

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 20, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M. Council Chambers**  
**ZOOM Public Phone #1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID#7257536871 Passcode #665410**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

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

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#21-115  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”  
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda  
#21-116  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”  
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
#21-117  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on April 6, 2021 be accepted as presented.”  
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
  - a) Road Supervisor
    - Village Sidewalks  
#21-118  
Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that we remove sidewalks from Lake St. South and Station Road and replace with gravel.”  
CD.
    - Dust Control  
All roads have had an application of calcium applied the week of April 12 with the exception to Cottage and Lonely Lake Rd.
    - Ditching  
Ditching will begin the week of May 3. Looking at doing Government Rd., King Lane to rail road crossing (east side), Maple Leaf Rd. from Koski to end (both sides), Watson Road, 17 4-lane to Mitchell’s corner (both sides), Bar River Rd. bridge to Reich’s (north side), Pioneer Rd. MacKays to Hills (west side).
    - Brushing  
Start sometime the first part of May and we will be using the same contractor as last season (Todd Fremlin from Massey)
    - Landfill Road  
Has held up well this spring. Karhi to apply more gravel once Load Restriction period has been lifted.
    - Amalgamated Tender Results
    - Bridge Repairs  
Mike Moore Construction was contacted and waiting for an estimate for the concrete work required on the Echo River Bridge and Bar River Bridge. More in house repairs will take place over the season as weather permits.
    - Street Sweeping  
Will be done before end of April. Looking for confirmation on what we are sweeping. We use to do the Village of Echo Bay, hills and intersections but each year we get requests for more. Rental of broom costs \$1,200.00 per week. If we bought one it would cost around \$12,000.00. Stick with rental for now. We do have a broom for the tractor that we use otherwise.

-Gordon Lake Rd.

Plow Truck turnaround that was being discussed is no longer an option. Property owner does not want to lease the land anymore wants to sell it.

-Truck 21-5

Going to Goulais River Truck and Tractor for annual inspection. Will be back for May's ditching.

-TMS Bill

#21-119

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly

“RESOLVED that we pay TMS Truck Centre the remaining \$2,408.63 from the Plow Truck repairs.”  
CD.

Road Super to get together with Clerk to send a letter to Freightliner in regard to our issues with the repairs to plow truck.

-Truck 21-6

New plow truck is in the Sault at TMS but no word on delivery. GIMCOR wanted to have Wing & Plow delivered to Twp. Garage but were told to deliver to TMS for installation. Had issues with last truck as to adjustments.

-2021 Road Superintendent Priority List-Updated

Sand Dome #1 Priority-Rd Super collecting information and pricing.

Echo Lake Rd Bridge Replacement-look at starting the process to have this bridge engineered and replaced over the next few years.

Jarrell Bridge-do maintenance as suggested in the 2020 Bridge Inspection Report.

McCarrel Lake Rd. Rebuild-Watson to Cloudy Lake Rd Intersection.-Seimers corner is bad

Watson Rd Rebuild from Pioneer Rd. to Landfill-not this year

Mitchell Hill-should be asphalted.

Alcock Hill Rebuild-look at rebuilding it where it is now (same as landfill road)

Surface Treatment-Road super suggesting an overlay on Government Rd (King Land to Bar River Rd.) and Ford Road-Council feels both these roads are still in decent shape. They were done in 2013 which is 8 years ago and are still holding up well. Road super to look at another suggestion for the Budget Meeting.

Ditching-looking at Government Rd. Maple Leaf Rd. Watson Rd. Bari River Rod and Pioneer Rd. (sections of these). This is a lot and probably won't get all done this year but see how far they get. Councillor Bailey suggested while they are on Maple Leaf Rd. take a look at a request from Greg Kennedy for ditching.

-Winter Sand Storage Building

Quote from Calhoun Super Structure. 60' x 80' should be sufficient for the amount of sand and salt that we require. We still need to look at a foundation, pad and walls. Councillor Orchard suggested that we should have an engineer do a soil sample to ensure it can take the weight load required. More information needs to be gathered for this project.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Inventory for C-Can Sale

Online auction has been set up and bids are coming in. Information was sent to other townships, local churches, and a few groups.

-Summer Camps

Date to post registration will be opening end of May first part of June.

-OTF Grant

We were not successful with this grant for the Splash Pad. There is another round coming in July/August. Something to think about in the near future is the roof at the Sportsplex. It is still leaking. Look at getting a quote so we know what we are looking at.

-Budget

Requested that Council make a decision at the next Budget meeting if we are going to purchase a new lawn tractor for this year so we can get the tender done and have it for this season of grass cutting. Also, if we do move forward, what are we doing with the existing one. Trade in or donate to Elks so they can cut their own grass.

