

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2020**  
**7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS & TELECONFERENCE**  
**Conference # 1-855-343-6177    Conference ID 6677865**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Trisha Daynard, Brenda Barbarie, Matt Jarrell-teleconference

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#20-301  
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  
#20-302  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”  
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
#20-303  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on October 6, 2020 be accepted as presented.”  
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
  - a) Road Supervisor
    - Landfill Road Rebuild Tender  
We received 2 tenders, from Karhi Contracting and Avery Construction  
#20-304  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: John Bucknell  
“RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Karhi Contracting for the Rebuild of the Landfill Road (Driveway) in the amount of \$55,878.50 includes taxes.”  
CD.
    - Echo Lake Rd.-Tulloch Quote  
Council had requested a quote for Tulloch to take a look at the river bank on Echo River in the 193 Echo Lake Rd. area. There is some concern in regard to the height of the water and the river bank possibly being compromised.  
#20-305  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we authorize Tulloch to move forward with the investigation & sampling work at Echo Lake Rd in the amount of \$12,351.00 across from the Dunning property at 163 Echo Lake Rd.”  
CD.
    - Truck 12-5 Plow Truck  
Back in Service. New clutch was installed and vibration since rollover accident is gone
    - Winter Works  
Will be gearing up for the season with installation of plow equipment the third week in October.
    - Washouts  
Have been at a minimum even with the amount of rain that has fallen in the month of October.
    - Hwy 638 just west of the Hwy 17 4-lane  
#20-306  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we send a letter requesting MTO to repair Hwy 638 by the corduroy which is under water most of the time. This area is a real hazard in the winter time.”  
CD.

Send letter to Mike Mantha.

Alcock Hill-suggested we take a closer look at this area in the 2021 budget. Look at asphaltting that hill and possibly widen the road.

Watson Road in front of Terry Ross still being done this year. We are waiting to get more cold mix to complete this.

Culvert by Ken Findlay's on Watson Road needs more work.

Corner by Mike Siemers on McCarrel Lake Road will require more work as well.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Memorial Park

Sign at park is currently being painted and will be put back up when completed.

-Sportsplex

All the ice rental bookings have been entered into Acuity and will be linked to our website so people will be able to book ice rentals on line. E-mails have been sent out to all renters confirming their bookings including information on our COVID-19 Guidelines for ice usage. We have limited availability for ice rentals right now, mostly evenings on the weekend.

We will not be offering the kids Hockey Program right now or curling, we will wait until the new year and reassess the COVID-19 situation.

Public Skating will be limited to 25-more discussion required. Discuss this and shinny at next meeting.

-Halls-remain closed

-Trans Canada Trail

Bike repair station and Canada 150 Bench have been installed and look great. Free COVID-19 signage from Trans Canada Trail was posted as well.

-Parade of Lights

We will be planning a "backwards parade" where the floats are stationary and cars drive by them. LSC will continue planning and notice will go out letting everyone know there will be a Parade of lights.

-Halloween "Treats in your Trunk"

We are getting a lot of interest in our Treats in your Trunk. 25 trunks signed up right now and 83 children. This will increase this week we are sure.

-Trillium Grant-Splash Pad

Received quotes from Avery for the water access for the Splash Pad. Waiting for quote from ABC Recreation regarding the equipment and installation. Once we have all that we will complete the grant.

-Grant Application Webinar-Rescheduled for Wednesday October 21, 2020.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

Maintenance will continue once pandemic is over.

Pump Testing scheduled for October with new supplier this year. Annual truck inspections completed.

All hydrostatic bottle testing for 2020 has been completed.

#20-309

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

"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

f) Planning Board

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

g) Police Services Board

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

No changes.

b) OPP Contract Renewal

#20-310

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we renew our Contract Agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police for a term of 3 years.”

CD.

c) McCarrel Lake Road Extension

d) Municipal Signing Authority

#20-311

Moved by; John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we appoint Councillor Bailey as a signing authority.”

CD.

e) Sault Naturalists-Lake St Bird Viewing Platform Update

They will be moving forward with fendock docking leading up to the Lake St. bird viewing platform. Council is still in agreement with this as discussed previously.

f) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#20-307

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay the bills for the month of September 2020:

Invoices: \$433,307.17

Payroll: \$35,412.84

Total: \$468,720.01

CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room.

#20-308

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pay Algoma Ag. Centre in the amount of \$39.08.”

CD.

Mayor Watson returned to the meeting.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

a) The Corporation of Loyalist Township-Funding for Community Groups and Service Clubs affected by Pandemic

#20-312

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Loyalist in requesting confirmation from the governments of Ontario and Canada that funding will be available for local smaller charities, community groups and service clubs due to the vital resources and support that they provide to community members and the restrictions that they have experienced with the declaration of the state of emergency due to COVID-19 Pandemic.”

CD.

b) Township of Lake of Bays-Reform to the Municipal Insurance Policy

#20-313

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Lake of Bays in requesting the Provincial Government to consider a reform to the Municipal Insurance Policy specifically the Errors and Omissions for building code claims.”

CD.

- c) County of Wellington-Assessment Methodology for Aggregate Resource Properties  
#20-314

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we support the County of Wellington in calling upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to revise the criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values and address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value.”

CD.

- d) Municipality of Huron Shores-Improving Connectivity for Ontario Program Update  
Information only.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Clerk to contact Stobies to see when Maple Leaf Cemetery sign will be completed.

Councillor Bucknell received a phone call from Brian King in regard to the beaver problem on Maple Leaf Rd. and along the railway right of way. He has requested a piece of equipment to clean this up.

Clerk to contact Huron Central Railway to see how we can work with them to rectify this drainage problem. If we can get permission to enter on their property and if Council is in agreement to move forward with this. This has been an ongoing problem area.

Also Clerk to request an update on the crossing repairs.

Councillor Bailey mentioned the announcement of the recycling program and how it is being revamped.

Not sure how well this is going to work.

Mayor Watson read a thank you card from a ratepayer in regard to a culvert replacement and how professional our staff did it.

Mayor Watson read a thank you letter from a ratepayer who required the office staff assistance in a stressful situation.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#20-315

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #20-2088 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on October 20, 2020.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#20-316

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to November 3, 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**