

TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL

SEPTEMBER 2020

COVID-19 UPDATES & BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN

The office has been open to the public by appointment only, since Monday, August 24, 2020 and has been very busy. A lot of construction projects taking place, renovations, decks, garages etc. We would like to thank the public for abiding by the Algoma Public Health Recommendations and the Municipal Masking Policy by wearing a mask into the municipal office. With all of us continuing to act with caution we can prevent a "second wave". The only update to our Business Continuity Plan at this point is Commercial Recycling pick up which will start backup on Thursday, September 17, 2020. Our Halls and Share Shed will continue being closed until Sept. 30, 2020 at which time Council will reassess. Council is proceeding with caution before opening any other municipal buildings. With school start up and a possible second wave of COVID-19 cases, it is better to wait for opening rather than open and have to close again. We hope that everyone understands this delay is in the best interest of our community.

We continue to follow Algoma Public Health recommendations. You can call us at 705-248-2441 or e-mail us at twpmacd@onlink.net. You can continue to make payments on line or you can drop your payment through our door slot at 208 Church St. We are continuously updating our Business Continuity Plan based on information that is provided by the Provincial Government and Algoma Public Health.

BEARS IN ECHO BAY

We have had an increased presence of bears in Echo Bay this summer. If a bear has visited your property your first defense is to ensure that you have put all your garbage and bird feeders away, cleaned your bbq and have no pet food out anywhere. Bears are hungry and will travel a long way for food. The Bear Wise Program through the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry is a great resource for information. If a bear is an immediate threat or is being aggressive contact the Ontario Provincial Police by calling 911.

The municipality has sent a letter to MPP Michael Mantha requesting the Provincial Government to expand the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry's responsibility in regard to nuisance bears.

ECHO BAY & SYLVAN VALLEY HALL CARETAKERS

We would like to thank Randy & Bonnie Booth for their many years of dedication to the township as our hall caretakers. They always made sure everything was in good working order, the halls were clean and ready for any occasion that might be booked. The decorations at Christmas were always very much appreciated. Thank you and enjoy your retirement!

We would also like to welcome Deanna and Scott Clark as our new Hall Caretakers. We look forward to working with you and appreciate your interest in our wonderful community.

**OCTOBER 15, 2020 IS THE NEXT DUE DATE
FOR TAXES FOR 2020**

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS

Winter hours at the landfill will be in effect starting October 1, 2020-March 31, 2021. Share Shed will remain CLOSED until further notice.

Tuesday 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. Thursday 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

REMINDER: We no longer accept tires. There are numerous businesses that you can bring your tires to at no charge.

Hazardous Waste Depot located at 402 Fifth Line East in SSM will be closing on October 24, 2020.
Hours are Monday to Saturday 8:30-4:30

PROVINCIAL OFFENCES/BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

We are accepting applications for a by-law enforcement person to oversee mainly our dog by-law. If you are interested you can send in a letter of interest/resume to twpmacd@onlink.net, fax to 705-248-3091 or drop of at 208 Church St., Echo Bay, ON P0S 1C0.