

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JANUARY 26, 2021
7:00 P.M. ZOOM Virtual Meeting
ZOOM Public Phone # 1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID # 7257536871 Passcode # 665410

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: John Bucknell, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis, Lynn Orchard (8:00p.m.)

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

1. Call Meeting to Order
#21-19
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
#21-20
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#21-21
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on January 12, 2021 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
-Plow Truck 12-5 Issues
Numerous trips to the dealer to have an issue with Check Engine Light coming on. Latest diagnosis is the engine needs to be rebuilt. Took an oil sample to have analyzed, waiting for results. Truck has been running fine since last Thursday. Road Super corrected a wire that was making contact with the frame and it has been running well.
#21-22
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Road Super to go through the most recent bills from TMS Truck Centre Inc. in regard to the repairs to the Plow Truck and discuss the “required” repairs and the “guessing” repairs that may not have been required and discuss further with them prior to paying this bill.”
CD.
Councillor Bucknell to attend joint meeting with Road Super & TMS.
-New Plow Truck
Is on its way from Cleveland North Caroline and is due in Mattawa, ON on Jan. 29. That is where the plow and sander equipment will be installed. Will take a while for this and we will not see it until after the winter season.
-Culvert Steamer
Purchased a used steamer from Plummer Twp. for parts. Was able to replace some parts on it and it is working fine. We now have 2 working steamers. Not anticipating having to use the steamers this year, we have had no frozen culverts.
-Plow Blades
Twp. of Plummer had a surplus of Blades, Plow Shoes and Nose Pieces. We purchased them at the 2010 amalgamated tender prices. We will have enough inventory to last about 10 years now.
-Culverts
Was given a heads up on the price of culverts increasing 15% in 2021. Was able to purchase required culverts for 2021 at last year’s prices.
-2021 Surface Treatment
Suggesting surface treatment on Watson Rd. from Cemetery to McCarrel Lake Rd. Watson Rd. from Landfill Driveway to .8 km east of Ford Rd. (Purnis Driveway). Bay St. from end of asphalt to north

end of road. Echo Lake Rd., Gordons to Iron River Rd. intersection (pending details of Tulloch's report on bank stability), Landfill Driveway-asphalt. Also need to start thinking about which bridge would be next to replace and begin the preparation for that. Echo River Bridge is being suggested. Mayor Watson also brought up Jarrell Bridge and thinks we can eliminate that bridge completely and realign Watson Rd. by purchasing property from Alf Roberts. More discussion required.

-Landfill Road

Karhi Contracting was contacted in regard to the specs on the 2nd round of "A" gravel. He will be stockpiling trap rock at the landfill prior to load restrictions going on in order to complete the construction of this road in the spring.

Clerk to contact Twp. of Johnson to discuss the possible construction of a snow plow turn around on Gordon Lake. Rd. Should meet with Mayors, Clerks, & Road Supers.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Sportsplex

Closed until Province lifts restrictions. Working on having access to the player's box other than from the ice. One section of boards can be removed to allow access to the benches but still working on access to penalty boxes. Hoping to build a gate. It was also suggested that we need to look at insulating the timekeeper's box. It is very cold in there for the people operating the clock.

-February Flurries of Fun

Activities have been organized for families to participate in while still adhering to the Stay At Home Order. Twp. of Laird is partnering with us on these activities to help fund the prizes. Snow Sculptures, Snowman Building Contest, Treasurer Hunt, Virtual Fish Derby, Decorate for Valentine's Day and show some Love, Craft activities.

-Summer Student Grants

All grants have been completed. We have applied for 6 students this year.

-COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Grant

We had to rescope our grant to reflect our assigned allocation. Was resubmitted Jan. 25, 2021.

-Rural Economic Development Program Grant

This grant is due on Feb. 1, 2021. Looking at doing some work at the Loon Dollar Park with new flower beds, paving stone, fencing, walking garden etc.

#21-23

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

"RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to apply to the Rural Economic Development Grant for Improvements to the Loon Dollar Park."

CD.

-Snowflakes on Church St. Power Poles

2 Snowflakes are no longer working and we are troubleshooting on how to repair them. Down the Line Electric removed them from the poles and it is not the fuses. LSC working with the supplier on how they can be repaired. They are not that old.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Garden River Fire Department-Fire Protection Mutual aid Agreement-Discussion

Fire Chief would like to explore some sort of a reciprocal agreement with Garden River Fire Department. He has spoken to the Office of the Fire Marshall and has gathered agreements where other municipalities have entered into agreements with First Nations. Once the Stay At Home Order has been lifted we can discuss further.

