

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY APRIL 6, 2021
7:00 P.M. Council Chambers
ZOOM Public Phone #1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID#7257536871 Passcode #665410

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay

1. Call Meeting to Order
#21-102
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda
#21-103
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented/amended.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#21-104
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on March 16, 2021 and Special Minutes of Council held on March 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Bar River & Government Rd Intersection
Twp. of Laird is hiring a contractor to ditch both sides of Government Road from Bar River Bridge to Bar River Rd. and is requesting this to be a joint project. The contractor would be changing the culverts as well. Council is in favour of this but would like to see a quote on the cost.
 - Echo Lake Road Stabilization Report
We received a quote from Tulloch Engineering for the Detail Design & Contract Administration Proposal for the Echo Lake Rd. Bank Stabilization.
#21-105
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we accept the quote from Tulloch Engineering for the Detail Design & Contract Administration Proposal for the Echo Lake Road Bank Stabilization.”
CD.
 - New Plow Truck Update
Unit was to be finished with the installment of equipment last week of March. Delivery to SSM should be soon.
 - Street Sweeping
Broom booked for last week in April.
 - Gordon Lake Rd.
More discussion required with Twp. of Johnson in regard to a snow plow turn around being built further down on Gordon Lake Rd.
 - 2021 Surface Treatment Recommendations
Council was provided with Rd. Super recommendations and priorities. Council requested more information. Rd. Super to contact the Surface Treatment contractor to see if there would be an additional charge if we were to add km to our portion.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Slo-Pitch and Soccer
Registration was posted and is available as of Monday March 29th. All skill based for all ages with possibility of scheduling exhibition games.

-Echo Bay's 4-Sale
Officially cancelled for 2021.
-Inventory from C-Can Sale
#21-106

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to set up an on-line auction to dispose of the items that were purchased as part of the Algoma Steelworkers trailer contents that we no longer require.”

CD.

-Summer Camps

Would like to advertise during the month of April and have registrations mid May. Limit camps to one per child and if they are not full open it up to 2 per child. Also limit registrations to our municipality and Twp. of Laird.

-Summer Students

Still waiting on funding approval for all student positions. Has been posted on our website, Facebook, Employment Solutions and will be in the April newsletter. Closing date for applications is May 14th. Resumes are already coming in.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Fire Hall Maintenance-one exterior door scheduled to be changed.

-Equipment Maintenance-various SCBA bottles require hydrostatic testing.

-Training-Ongoing

-Personnel-no additional

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

-Provincial Government Capital Grant for Fire Departments

-Fire Safety Grant Transfer Payment Agreement

#21-107

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Fire Safety Grant Transfer Payment Agreement with the funds being used for increased training opportunities in the amount of \$4,900.00.”

CD.

#21-108

Moved by: John Bucknell

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

-March 29, 2021-Report

Increased the opening and closing for cremations from \$100.00-\$200.00 for any container over 12” x 12”. Tour will be done individually by Board Members and have reports in for the May 31 meeting.

New road to be built at the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

-Caretaker for Sylvan Valley Cemetery-next meeting.

f) Planning Board

Next meeting April 27.

g) Police Services Board

-March 29, 2021-Report

Inquired who has the authority to close Hwy 638 when it is flooded. Staff Sgt Byrnes stated that they are unaware of this situation and would like more information. They would work with MTO to see if Hwy 638 would require to be closed based on Health and Safety. Clerk to send pictures of the flooded area and keep the OPP up to date on this situation.

A lot of discussion took place about the new Detachment Boards which will replace the Police Services Board under the new Police Services Act. Twp. of MMAA, Twp. of Laird, Batchewana First Nations and Sault North unincorporated may all require representation but still a lot of discussion required and clarification. Also discussed the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

Budget has been completed and sent out.

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

April 17 will be the ZOOM meeting. Invitation and agenda to be sent out soon. Everyone who wants to participate can.

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
 - a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion
As of Saturday April 3 the Sportsplex was closed due to the Provincial Lockdown and all rentals were cancelled. Municipal Office is closed to the public completely as of Tuesday April 6, 2020.
 - b) Ministry of Solicitor General-EMPCA Compliance for 2020
Received a letter stating that we are in compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) for 2020.
 - c) Date for Joint Meeting with Township of Laird
April 14 was being suggested but due to Provincial Shutdown will not be able to have a face to face meeting. Council would like to postpone this until May and see what happens.
 - d) AMO-Additional Allocations of the Federal Gas Tax Fund for 2021
Our allocation for 2021 is \$102,059.00 and the additional amount we are getting is \$98,113.00 for a 2021 total of \$200,172.00.
 - e) Ministry of Infrastructure-O Reg. 588/17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure has extended the date for Phase 2 to July 1, 2022.
 - f) Next Budget Meeting-Monday April 26, 2021 7:00 p.m.
Wait see what happens with the Provincial Lock down. May wait and schedule first part of May if we are able to have a face to face meeting.
 - g) Minister of Finance-MPAC will be postponing the province wide property assessment update again. 2022 Property Assessments will remain the same as 2021 & 2020
 - h) Building Permits
#21-109
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official authorized Building Permits to Greg Kennedy-Barn, Lynn Watson-metal roof on garage, Paul Hazlett-garage, John Phillips-entrance way repair, Tony Scott-renovations to camp.”

CD.
10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
11. Closed Session-Permissive
#21-111
Moved by; John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:45 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;

Discussed the Landfill Position

#21-112
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

Contact Part Time Landfill Caretaker for spring cleanup at landfill.
12. Correspondence
 - a) North Shore Health Network-New President and Chief Executive Officer
 - b) Physician Recruitment-email from Lavera Crack

c) Alzheimer Society-Forget Me Not Raffle Tickets
#21-110

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Alzheimer Society to sell tickets for their Forget Me Not Raffle tickets in our township. Draw date September 21, 2021.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Orchard confirmed that we were going to contact Twp. of Johnson in regard to the snow plow turn around and Councillor Bucknell would contact the property owner to stake where he would be willing to lease us property for the snow plow turn around.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#21-113

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2103 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 6, 2021.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#21-114

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to April 20, 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