

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2021
7:00 P.M. Council Chambers

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

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

1. Call Meeting to Order
#21-74
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
#21-75
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#21-76
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on March 2, 2021 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Echo Lake Road Stabilization Report
Clerk to request a quote from Tulloch for Option 2 in the Slope Stabilization Report including the process and timeframe.
 - 2021 Roads Potential Projects
 - Bridges-discussed the replacement of Jarrell Bridge and Echo River Bridge-need to prioritize which bridge needs to be replaced first-forward 2020 Bridge Inspection Report to Council
 - Alcock Hill-should we look at doing some work there before asphaltting it-do some straightening-more discussion
 - Surface Treatment-Iron River Rd. up to Birch Lake Rd intersection is ready and could be done in 2021-Watson Rd. from McCarrel Lake Rd intersection to the Jarrell Bridge could be done-more discussion
 - Ditching-rubber tire excavator booked to rent for the month of May to continue our ditching projects.
 - look into the purchase of the property behind the municipal garage to start planning if we have to build a sand dome
 - update the bulldozer at landfill-more discussion
 - update landfill compliance-more discussion.
 - Truck 12-5
#21-77
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we send a cheque to TMS in the amount of \$11,089.77 (not including taxes) to cover the repairs done to the Plow Truck in 2020.”
CD.
 - Load Restriction Period
March 10, 2021 load restrictions were put on due to mild temperatures.
 - Winter Works
Snow ditching and steaming of frozen culverts are ongoing till spring.
 - Birch Lake Rd.-may require another cross culvert where the creek comes out
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Sportsplex

We will be open over the Easter weekend with bookings from Good Friday to Easter Monday. 2 part time caretakers will be covering this. April 12 break is booked with a program Monday-Friday from 9-12.

-Extravaganza

Met with Museum Committee on March 16, 2021 and discussed changing up the Extravaganza.

-Summer Programming

Going with individual camps and programs this year in each community.

-Summer Camps

Looking at offering more ½ day summer camps this year geared to specific age groups to keep the children engaged. "Have a Ball Camp", "Hustle & Heart Camp", "Movie Mania Camp", "Creative Arts Camp", "The Great Outdoors Camp", "Teamwork & Leadership Sports Fanatics Camp", "Under the Sea Camp", "Wet n' Wild".

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Emergency Calls- One fire alarm activation.

-Fire Hall Maintenance-ongoing

-Equipment Maintenance-Ongoing

-Training-Ongoing

-Personnel-several new applications have been received. Will be reviewing attendance records in spring

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

-Returning to Training-Approval of Operating Guideline SOG-1209

Looking at returning to training after Easter.

#21-78

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

"RESOLVED that we adopt the COVID-19 Standard Operating Guidelines for the Echo Bay Volunteer Fire Department."

CD.

-2020-2021 Fire Safety Grant Application Form

We received \$4,900.00 under this grant. Fire Chief to complete and forward to Clerk before end of week for submission.

#21-79

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

"RESOLVED that we authorize the Fire Chief to complete the 2021 Fire Safety Grant Application for training."

CD.

#21-78

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

"RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Supervisor, Leisure Services Coordinator and Fire Chief."

CD.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

-March 29, 2021 7:30 p.m.-Next Meeting

f) Planning Board

g) Police Services Board

-March 29, 2021 7:00 p.m.-Next Meeting

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

-April 17 Virtual ZOOM Meeting Invitation was sent out to all of Council

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

-OCWA Agreement Renewal

#21-83

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

"RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to contact Ontario Clean Water Agency to move forward with the renewal of the Operation & Maintenance Agreement for the Echo Bay Environment Centre for Water and Wastewater for an additional 5 years as proposed."

CD.

7. By-Laws

#21-2101 Tax Ratio By-law

#21-84

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #21-2101 being a by-law for Establishing Tax Ratios for 2021.”

CD.

#21-85

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #21-2101 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#21-86

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #21.2101 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

b) By-Law Enforcement/Provincial Offences Officer

Councillor Bailey declared a conflict and left the room.