#21-24

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

CD.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

g) Police Services Board

-January 25, 2021-Report

Overall number of calls are down for 2020 from 2019. Date for Community Safety and Well Being Plan to be completed and adopted by Council is July 1, 2021. We have had no complaints in regard to people not adhering to the Stay At Home Order. The OPP are enforcing this and will charge people in our municipality if they have to.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

Executive Director has stepped down due to new employment. If we know anyone who might be interested in this position let Mayor Watson know.

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

-Updated Municipal Drinking Water System Financial Plan #278-101
#21-26

“**WHEREAS** the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional received a Municipal Drinking Water Licence #278-101 for the Township’s Drinking Water System dated October 22, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Financial Plan must be updated and approved prior to applying for a licence renewal;

AND WHEREAS the Financial Plan for the Drinking Water System has been developed, must be approved by resolution, must apply for a period of six years and must contain the information in accordance with Ontario Regulation 453/07;

AND WHEREAS the owner is required to make the Financial Plan available without charge, provided notice to the public of the availability and provide a copy to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township endorses Financial Plan #278-301 for the Township’s Drinking Water System which satisfies the requirements set out in Ontario Regulation 453/07.

AND FURTHER that the Ministry of Environment be advised that preparation of the Financial Plan identifies a significant financial burden to the water system users over the 10 year period and that financial assistance to help small communities must be provided.”

CD.

7. By-Laws

#21-2095 Interim Tax Bills By-law
#21-27

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“**RESOLVED** that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #21-2095 being a by-law to levy certain interim rates, taxes and charges for the Year 2021.”

CD.

#21-28

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“**RESOLVED** that we give By-law #21-2095 its first and second reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion-no updates

b) FONOM Virtual Conference May 18-21, 2021

Everyone can participate if they want. There is no registration fee for this year’s conference.

c) Statistics Canada-Census May 2021

#21-29

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“**RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.”

CD.

d) BusPatrol Program & Smart Cameras

More information to be collected.

e) Committee & Board Appointments 2021-2022

Mayor Watson provided a list of the appointment changes. If Council is good with these changes Clerk will have By-law prepared for next Council Meeting.

f) Huron North Community Economic Alliance Communities-State of Broadband Update

g) HNCEA-Leep Frog Telecom
#21-30

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we support LeepFrog Telecom in their application to the Core Infrastructure Stream of the Universal Broadband Fund on behalf of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, and provide the information necessary prior to submission.”

CD.

h) 2021 Northern Clerks Forum-March 10 & 11, 2021

#21-31

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to participate in the virtual 2021 Northern Clerks Forum March 10 & 11, 2021. No registration fee.”

CD.

i) Round Table Discussion

Councillor Orchard

- Finishing the Arena-this is a priority to him.
- Rebuild Tennis Court
- Roads-What is planned for 2021
- Garbage Pick Up-need to get some quotes on this
- Municipal Garage-do we need to build a sand dome? Purchase of property behind the garage

Councillor Bailey

- Asphaltting of Alcock’s Hill and any others-would like to look closely at this
- New Receptions Events (fairs & festivals)
- Purchase More Christmas Pole Lights
- Share Shed Discussion-will we be able to open again?
- Public Meetings-maybe we can have a virtual meeting via Zoom in the late spring

Councillor Bucknell

- Complete work at Sportsplex
- Splash Pad at Milligan Gazebo
- Soccer Field Expansion
- Storage Buildings-storage is an issue everywhere
- Tennis Court Rebuild
- Future Road Rebuild along Echo River
- Iron River Culvert Issues
- Cloudy Lake Rd.-remove boulders and pave

Councillor Chevis

- Tennis Court Rebuild (high priority)
- More playground equipment at Hurley Park
- Given the water levels in the Hurley Park we may have to look at building up that entire Park

Mayor Watson

- Committee & Board Shuffle
- Landfill-Garbage Pickup (get the process started with getting quotes etc.)
- Asphaltting Hills-Alcock, Cottage Rd. etc.-need to look at this closer
- Sportsplex Completion-Cement Floors, Stage, Bleachers
- Parks-Grasscutting at Elks
- Loon Dollar Park-Get Property Transferred into Twp. name

j) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account #21-25

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for December 2020:

Invoices: \$413,446.40

Payroll: \$82,054.35

Total: \$495,500.75

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing-Safe Restart Agreement Allocation

We will be receiving an additional \$20,000.00 mostly for operations and loss of revenue during the COVID-19 Pandemic

b) Municipality of Southwest Middlesex & Town of Plympton-Wyoming-Drainage Matters and need for coordination with the national railways.

#21-32

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex in working with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Orchard suggested when looking at our need for storage, if we purchased the property behind the municipal garage that could be an area to build it. There would be lots of room and we could have everything in one place. Also, if we are going to do work on Alcock Hill, we need to make sure we do it right.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#21-33

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2096 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on January 26, 2021.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#21-34

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2021.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR