

**SPECIAL MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2021
10:00 A.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: John Bucknell, Lynn Orchard

Staff: Lynne Duguay

Delegation: Herb Villneff, Kristin Franks, Brad Thom, John Fraser, Junard Asghar
(ZOOM)

1. Call Meeting to Order
#21-59
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we open our Special Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.
2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
4. Delegations/Public Presentations
5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - c) Fire Chief
 - d) Treasurer’s Report
 - e) Planning Board
 - f) Police Services Board
 - g) Algoma District Services Administration Board
 - h) Algoma District Municipal Association
 - i) Landfill/Recycling
 - j) Sewer and Water
6. By-Law
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
 - a) Ministry of Transportation-Discussion on Petition Drain Option for the drainage issue at the Hwy 17 4-lane/Hwy 638 intersection

Mayor Watson went over the ongoing issues we have been having with flooding on Hwy 638 near the Hwy 17 4-lane and how that provincial highway is under water a majority of the spring/summer/fall. This is a health and safety issue for our community and the amount of traffic there is on Hwy 638.

We requested that MTO petition for a drain in that area and the advantages to them doing it. This area has had drainage issues since the Hwy 17 4-lane was constructed. With Hwy 638 sinking more each year where the box culverts were installed, the flooding in that area has gotten progressively worse. (It has been named the Echo Bay Carwash). We have requested MTO “fix” this area but years have gone by and nothing has been done. With the ongoing issues of flooding in this whole drainage area Council decided the best option was to go the petition drain route. With MTO being the road authority and property owner for a large part of this area Council felt they should be the petitioner to get the process started. It does not really matter who petitions or completes the application the process is basically the same and it is important to get this process going.

Herb Villneff stated that they would discuss this further and get back to us next week.

Mayor Watson also inquired about the state of Hwy 638 and if improvements to that highway would be happening in the near future.

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts
10. Closed Session
11. Correspondence
12. Mayor & Councillors Comments
13. Confirming By-law
14. Adjournment
#21-60
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“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