-Tower Lake

Trees at Tower Lake Cabin that need to be removed are smaller trees and not near any structures or powerlines. Recommending that we remove them with in house staff that has their chain saw course.

-Sportsplex

Majority of ice has been removed. Waiting for the rest to melt which should not take too long.

-Flower Planting & Community Garden Boxes

Flower beds will be planted by the LSC this year and will be given a new fresh look. Community Garden boxes will also be built for at the Sportsplex.

- c) Fire Chief
  - Activity Report-one activated co alarm
  - Fire Hall Maintenance-nothing new
  - Equipment Maintenance-SCBA bottles require hydrostatic testing this year and have been delivered to Phoenix Fire for service
  - Training-Ongoing
  - Personnel-Nothing New
  - New Business-Provincial Government Capital Grant for Fire Departments (Discussion with Twp. of Laird)

#21-120

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“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
  - Caretaker for Sylvan Valley Cemetery

#21-122

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we hire Carlo Boniferro as the Caretaker for Sylvan Valley Cemetery to begin May 1, 2021.”

CD.

- f) Planning Board
  - April 27 Meeting.
- g) Police Services Board
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
  - Virtual Meeting went well. Dr. Loo from APH did a very good presentation in regard to COVID-19 Vaccines.
- j) Landfill/Recycling
  - ZOOM Meeting set up for Monday April 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with Jason Haman from GFL to get some initial information in regard to garbage pickup.

#21-123

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to put out a tender for the Landfill Recycle/Attendants Shed Roof.”

CD.

- k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

Councillor Bailey declared a conflict on the passing of this by-law  
#21-2104 Provincial Offences Officer Appointment By-law

#21-124

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #21-2104 being a By-law to appoint Brant Coulter as our Provincial Offences/By-law Enforcement Officer.”

CD.

#21-125

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #21-2104 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#21-126

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #21-2104 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion
  - Updated based on new Stay At Home Order.

- b) Sylvan Valley Cemetery Caretaker –see above Carlo Boniferro appointed.
- c) Zoning By-law-Development Constraint/Flood Zone-Request  
Request was received from Spencer Young in regard to the lifting of the Provincial Significant Wetland Designation on Hurley St. and the Development Constraint Zoning as well as looking at the area identified as the “flood zone” area. We received comments from Jerry Dolcetti, Municipal Planner and Tim Mutter from MNRF which both stated that the municipality must be sensitive to the Provincially Significant Wetland and adhere to the Provincial Policy Statements and use good land planning tools when balancing development in these sensitive areas. Clerk to forward information to Spencer Young.
- d) Ontario Trillium Foundation Letter-Did not get funding for Splash Pad Application
- e) Municipal Records and Information Management  
#21-127  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis  
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to register for an AMCTO Virtual Workshop “Records and Information Management” on Tuesday May 18, 2021 from 9-2:00. Registration fee \$320.00 + HST”  
CD.
- f) Next Budget Meeting-Monday April 26, 2021 7:00 p.m. This will be a ZOOM Meeting.
- g) Algoma Power Inc.-Vegetation Management at 503 Watson Rd. (landfill)  
Clerk to complete and send back to API excluding herbicides on municipal property.
- h) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account  
#21-121

Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for the month of March:

Invoices:	\$251,607.63
Payroll:	\$38,334.81
Total:	\$289,942.44

CD.

11. Closed Session-Permissive  
#21-128

Moved by: Lynn Orchard  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 9:05 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;
- c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

CD.

Discussed Part Time Landfill Position.

Grass cutting for 2021

Sewer and Water Capital-Remaining Outstanding Balances

Potential Property Purchase

#21-129

Moved by: Adam Chevis  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 9:50 p.m. and continue its Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

#21-130

Moved by: John Bucknell  
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we hire Carlo Boniferro as our Permanent Part Time Landfill Caretaker to begin on May 1, 2021.”

CD.

#21-131

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we utilize our Part Time Arena Caretaker, David Lang, for grass cutting 3 days a week or as needed.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

a) Twp. of Jocelyn-Doctor Recruitment and Retention

Jocelyn is sending their doctor recruitment money to Matthew’s Memorial.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Chevis brought up a bump on Hurley St across from Birch St. that is bad. Road Super to take a look.

Britny White is doing a Clean Up Contest on April 22, Earth Day, with prizes etc. Twp. to thank her for organizing this. Pass the word on to everyone.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#21-132

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2105 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 20, 2021.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#21-133

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to May 4, 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**