

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 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, Lynn Orchard, Adam Chevis

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

Delegation: Nicole McDonald (Granger)

1. Call Meeting to Order

#21-45

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

#21-46

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#21-47

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on February 2, 2021 be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

8:00 p.m. Nicole MacDonald (Granger)

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

-Truck 12-5

Plow truck has been running great since the wiring was fixed in our shop. A meeting has been set up with TMS on Thursday February 18 at 1:00 in Council Chambers to go over the repair bill from them that did not correct the problem.

-New Plow Truck

Is in Kingston at Gincor getting the plow equipment installed. No other updates yet.

-Fire Hydrants

Snow was cleared from in front of the hydrants week of February 7th.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Sportsplex

Boards from each end of the players benches have been removed for easier access. Hoping to open on Wednesday February 17th. There are still lots of rentals moving forward.

-February Flurries of Fun

Activities are under way. 28 Valentine packages picked up and 15 emailed. 16 families participated in the Virtual Family Day Fishing Derby. Treasurer Hunt is still taking place with a lot of people submitting their answer. Twp. of Laird partnered with us on these events and contributed to the purchase of prizes. Looking at extending the date for the snow sculptures and snowman contests. Snow conditions are not the best right now for making them.

-Extravaganza & Family Festival Day

Looking at changing things up for the Echo Bay Extravaganza and Family Festival Day in preparation for COVID-19 still being here. Would like to schedule, perhaps on Wednesday nights “Music in the Park” which would take place outside and people could sign up ahead of time in order to control our numbers depending on which rules are to adhered to at that time. Events for kids like a magician or movie night. A museum committee meeting to be planned in the near future.

-Sylvan Valley Hall

Hall Caretakers went to the hall on Wednesday to check it and the furnace was out.

Algoma/Commercial Heating was contacted and had to replace the ventor on the furnace. The Plumbers were contacted to do some minor repairs.

-Part Time Arena Caretaker

Interviews to be set up for Thursday hopefully if candidates are available.

-NOHFC Grant

This funding has been opened up again with a Community Enhancement Fund which includes capital funding for arenas up to \$500,000.00 with 75% funding. LSC requesting permission to start putting an application together for Phase 2 at the Sportsplex which would complete the cement on the exterior of the dashboards, bleachers and a stage. Resolution will be done at next meeting if required. The sooner we get our application in the sooner the NOHFC Board of Directors can see it and hopefully get approval. Councillor Orchard suggested moving the ice resurfacers room to the south end of the Sportsplex-more discussion required.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Emergency Calls

3 calls received during this period.

-Fire Hall Maintenance

Exterior door requires changing and has been ordered. Burton Mechanical is installing floor hydrant now that lockdown has been lifted. The lockers system can be completed once the hydrant is done.

-Equipment Maintenance

Various SCBA bottles require hydrostatic testing this year.

-Training

Continuing to review and update Standard Operating Guidelines and look to start training on the updated version as 2021 progresses.

-Garden River Fire Department-Fire Protection Mutual Aid Agreement-Ongoing Discussion

Waiting to receive more information in order to discuss in more detail.

#21-49

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“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

-March 29, 2021-Next Meeting

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

Cathy Cyr will be the Interim Executive Director

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

#21-2097

To Appoint Officers & Servants for the Term 2021-2022

#21-48

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #21-2097 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

-Stay At Home Order-Colour Code Framework for our area.

#21-50

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we amend the Business Continuity Plan to reflect the Yellow Zone restriction for the District of Algoma and allow the Sportsplex to open Wednesday February 17 with these restrictions being adhered to and the Municipal Office remain locked but open by appointment only.”

CD.

b) Hydro One Pole Replacement

Road Super to contact Hydro One and confirm when this is taking place and ensure that any municipal roads will not be damaged.

- c) Boat Launch-McCarrel Lake
Clerk to follow up confirming the twp will not be purchasing property on McCarrol Lake for a public boat launch.
- d) Ministry of Transportation-Hwy 638/Hwy 17 4-lane intersection
ZOOM Meeting set up for Friday February 26 from 10-11 a.m.to discuss petition drain in the Hwy 17 4-lane/Hwy 638 intersection drainage area. Mayor Watson, Councillor Orchard, Road Super and Clerk to participate.
- e) Physician Recruitment Letter
The North Shore Health Network has sent out an invoice for Physician Recruitment for the catchment area. Clerk to send a letter requesting information in regard to how they came up with the amounts for each municipality, who has paid in the past and how much and make sure they are aware that we cover the rent for the Nurse Practitioner Clinic. The invoice will be held until Council has more information and will be discussed further with budget.
- f) Virtual Town Hall Meeting-Algoma Public Health- COVID-19 Vaccination-Wednesday February 17 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Everyone has received this link if they want to participate in the meeting.
- g) Monday February 22, 2021 Budget Meeting 7:00 p.m.
This will be a face to face meeting in Council Chambers. The ZOOM option will still be available for whoever wants to participate that way.
- h) Defazio Subdivision-Block B
#21-451
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to send this information to the municipal lawyer to transfer Block B 1M-364 (being Roberta Blvd.) into the Townships name.”

CD.

i) Building Permits

- 10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
#21-52
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for month of January 2021:
Invoices: \$149,779.16
Payroll: \$33,943.82
Total: \$183,722.98

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

- 12. Correspondence
 - a) Township of Asphodel-Norwood-Community Safety & Well Being Plan-Extension Request
#21-53
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Asphodel-Norwood in requesting the Minister of Solicitor General to review the imposed deadline for the Community Safety & Well Being Plans to be completed & adopted by and request an extension to this deadline.”

CD.

- b) MPP Micheal Mantha & Township of Baldwin & Gravenhurst-Closure of Ontario Fire College
#21-54
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we support the Town of Gravenhurst and request the Province of Ontario reconsider the closure of the Ontario Fire College.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments
Councillor Bucknell wondering the status of the joint snow plow turn around on Gordon Lake Rd.
Spoke to property owner in Johnson Twp. and he would look at leasing the property to the twp. rather than having to do a transfer which would require a survey etc.
14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#21-55
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2099 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 16, 2021.”
CD.
15. Adjournment
#21-56
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 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