

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MAY 4, 2021
7:00 P.M. Council Chambers/ZOOM
ZOOM Public Phone #1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID#7257536871 Passcode #665410

Mayor: Lynn Watson (Council Chambers)

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay

1. Call Meeting to Order
#21-136
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
#21-137
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#21-138
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on April 20, 2021 and Special Minutes of Council held on April 26, 2021 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Street Sweeping-Finished April 23.
 - Truck 21-6-Took delivery April 22, 2021.
 - Truck 12-5-Annual completed April 26, 2021.
 - Ditching-To begin May 3 with both trucks.
 - Brushing-Scheduled for first part of May.
 - Bridge Repairs-Waiting on Mike Moore for estimate on work to bridges.
 - Headrick Drain-defer
 - Winter Sand Storage Building
#21-139
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to do a Request for Proposal for a Winter Sand Storage Building.”
CD.
 - Echo Lake Rd. Slope Stabilization Project-hoping to budget for the rip rap and culvert replacement for 2021.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Tower Lake
Cleanup has been done out at Tower Lake Park as well as trees being taken down. Outhouse and guard rails could use some paint. Next road crew is out that way they are going to level the beach area from washouts. Would like to put some fire rings for people to have fires in designated areas rather than just everywhere. Would also like to put a few bbq posts similar to the one at Milligan Gazebo for people to use.
 - Sportsplex-All the ice has been removed and the floor has been cleaned, the dashboards have been cleaned and it is ready for summer programs.

-New Lawn Tractor

#21-140

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to send out a tender for a Front Mounted Deck Lawn Tractor to be due Monday May 17 at 12:00 p.m. Noon.”

CD.

We will not be trading in our existing lawnmower but discuss donating it to the Elks for them to cut their grass with.

-Sportsplex Ball Field & Parks

Ball fields were tilled at the ball field and the parks by the roads department. Crusher dust was purchased from Pioneer Construction and placed on the ball fields as well.

-Grass Cutting

Equipment has been maintained and ready for the season with oil changes, sharpening blades etc.

-Echo Bay Hall & Museum/Lending Library

Arrangements have been made with Home Hardware for the completion of the Museum/Lending Library project and Echo Bay Hall project. Will hopefully be completed by end of May.

-Summer Students & Date for Interviews-We have received confirmation through Canada Summer Experience that we will receive funding for 3 summer students. Still waiting to hear from the Provincial Government. Resumes are being accepted until May 14 and we will need to set a date for interviews the following week.

-Sportsplex Roof-looking to get a quote to replace and or repair the roof at the Sportsplex. More information to follow. Look up when Bulwark did the work on repairing the existing roof and what kind of warranty was on it.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Fire Hall Maintenance-Equipment Maintenance-Looking to have the Fire Hall “deep” cleaned. This has never been done since it was built. Once that is done we can have our municipal cleaner go there on a monthly basis.

-Equipment Maintenance-a total of 6 air bottles have been sent for hydrostatic testing and the remaining 10 will be sent when first set is complete.

-Training-Ongoing online.

-Personnel-Has been an increase in applications. A letter of recommendation will be coming for next Council Meeting.

#21-141

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Super, Leisure Services Coordinator and the Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

e) Cemetery Board-May 31 Next Meeting

f) Planning Board

-E2021-06-Toni & Rod MacLeod

#21-142

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that Council recommend Consent be given for #2021-06, Toni & Rod MacLeod for a lot addition.”

CD.

-E2021-07-Gary Asprey

#21-143

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that Council recommend consent be given for E2021-07, Gary Asprey, conditional on a portion of Gamble Road being surveyed and given a separate Part on the 1R Plan and being transferred to the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional ensuring that the road continues a minimum of 90’ beyond the Asprey property line with the road being a minimum of 60’ wide to ensure 150’ of frontage is maintained.”

CD.

-E2021-09-D’Angelo & Leveille

#21-144

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that Council recommend consent be given for E2021-09, Gino D’Angelo & Jackaline Leveille.”

CD.

