

# TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL

FEBRUARY 2021

## MAYORS ADDRESS-COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Unfortunately COVID-19 has taken over all of our lives and has changed the way we do everything. Here in our municipal world we have adapted by updating our website to allow online rentals at the Sportsplex and online purchase of dog tags and fire permits. We continue to recommend online banking payments for taxes and sewer and water. Our Leisure Services Coordinator has done a great job offering activities that can be done by physical distancing or at home. We have virtual Council Meetings with ZOOM or Conference Calls and Council is available to everyone by phone or e-mails. Everyone in our community continues to “stay home”, “wear masks” and “physical distance” when we have to go out. It has been a difficult time for everyone and we want to thank everyone for doing their part in keeping our community safe. With the mass vaccination roll out plan we can see light at the end of the tunnel and hope that everyone can meet with their family and friends once again. As Mayor of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional I want to express how proud I am of how our community has banded together with our businesses, school, volunteers, staff and community members all doing what you can to make this difficult time easier for everyone. Our community is strong and together we will get through this Pandemic and come out of it a better community!

### BUDGET MEETING DATES

Monday February 22, Tuesday March 30 and Monday April 26 have been scheduled for Budget Meetings which will begin at 7:00 p.m. If anyone would like to discuss any budget items for 2021 you can contact any one of your Council Representatives by phone or e-mail:

Mayor Lynn Watson, 705-248-2421 [lynnwatson@ontera.net](mailto:lynnwatson@ontera.net)  
Councillor Lynn Orchard, 705-248-2453 [lorchard@ontera.net](mailto:lorchard@ontera.net)  
Councillor Shelly Bailey, 705-248-2979 [sbailey@ontera.net](mailto:sbailey@ontera.net)  
Councillor John Bucknell, 705-971-0561 [jbucknell@ontera.net](mailto:jbucknell@ontera.net)  
Councillor Adam Chevis, 705-987-0577 [achevis@ontera.net](mailto:achevis@ontera.net)

### FIRE PERMITS

Fire permits are required from April 1-October 31 and are \$5.00. You can purchase your Fire Permit on our Website [echobay.ca](http://echobay.ca)

**ECHO BAY DRINKING WATER SYSTEM FINANCIAL PLAN #278-301 is available on our website [echobay.ca](http://echobay.ca) for viewing. If you have questions please contact the municipal office at 705-248-2441.**

### DOG TAGS

Dog Tags are due March 31, 2021. With COVID-19 Restrictions and the office being closed to the Public you can now purchase your Dog License on our website, [echobay.ca](http://echobay.ca). When we receive confirmation of your purchase, a dog tag will be mailed to you to place on your dog. If you have any questions please contact us.

**Anyone who wishes to receive their tax bill or sewer and water bill by e-mail please contact Lacey at 705-248-2441 or [laceyk@ontera.net](mailto:laceyk@ontera.net) and you will be added to the list**

## 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](mailto:twpmacd@onlink.net), fax to 705-248-3091 or drop off at 208 Church St., Echo Bay, ON P0S 1C0.

## STATISTICS CANADA-2021 CENSUS

The next census will take place May 2021. Census data has been relied on to tell us how our country is changing as well as having a direct impact on gathering data needed to plan, develop and evaluate programs and services such as schools, daycare, family services, housing, emergency services, roads, public transportation and skills training for employment. We would like to encourage all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at [www.census.gc.ca](http://www.census.gc.ca). Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community. Statistics Canada will be hiring approximately 32,000 people across the country to assist with census collection. For more information please contact them at [statcan.censusoutreach.ontario-rayonnementdurec.ontario.statcan@canada.ca](mailto:statcan.censusoutreach.ontario-rayonnementdurec.ontario.statcan@canada.ca)