

TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL

January 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

The Council & Staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2020 for all.

Winter Maintenance

The majority of our municipal roads are classified as Class 5 or 6 roads based on the Average Annual Daily Traffic Count and the speed limits that are designated to our roads. This classification is determined based on standards set by the Province of Ontario. We have also adopted the Provincial Minimum Maintenance Standard which determines how often roads need to be plowed based on snow accumulation, when potholes need to be repaired based on size and depth and when sand and salt and sand mixture needs to be applied to our roads. The Minimum Maintenance Standard states that roads must be plowed within a 24 hour period after winter even is over and when there is an accumulation of 10 centimeters or more. **We exceed this standard.** It also states that the minimum standard to treating icy roads is as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the ice and/or within 16 hours on a Class 5 road. **We exceed this standard.** Potholes can be 1000 cm square by 8 cm deep must be repaired within 30 days. **We exceed this standard.**

Winter Driving Tips

- ensure your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread-winter tires or all season tires are a great idea
- keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times
- do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as ice or snow
- always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on ice or snow
- increase your following distance, this margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop
- know your brakes
- don't power up hills and don't stop going up a hill-applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will make your wheels spin and there is nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road after you have stopped



The Township urges everyone to be cautious while driving in adverse weather. In severe weather conditions do not travel unless necessary. We would like to thank our road crew for doing a great job during weather events but we only have 2 pieces of equipment, a plow and grader and 2 operators. With 170 km of roads to clear in time for buses and people to get to work they are up and going by 4:00 a.m. We appreciate everyone's patience during these events and most often once again **we exceed our minimum maintenance standards.**

Echo Bay Elks Events

January 26, 2020— Fish Fry
February 15, 2020—Valentine's Dance
8:00pm— 12:00 am \$15.00 per person John
McClenaghan and the Perfect Blend
February 23, 2020— Fish Fry

Echo Bay United Church Echo Bay and Area Food Bank

Everyone is Welcome whether giving or receiving.
Hours: Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 1:00— 2:00pm
NEW 3rd Tuesday of each 6:00-7:00pm
Location: Echo Bay United Church 220 Church St.
Echo Bay, ON—Down Stairs

BAG TAG DRAW

Bring your extra green bag tags from 2019 into the municipal office by January 20th for recycling and receive a ballot for a \$50.00 gift certificate for Pit Stop Gas Bar. The draw will take place on Friday January 24th at Noon.

WATER METER READING

The water meters will be read on Friday January 31st. Please ensure there is a clear path to your remote in order for staff to be able to read your meter safely. If they are unable to read your meter due to snow you will be charged the base amount and the difference adjusted on the next reading in March. It is to your advantage to ensure that your meter is read in order to prevent any additional charges.

DOG TAGS

Dog Tags are due March 31, 2020. For those who do not get their dog tag by this date the fee will double. Dog tags for dogs that have been spayed or neutered are still \$5.00 and for those who are not \$15.00. Kennel Fee is \$50.00 and \$2.00 for each dog in the kennel. These prices double as of April 1. The fines under By-law #15-1892 have been increased as well and we encourage people to be conscientious pet owners and follow the rules. Do not let your dogs run at large, you should always be in care and control of them. This is a common courtesy to your neighbors and the neighborhood you live in.

Chimney Cleaning Program Location Change

Chimney Cleaning Program will now be hosted at Home Hardware. \$10.00 deposit which will be returned as equipment is returned. Your name will also be entered in a draw.
Thank you Dinelle's for hosting in the past.

Police Services Board

Our Police Service Board currently has an opening for a new Provincial Appointee. If you are interested in this position please contact the office in person or at 705-248-2441. Please visit <http://www.ontario.ca/page/create-your-account#section-0> for the application process. This is a 3 person board which consists of a Community Representative, Council Representative and Provincial Appointee. We meet the last Monday of January, March, May, September and November of each year at 7:00 pm.

Annual Fire Fighter Breakfast

January 26, 2020 Echo Bay Hall
8:30-12:00 pm
By Donation

Curling

Starting Feb 02, 2020 at 6:00 pm – 9:00pm
Pick up curling
\$10.00 a night
Contact Cindy 705-248-2381