- g) Police Services Board
-May 31 Next Meeting
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
Meeting was good with one being scheduled for the fall.
- j) Landfill/Recycling
-ZOOM Meeting held on Monday April 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with Jason Haman from GFL-information in regard to garbage/recycling pick up estimate.
-Landfill Recycle/Attendants Shed Roof Tender #21-145
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to send out a tender to replace the roof on the Landfill/Recycle Attendants Shed with Option A being a metal roof and Options B being shingles.”
CD.

-Replacement of Interior Door between Share Shed & Attendants Shed
Will replace with a door with window.
Councillor Orchard suggested when we asphalt the landfill driveway we should look at going 100’ both ways on Watson Rd. to accommodate for trucks turning etc. Clerk to ask Road Super to provide an updated estimate for the additional asphalt for the budget.
- k) Sewer and Water
-2020-2021 Drinking Water System Inspection Report-MOE
No non-compliance was found. Inspection was good.
Where are things at with the water shut off repairs? Fecteau and Bucknell were supposed to be repaired but none done to date. Are there any others that need repaired.

7. By-Laws

#21-2106 Purchase of Loon Dollar Property

#21-146

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #21-2106 being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign all pertinent documents for the purchase of Part of Lot 8 RCP H-780 being Parts 1 & 2 on 1R-8330 in the Township of Macdonald.” (Loon Dollar Park)

CD.

#21-147

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #21-2106 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#21-148

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVEED that we give By-law #21-2106 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion
No Updates

b) FONOM Conference-May 18, 2021-No Registration Required-Link will be posted on FONOM Website on May 1-Was sent to all of Council.

c) Date for May Budget Meeting-Wed. May 26 7:00 p.m. (hopefully Stay At Home Order has been lifted and we can meet in person)

d) Date for Summer Student Interviews-Wednesday May 19

- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing-Virtual Town Hall Session on How to Strengthen Accountability for Municipal Council Members-Would anyone like to participate in this?
#21-149
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize Councillor Chevis to participate in the telephone town hall session being hosted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in regard to strengthening accountability for municipal council members.”

CD.

- f) Budget 2021 Updates
Clerk provided updated numbers for the projects that Council would like to complete this year and what would have to be taken out of reserves in order to complete the projects. Projects include, Surface Treatment of Bay St. Watson Rd. from landfill to McCarrel Lake Rd. not including Alcock Hill and the section by the bridges that are asphalted, Gamble Rd. and Pioneer Rd. North, asphaltting the landfill driveway, Tennis Court refurbishing including Sport Court, Echo Lake Rd. Slope Stabilization (rip rap and culvert replacement this year), begin engineering for replacement of Echo River Bridge, plow truck, new lawn tractor, Sportsplex upgrades, purchase of Loon Dollar property. To discuss further at next Budget Meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Orchard suggested that we did not discuss Alcock Hill improvements and Mitchell Hill.

- g) Building Permits
#21-150
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge that CBO approved Building Permits to : Algoma district School Board-Echo Bay School upgrades, Khan Kurshid-Quanset garage, Ann Watson-metal roof on shed, Ursula Brodie-shingles, Benoit Lefebvre-shingles, Ursula Brodie-wrap around deck.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#21-151

Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis

RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:40 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 balances.

#21-152

Moved by; Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 9:14 p.m. and continue its Regular council Meeting.”

CD.

Councillor Bucknell requested a recorded vote on the following motion:

Councillor Bailey:	FOR
Councillor Bucknell:	AGAINST
Councillor Chevis:	FOR
Councillor Orchard:	FOR
Mayor Watson:	FOR

#21-153

Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to move forward with Scenario C for the sewer and water capital outstanding amounts.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

- a) Algoma-OFA-Installation of Slow Moving Vehicle Signs
Council was not in favour of putting up these signs in our municipality.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Orchard stated that Colin Gowlett has requested access to his property behind the landfill by accessing the property that the twp owns that abuts the landfill. It was suggested Mr. Gowlett send in a formal request to the township to discuss further.

He also suggested that with the new Official Plan for the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board area we need to look very closely at the designated Agricultural Lands.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#21-154

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2107 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on May 4, 2021.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#21-155

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to May 18, 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