

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2020**  
**7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS & TELECONFERENCE**  
**Conference # 1-855-343-6177    Conference ID 6677865**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Trisha Daynard

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#20-317  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: John Bucknell  
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”  
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda  
#20-318  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented/amended”  
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
#20-319  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on October 20, 2020 be accepted as presented.”  
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
  - a) Road Supervisor
    - Truck 12-5 Plow Truck  
Back in Service. Repairs were less than anticipated with the replacement of the clutch.
    - Rebuild of Landfill Road  
Construction will take place Monday November 9-13. Landfill will be closed on Tuesday November 10 for this construction. Sign has been posted and notice was given by way of a newsletter to everyone in the municipality.
    - End Side Road Washout  
Friday October 23 we had a washout on End Side Rd. Was repaired on Friday and completed Saturday. Had to wait for water to recede before re-setting culvert.
    - Grader Tires  
New winter tires were installed on grader on October 26.
    - Winter Works Equipment  
Installed on October 29.
    - Iron River Rd.  
Discuss culverts by 197 Iron River Rd. and swale that is causing issues.
    - Sylvan Valley Cemetery  
It was too wet to do an internment a couple weeks ago. We now have 2 internments scheduled in Sylvan Valley Cemetery next week. We will have to rent a small machine because our backhoe is too big and will do too much damage.
  - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
    - Memorial Park  
Decorating will begin the week of Nov. 16. Real tree or artificial tree this year-LSC can decide.
    - Sportsplex  
Trailer has worked out great to store all the Christmas decorations in. They now have a home so should stay in good shape.  
Rentals began on Monday and went well. Everyone is adjusting to the COVID rules which are posted in the Sportsplex.  
We will not be having public skates or shinny for the month of November and will reassess for December. Also need to discuss “Ticket Ice” and rentals over the Christmas Holidays.
    - Halls  
Remain closed until the New Year.

-Trans Canada Trail

Snow fence was put around the bike repair station.

-Parade of Lights

Start at 6:30 for the Young and the Young at Heart and 7-8 for everyone else. This will also allow more time for the flow of traffic not to become congested.

-Christmas Light Contest

Seniors Light Tour is cancelled this year. Looking at planning a Light/Decorating Contest. People will register their homes by a certain date, we can make up a map to go in the December Newsletter so people can go on tour. Prizes for the best 3 decorated homes.

#20-320

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we have a Christmas Light Tour/Contest with 1, 2 and 3 prizes. People will register by December 4, 2020.”

CD.

-Santa’s Mailbox

Mailbox will be placed at the municipal office, outside from 8:30-4:30 every day until December 11. If people cannot make that time they can put it through the door slot and we will ensure they are placed in the mailbox the next morning.

-Halloween “Treats in your Trunk”

A great success! 137 children participated and 27 Trunks were registered. A lot of great compliments, we will be building on this for next year. Total budget \$250.00.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

#20-321

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

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

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

-E2020-06 Applicant-Ian & Sara Kokkonen-amendment

Meeting scheduled for end of November. We sent everything in already.

g) Police Services Board

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

-Landfill closed on Tuesday November 10-Notice has been sent out

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Law

#20-2089 OPP Contract Renewal

#20-322

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #20-2089 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen as represented by the Minister of Community and Safety and Correctional Service. (OPP Agreement).”

CD.

#20-323

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #20-2089 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#20-324

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #20-2089 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion  
Update the plan with the opening of the Sportsplex.
- b) Beavers on Maple Leaf Road-Brian King Submission  
Information was provided by Brian King in regard to some suggestions on how to correct the drainage issue in the Government Rd./Maple Leaf Rd./Railway areas. It was discussed that the only way to completely solve this problem would be a petition drain based on the size of the drainage area which can only be confirmed by an engineer. Clerk to contact Ministry of Transportation to set up a meeting to see if they are willing to discuss being the lead on a Petition Drain application.
- c) The Art of Strategic Planning For Rural Municipalities  
#20-325  
Moved by: Lynn Orchard  
Seconded by: John Bucknell  
“RESOLVED that we register for an interactive workshop “The Art of Strategic Planning for Rural Municipalities” on November 9 & 10, 2020 from 12-3. Registration fee \$199.00 plus tax.”  
CD.
- d) December 1, 2020 Staff Meeting? In person or teleconference?  
This meeting will be held in person at the Echo Bay Community Hall at 7:00 on December 1, 2020. Hall will be set up with physical distancing in place and all staff are asked to wear masks.
- e) December 15 Staff Social? Cancel?  
The staff social is cancelled for this year but staff is encouraged to still purchase a toy and donate it to the Christmas Cheer Baskets.
- f) Stuff a Sock-Suggestion that we request monetary donations to the Echo Bay United Church for the Christmas Cheer Baskets this year.  
Stuff a Sock is cancelled this year. Clerk to put in the newsletter that we will not be accepting socks stuffed with toiletries etc. but will encourage donations directly to the Christmas Cheer Outreach Committee, especially monetary donations.
- g) Building Permits  
#20-326  
Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO authorized building permits to Joe Reich-addition on a cottage, Pauline & Eugene Beaudet-shingles, Andre Trahan-replace cottage roof, Andre Trahan-new footing under cottage, Melanie Arthur-siding, Melanie Arthur-siding on barn, Dan & Laurie Hicks-garage, Wayne & Val Behnke-shingles, Kevin Young-shingles, Ellysha Foreman-windows, siding & doors, Brent Hurley-shingles.”  
CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

- a) The Township of Oro Medonte-Snow Sports Deemed Essential in Stage 2  
#20-327  
Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Oro Medonte in requesting the Government of Ontario consult with the ski industry through the Ontario Snow Resorts Association to review re-opening policy considerations currently impacting the industry.”  
CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Bailey

Can we contact Bell to get rid of the brush in front of Vanderhayden house on Church St.

Councillor Chevis

Do we have any information on the Bell line that is being installed on Watson Rd. from the landfill to past the Brockelbank property? Clerk to look into.

Councillor Orchard

The ditch on the Henderson property on Ford Rd. has been completed. Looks good and working fine.

Maple Leaf Road & Becker Estate

#20-328

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign all pertinent documents for the transfer of a portion of Maple Leaf Road West to the township from the Becker Estate.”

CD.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#20-329

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #20-2090 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on November 3, 2020.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#20-330

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** these minutes be accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**