

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2020**  
**7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS & TELECONFERENCE**  
**Conference # 1-855-343-6177    Conference ID 6677865**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Donny Cameron, Trisha Daynard, Brenda Barbarie

Observer: Joe Nelles

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#20-331  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”  
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda  
#20-332  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as amended”  
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
#20-333  
Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on November 3, 2020 be accepted as presented.”  
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
  - a) Road Supervisor
    - Sylvan Valley Cemetery  
Two burials took place on Nov. 6 at Sylvan Valley Cemetery. We had to rent a Track Excavator to do the burials because of the wet conditions. Everything went well considering.
    - Road Maintenance  
All gravel roads have been graded before winter. Depending on weather we may have to do them again.
    - Winter Works  
All equipment is ready for the season.
    - Landfill Road  
Karhi Construction began mid-day on Monday November 9. Landfill was closed on Tuesday and we were barely able to open on Thursday. Road was not in good shape. Project was not completed on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>. They were there working on Monday but not there today. Should be returning tomorrow. Council and Road Super not happy with the quality of the material. May have to dig a portion of the road up and redo it. Road Super states we may have an issue in the spring if we do not.  
#20-334  
Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: John Bucknell  
“RESOLVED that we authorize Tulloch Engineering to do a soil sample/sieve analysis of the Grade A & B gravel for the Rebuild of the Landfill Road Project as soon as possible.”  
CD.
    - Winter Sand  
With Garden River Construction getting the contract for winter maintenance in our area Ferroviaal will no long have equipment at the Echo Bay Patrol Yard. Ferroviaal still has sand in the one dome and we will be able to purchase winter sand from them for the 2020/2021 winter but we will not have their loader to load it. Clerk is setting up a meeting to discuss with Garden River Construction if they will have a loader at this location that we will be able to use or not.  
Johnson and Tarbutt are looking into building their own sand dome next year. We may have to investigate this as well. Maybe we can discuss with Twp. of Laird to see if they would want to do a joint project.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Sportsplex

We are going to accept rentals at the Sportsplex up to December 21 so the LSC can confirm a schedule over the holidays for the caretakers. We are also going to have some public skates over the holidays with strict rules in place. Only 25 people on the ice at one time, people will have to sign in. LSC to pick dates and times. No shinny until after the new year. Sportsplex will be closed on Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1. We will close Dec. 24 at noon and Dec. 31 at 5:00 p.m.

#20-335

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we add a 90 minute Ticket Ice as an option for \$100.00.”

CD.

-Halls

Halls will remain closed probably until the New Year.

-Parade of Lights

Is coming together, waiting for floats to register. Categories have been created for the judging.

-Christmas Light Contest

Working on a map that can be shared digitally for people to do a light tour of all the registered decorated homes.

-Santa's Mailbox

Mailbox is outside of the office M\_F from 8:30-4:30. Group of ladies will be meeting on Dec. 16 at 10:00 in Council Chambers.

-Splashpad-OTF Grant

A grant has been prepared and ready to submit. Total anticipated project costs \$186,148.00.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

No calls to report. Renovations at Fire Hall continues as time permits. No equipment maintenance to report. Training continues to be virtual due to the increase in active covid-19 cases. No personnel issues to report.

#20-336

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

-Budget Report

Went over numbers to date and everything looks good. Some numbers are down like our revenue for recreation events but it is off set by the expenses being down as well. Was a hard year to budget back in March not being able to anticipate what was going to happen in 2020 with the virus.

e) Cemetery Board

Maple Leaf Cemetery sign is up.

f) Planning Board

g) Police Services Board

-Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> next meeting

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 change

b) Closure over the Christmas Holidays

#20-339

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we close on December 24, 2020 at noon and reopen Monday January 4, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. for the Christmas Break.”

CD.

- c) Staff Meeting-December 1, 2020 7:00 p.m. Echo Bay Community Hall
- d) Huron North Community Economic Alliance Update
- e) Leepfrog Telecom Proposal  
Council is choosing to hold off on this right now. With so many changes happening right now with broadband in the north they want to wait.
- f) Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMOF) 2021  
Our 2021 amount is up about \$5,600.00 from 2020.
- g) Algoma Public Health 2020 Municipal Levy Notice Adjustment  
We had a reduction of \$3,542.67 from APH for our 2020 levy. Cheque has already been received.
- h) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

Mayor Watson declared a conflict on the next 2 motions and left the room.  
#20-337

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

Invoices: \$227,943.08

Payroll: \$33,684.11

Total: \$261,627.19

CD.

#20-338

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag Centre \$1,847.82.”

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Clerk to send letter stating our disappointment with the service we have received on the 3 projects that they have done for us. Sylvan Valley Hall-still waiting for front step to be repaired, Museum-not completed, Echo Bay Hall-have not started.

Councillor Bailey-if the time & temperature sign cannot be set properly shut it down.

Councillor Orchard-Landfill Rd.-is Council prepared to change their policy of accepting the lowest tender? Suggested looking into the cost of a cell booster for the Sportsplex so people can streamline hockey games because of the limited number of spectators that are allowed at the games.

Mayor Watson-we need to get the phone line repaired at the landfill.

Mayor Watson-FONOM virtual meeting was very good-MPAC presentation on building permits and web sites is being sent to him and he will share with staff.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#20-339

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #20-2091 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on November 17, 2020.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#20-340

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** we accept these minutes this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**