

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 2, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M. Council Chambers/ZOOM Virtual Meeting**  
**ZOOM Public Phone # 1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID # 7257536871 Passcode # 665410**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Donny Cameron, Trisha Daynard

Delegation: Ontario Clean Water Agency-Ted Smider, Jeff St. Pierre, Kevin Spec, Tulloch-Kevin Kortekaas, Eric Giles

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#21-61  
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  
#21-62  
Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”  
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
#21-63  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on February 16, 2021, Minutes Special Meeting of Council held on February 22, 2021 and Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on February 26, 2021 be accepted as presented.”  
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation  
  
7:00 p.m. Ted Smider-Ontario Clean Water Agency-In Closed Session  
#21-64  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: John Bucknell  
“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:01 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2) h) “information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a Province or Territory or a Crown Agency of any of them.”  
CD.  
  
Discussed a possible extension of the agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency for the operation and maintenance of our Environment Centre, Drinking Water and Waste Water system.  
  
#21-65  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 7:29 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”  
CD.  
  
7:30 p.m. Kevin Kortekaas, Eric Giles-Tulloch–Echo Lake Road Stabilization Report  
Eric Giles from Tulloch went through a power point presentation in regard to the Echo Lake Rd. Stability Report. They went through the geotechnical investigation by Trow Consulting Engineer that took place in April 2000 after the Echo Lake Rd. slump in December 1999 and the River Bank Stability Analysis of Echo Lake Rd. that was done by Thurber Engineering in December 2000. The soil samples taken in the area of concern which is approximately 500 meter south of the first slump is very similar They are comprised of fine grained silty clays. There is visible erosion along the embankment toe and washout erosion at culvert locations. There are no cracks in the soil or asphalt but the asphalt is in poor condition.

Two options were presented-Option 1: Re-grade slope of bank and place rip rap erosion protection blanket and shift road away from the river 7-9 meters. Option 2: Regrade slope of bank to 3H-1V and place rip rap erosion protection and Tow berm. Recommendations: keep culverts clear and free of debris, reinstate proper erosion protection at inlets and outlets to prevent undermining, regular maintenance of ditches to prevent blockages, annually inspect of embankment, culverts and ditches  
Suggesting a subsurface investigation and a bathymetric survey which could save costs for construction by optimizing the design process.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

-Matt Kirby Drainage Ditch

He went ahead and did this ditch on his own so the township was not involved other than we supplied 3 culverts. No further action required.

-Echo Lake Road Stabilization Report-see above

Look at stabilizing the bank where the problem area is

-2021 Roads Potential Projects

-Bridge Replacement- Echo River Bridge and Alton Bridge

-Straightening & resurfacing of Adcock Hill (Asphalt)

-Surface Treatment of Iron River/Birch Lake Road

-Surface Treatment of Watson Road & McCarrel Lake Rd. East

-Ditching

-Purchase of Property to build a Winter Sand Shed

-Build a Sand Shed

-New Equipment

-4 door pickup for Grass Cutting and Arena

-Wheeled Excavator

-Updating Landfill 46 year old Bulldozer

-Updating Landfill to compliance

-Truck 12-5

Still negotiating with TMS in regard to outstanding invoice for repairs on plow truck.

-Theft of Trailer

Sunday Feb. 21 grass cutting trailer was stolen at 6:00 a.m. Trailer fell off vehicle and ended up in ditch on Pioneer Road. Cameras caught image of a U-Haul Cube Van taking the trailer. OPP was contacted.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Sportsplex

No public skates to be scheduled yet.

February we had 82 rentals \$7,840.00 in revenue. If we do not have to close down in March we have the potential for around \$18,000.00 in revenue.

NOHFC Grant-Quotes are being gathered for the improvements of the Sportsplex.

#21-66

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to apply to the NOHFC-Community Enhancement Stream for improvements to the Sportsplex.”

CD.

-February Flurries of Fun

Treasure Hunt finished on Sunday. Extended the date for snow sculptures and snowman contest until mid March.

-Community Easter Ideas

Walking Scavenger Hunt and “You’ve Been Egged”

-Extravaganza

Meeting being set up with the Ekoba Museum Committee to discuss some different ideas for summer events to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions.

-Summer Programming

Waiting to set up a virtual meeting to discuss adapting baseball and soccer programs

Garden River Recreation Coordinator, Trevor Solomon, contacted us to discuss some joint programs.

Swim Program will not be taking place this year, so in its place we will plan another summer camp.

Summer Camps-would like to start planning now so we can be more organized this year with all the Provincial Restrictions in place. Looking at making the camps more age friendly with the younger

aged camps being in the morning and the older aged camps being in the afternoon. We think this would attract more kids if they were with others closer to their age. We can also design the crafts and

events to that age group more specifically.

-Part Time Arena Caretaker

#21-67

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we hire David Lang as our Part Time Arena Caretaker to begin Tuesday February 23, 2021 conditional to all requirements being met.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Emergency Calls-One structure fire in Echo Bay

-Fire Hall Maintenance-Ongoing

-Equipment Maintenance-Ongoing

-Training-Ongoing

-Garden River Fire Department-Fire Protection Mutual Aid Agreement-Waiting for new local Fire Marshall to be appointed before moving forward-more discussion required.

Hoping to get back to training by mid March. Proper protocols will be in place.

#21-68

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Supervisor, Leisure Services Coordinator and the 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

-April 17 Virtual ZOOM Meeting-With this being a virtual meeting at no charge all of Council can participate if they choose to.

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

b) Joint Meeting with Township of Laird-Joint Roads Project, Fire Agreement, Recreation Events Clerk to contact Twp. of Laird to see when they would like to meet.

c) By-Law Enforcement/Provincial Offences Officer Application-Date to Set Up Interview Received one application. Interview to be set up.

d) Ministry of Transportation-Hwy 638/Hwy 17 4-lane intersection-February 26 Meeting Report Discussed a Petition Drain Application to be submitted by the Ministry of Transportation. They will be getting back to us in the near future.

e) Huron North Community Economic Alliance-Update

f) AMCTO Zone 7 Spring 2021 Virtual Workshop-Thursday April 29, 2021 9-12.

#21-69

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to participate in the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Virtual Workshop on April 29, 2021.”

CD.

g) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

- 11. Closed Session-Permissive  
#21-70

Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

**RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2) :**

- b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;**

CD.

Discussed outstanding sewer and water capital accounts.  
Letter to be sent out to all outstanding capital account holders.

#21-71

Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

- 12. Correspondence  
a) Township of Perry-Childcare Post Pandemic

- 13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

- 14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law  
#21-72

Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2100 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 2, 2021.”

CD.

- 15. Adjournment  
#21-73

Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

**THAT** these minutes be accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**