (\$5000) not happening this year, this money will be spent as follows; the acrylic glass for the gate (\$1425) and to have the southwest door getting a roof (\$1982) over it. There were issues in the past with this door icing up but was missed at budget time.
- Leprohon did the maintenance on August 27. The fan that comes on first needs replacing. It takes minimum 5 weeks to order. Fuses were popped when the water entered. The other fans have been sealed. Vacuum pressure is turned down right now so it'll turn the other fan on. This will need to be adjusted when the temperature gets colder. On September 12, a motor arrived from Leprohon unannounced.
-New motor has arrived and we will install and send other back-this motor is under warranty so we just have to pay for the shipping
- When talking with the operator of the bull dozer, the side of the Sportsplex needs to be dragged with a landscape rake to get out rocks and asphalt chunks before too much grass gets growing in it.
-LSC to discuss with roads department and see if we can make arrangements to rent Ed Hodgkinson's field harrows to drag this area then roll it
- I've heard from Bulwark and they've tried to spray a wall and roof joint with similar issues as our arena. He said it did seal up the joint but was messy and did not look good at all. This was fine for his current customer because it's at the back of an old industrial building. George is going to try to come up with a different solution for our arena.

-LSC to contact George from Bulwark to see if we can get this work done as soon as possible-winter will be here before we know it and the arena will be up and running and open by November 1.

- What would council want to do with the green gate? It's heavy and wheel needs fixing.
-we will be selling this-we have no use for it.
- Grant coming up and council needs to decide what we are applying for.
-Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program-Community Culture and Recreation Stream is open and due November 12, 2019.

#19-336

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

"RESOLVED that we apply through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program-Community Culture and Recreation Stream to complete Phase II for the cement, bleachers, netting, footings for Butler Building and drain."

CD.

- The small panel rollup door has been resealed and new lock installed so there's access from outside now. Maintenance for the large panel rollup door is still to be done. They will be adding weather stripping down the west side. The old clips for the gate needed to be removed first. They will be back to complete.
- Sign rental fees for the arena in the past were \$100 or \$125 for ice resurfacers.

#19-333

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

"RESOLVED that we charge \$100.00 for advertisement at the Sportsplex per season."

CD.

(a) Thessalon Advertising

1. Walls (4' x 8' area) per year 300.00 + 39.00=\$ 339.00 -
2. Rink boards (3-1/2' x 4' area) per year 300.00 + 39.00=\$339.00

(b) Johnson Township

1. No charge so far but they've been discussing.
- Wanted to let you know that we are losing some of our rentals due to the increase of the rate.
 - i) One group has split there times in half.
 - ii) One rep team I spoke with said they will go across the river as it's cheaper for ice time.
 - iii) In the process of getting a chart for hours for approval. (Desbarats has a 6\$ reduction for more ice)

#19-334

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

"RESOLVED that we charge \$100.00 per hour for non-prime time ice rentals which is defined as Monday to Friday prior to 5:00 p.m. and we charge \$100.00 per hour for a commitment of a minimum of 10 hours or more of rentals for the season."

CD.

Echo Bay Hall

- Commercial/Algoma Heating did the furnace installation on August 27 & 28.
- Front of the building will need to be washed.
- No issues with the stove pilot lights
- Looking at solving the storage issues in the storage room to accommodate the new floor cleaner starting this fall.

-Union Gas was contacted to install the meter at Echo Bay Hall for the new furnace and an account was created. Union Gas to be there on Thursday Sept. 19 to charge the line and install meter.

Sylvan Valley Hall

- ❖ An email was sent out to Parker with the request to look at the spot and let us know what needs to be done to fix it.
- ❖ Auto door button is now working.
- ❖ APH was doing their annual inspection on the water system and suggest asking OCWA to do a test for the iron reducing bacteria. This doesn't show up on the monthly samples as it's harmless. It just smells. She suggested on shocking the system if this is the case.

Clerk to contact OCWA to see if we can have the iron tested at Sylvan Valley Hall.

Trans Canada Trail Capital Project

- Looking at apply for benches, repair station for bicycles to be housed over at the Loon Dollar Park closer to the Environmental Centre.

#19-335

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

"RESOLVED that we apply to the Trans Canada Trail Capital Project for benches and bicycle repair station to be housed at Loon Dollar Park."

CD.

Summer Student Grant

- Working on the SEP (due Sept. 16), CSJ (due Sept 20) and YCW (due Sept. 20).

Tower Lake

- ❖ Renovations completed
- ❖ Waiting on Direct Mechanical to install main power cord for the furnace.

Flower Beds

- We need to clean the flower beds out and replant the bulbs. Does council have any preference as to where the bulbs should go?

No. Maybe look at walking vegetable gardens and less flowers.