#21-87

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we hire Brant Coulter as our By-law Enforcement/Provincial Offences Officer on a contract basis to begin as soon as possible conditional to all requirements being met.”

CD.

Concillor Bailey returned to the meeting.

c) Ministry of Transportation Letter-Hwy 638/Hwy 17 4-lane intersection

Received a letter stating that the MTO would not be the lead for a Petition Drain in the Hwy 638/Hwy 17 4-lane intersection. They also stated that the area where the water goes over the road all the time on Hwy 638 has only been closed once since 2013 and they do not deem it as a “problem area”. They well keep an eye on it and if it begins to sink will look at re-engineering it.

Council discussed and stated that we will continue to send in pictures when Hwy 638 is flooded and keep pressure on them to repair this area. Drainage issue is a separate topic.

d) Loon Dollar Park Property Lease-In Closed Session

e) North Shore Health Network Physician Recruitment Meeting-March 22 1-2:30 ZOOM

2021 Invoice for Physician Recruitment and Response Letter

We will discuss if we are going to continue to send our donation to Matthews Memorial Association during budget talks. No one is available to participate in the March 22 ZOOM meeting.

f) 2020 Staff Meeting Requests Discussion-In Closed Session

g) Next Budget Meeting-Tuesday March 30, 2021 7:00 p.m.

h) Sault Ste. Marie Central Ambulance Communication Centre Agreement Extension

#20-88

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Central Ambulance Communication Centre Agreement Extension of Current Dispatch Contract for an additional 3 years from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024.”

CD.

- i) FONOM Funding Resolution
#21-89
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is the unified voice of Northeastern Ontario, representing and advocating on behalf of 110 cities, towns and municipalities. Their mission is to improve the economic and social quality of life for all northerners and to ensure the future of our youth;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities works to ensure that it’s Member Communities remain financially healthy and robust;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities has traditionally relied on \$50,000.00 in annual funding, from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (now known as MENDM). Those funds allowed FONOM to represent their members at Provincial Level discussions;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities did not receive a Grant from MENDM, for the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021, which will hamper them from being able to benefit their members economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities has applied to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for three years of funding. This application moving forward is to replace the previous annual funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional ask Minister Rickford (MENDM) and Minister Steve Clark (MMAH) to ensure that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities receives the Northern Ontario Heritage Funding also that they work with the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities to find additional funding to replace the two years of lost grants.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to ADMA, FONOM, and MPP Mike Mantha.

CD.

- j) Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing-2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding
We were notified on March 4, 2021 that an additional \$33,180.00 will be sent from MMAH through the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities to assist with the operating costs and pressures.

- k) Building Permits
#21-90
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge that the Chief Building Official approved Building Permits to Benoit/Lefebvre for a wood shed, Brian Wallenius for a garage, John Tomlinson for a garage and a Demolition Permit to John Tomlinson for an old barn/garage.”

CD.

- 10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
#21-81
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for month of February:
Invoices: \$208,100.80
Payroll: \$34,774.34
Total: \$242,875.14

CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room.

- #21-82
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer the pay Algoma Ag Centre for December 2020-\$1,687.86, January 2021-\$4,134.87, February 2021-\$1,940.46 for a total-\$7,763.19.”

CD.

Mayor Watson returned to the meeting.

- 11. Closed Session-Permissive
#21-91

Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:45 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;**
- c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;**

CD.

Discussed outstanding items from December staff meeting.

#21-92

Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 9:27 p.m. and continue its Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

#21-93

Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign all pertinent documents for the purchase of Part of Lot 3 H-780 being more particularly described as Part 1 & 2 on IR-8330 in the Township of Macdonald reserving to the Vendor as easement over Part 2 1R-8330 for the purpose of ingress and egress to the adjacent lands owned by the Vendor.”

CD.

- 12. Correspondence
 - a) City of Sarnia-Colour Coded Capacity Limits

- 13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

- 14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#21-94

Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2102 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 16, 2021.”

CD.

- 15. Adjournment
#21-95

Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to April 6, 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