Loon Dollar Park

- Boardwalk was started on September 9.
Will be completed by end of this week. Looks great.
- Need to fill in the holes where the old posts were.
- Need to look at removing shrubs at the back of the fence to allow for movement of air and maintenance to the back of the fence. Currently it's very congested with trees and weeds.
- Shrubs along the back should be taken out as well. The lawn mower has difficulty cutting between the shrub and the fence. Finding some not to interesting items there too. This can be done with the back hoe pulling them out.
- Need to find a solution for the weeds on the path. Our concoction worked, it just needed to be done more. Thoughts on stamped concrete to replace this path. We have it at Memorial Park.

Memorial Park

- The tree is looking very aged and not healthy. Creeping Charlie weed is all over this parks hedges and tree. We've removed him a number of times this year already. What would council like to do?
Hope to get through this year but have to look at doing something next year.

Flags

- Would council be opposed to having the flags down for the winter months?
- The Loon Dollar Park and Cenotaph would have there's up but, others down due to trying to get to them and staff to change in the winter months.

Cenotaph

- There has been crayon written on the bottom of the statue and a wreath was broken. Letters have been sent to the children seen playing in the area on the day it was noticed. The crayon was removed on September 10. A wreath will be purchased from the Legion.

Events/Programs

- **Hockey program** in the works
- **Curling program** in the works
- **Skate program** in the works
- **Candle making workshop** with essential oils on September 29 at 5:30, SV Hall.
- **Yoga** continues on Tues. 6:30 – 7:45 pm, at SV Hall with Ginette & Thursday Kristy 6:30-7:45 pm. Sunday with Ana at 7 – 8 pm
- **Zumba** Wednesday's at Sylvan Valley 7 - 8 pm starting October 2, 2019, at 7 pm for 6 weeks @ \$72.
- **Krafty Kreaors** 2-4 pm, EB Hall, starting on September 17
- **Gencarelli Martial Arts**, Tuesday's & Thursday's 6-7 pm, started September 10

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

Training on Burn House will be taking place on a Sunday rather than the regular Monday training night. Fire Chief to notify Council when this will be happening

#19-339

Moved by: Adam Chevis

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) Cemetery Board

-September 23, 2019 next Board Meeting

f) Planning Board

g) Police Services Board

-September 23, 2019 next Board Meeting

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

-OCWA 1/4ly Meeting Sept. 25-2:30 p.m.

7. By-Law

#19-2039

Yard Maintenance By-law-deferred

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Treasurer's Forum-October 17, 2019 Sudbury
#19-340

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to attend the Treasurers Forum on October 17, 2019 in Sudbury.”

CD.

- b) Boardwalk Update

Boardwalk is looking great. Should be completed by end of this week.

We are hoping to finish off with the gravel trail from the end of the Boardwalk to the roadway that will complete the circle route.

- c) Great West Life Benefit Renewal

Received preliminary numbers with an increase-still negotiating a lesser increase.

- d) Discussion in Regard to the Regulation of Cats

Clerk provided a couple of sample by-law from the City of SSM and the Twp. of North Shore in regard to regulate “animals” not just dogs and cats. Clerk to provide copies to Council and further discussion will take place.

- e) Volunteer Appreciation Invitation-Echo Bay Elks October 5, 2019 3-7:00 p.m.

Council is to let the Elks know if they will be available to attend.

- f) Billboard Rental Partnership-Echo Bay Elks

We have not budgeting anything for this and will not be participating at this time.

- g) Building Permits

#19-341

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official approved building permits to Dave Rankin-Garage, Dave Rankin-renovations to porch, Roman Wyslocky-shingles, Sylvia Van Hoof-shingles, Glenn Ledyit-shingles, and a Demolition Permit to Steve & Lee Ann Barrett-house.”

CD,

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#19-337

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for month of August:

Invoices: \$148,979.07

Payroll: \$61,674.99

Total: \$210,654.06

CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict on the next resolution and left the room. Councillor Bailey took the chair.

#19-338

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay North America Construction (1993) Ltd. \$394,748.78 and Algoma Ag Centre \$70.43.”

CD.

Mayor Watson resumed the chair.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

- 12. Correspondence
 - a) Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake-Ministers to allow for Electronic Delegations
#19-342
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Larder Lake in requesting that the Ministers and the Premier offer electronic delegations to small and rural Municipalities that do not have sufficient budget to attend conferences.”
CD.
 - b) Township of Johnson-Community Safety and Well Being Plans
 - c) Township of Johnson-Joint OGRA/ROMA Conference
 - d) More Homes More Choice Act 2019

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

- 14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#19-343
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #19-2052 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 17, 2019.”
CD.

- 15. Adjournment
#19-344
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to October 1, 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