

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY AUGUST 17, 2021
7:00 P.M. Council Chambers-In Person Meeting
ZOOM Public Phone #1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID#7257536871 Passcode #665410

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: John Bucknell, Lynn Orchard, Adam Chevis, Shelly Bailey-absent (vacation)

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

1. Call Meeting to Order
#21-244
Moved by: John Bucknell
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
#21-245
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#21-246
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on July 20, 2021 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Landfill
Bulldozer broke down, was shipped to Goulais River Truck and Tractor for repair on August 11.
 - Tennis Courts
A large amount of gravel was used out of the Roads Stockpile so about 750 tonne may need to be replaced by fall. If we have a fall rain with washouts etc. we may need the extra gravel.
 - Farm Tractor
Rivercity Sports has ordered a new window for the farm tractor and it will be covered under warranty. It is taking quite some time to come in so Mike Hunter fabricated shield over the right side and the tractor is back in service.
 - Roadside Grass Cutting
Cutting is back in operation but due to vacation time is has been slow going.
 - August 11 Storm
Many trees were blown down and shoulder washouts took place. Repairs to roads took place Aug. 12 & 13.
 - Plough Turn Around on Gordon Lake Rd.-contact Twp. of Johnson to confirm we will not be proceeding with this.
 - Sand Shed Update
Had a conference call with Tulloch and the soil testing is completed and site plans. Draft tender has been sent to us and we will meet on August 23 to confirm everything.
Councillor Orchard stated that Mert Alcock inquired about ditching on Bar River Rd. where we re-built the road a few years ago. Water comes off the road and floods his field. Road slopes north. Road Super to take a look and report back at next Council Meeting.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Summer Camp
All 4 weeks of summer camp have been completed and all went well.
 - Summer Students
Parks student’s last day was Friday August 13 and all other summer students will be done on Friday August 20th. Our summer students were excellent this year.

-Grass Cutting

Requesting that we keep our additional zero turn lawnmower instead of selling in in case of breakdowns. It came in handy when all 3 grass cutters were working in the village and the sportsplex and Elks got completed quickly.

-Slo-Pitch & Soccer Skills Programs

This is the last week for soccer and slo-pitch program. This program was quite successful with lots of participants in both programs.

-Municipal Buildings & Public Washrooms

We will be staying status quo until we exit Step 3 which the Provincial Government has put on pause for right now.

-Museum/Lending Library

This is the last week for the Reading Program. We have averaged 8-15 kids each week.

-Echo Bay Hall

Spoke to Algoma Power and it was confirmed that the trees at the Echo Bay Hall that are in question are on municipal property and are our responsibility. LSC to contact Mark Summers in regard to removal.

-Community Market

7 tents have been purchased so far and may get 2 more. Thursday August 19th from 6:30-8 at the Sportsplex Parking Lot. As of right now there are 14 vendors signed up.

-Community Events

Cancelled the Music in the Park and the Family Fun Day due to restriction numbers. Community events are for the entirety of the community and would not be fair to turn folks away.

Farmers Fall Run is scheduled for Sunday September 26, 2021, registration is open now for runners & walkers.

#carlonthemove, Echo Bay's travelling gnome is happening now.

-Hurley Park Tennis Courts

Project is well under way however the weather had delayed the second part of the cement pad being poured. It did take place Thursday August 12th and the Sport Court installers are arriving tomorrow at noon to install the sport court.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Emergency Calls

There have been 6 calls since the last report. 2 trees on the power lines during the August 11 storm.

-Fire Hall Maintenance

Still working on the completion of the floor hydrant and lockers system.

-Equipment Maintenance

Ladder testing has been scheduled for August 28th and pump testing has been scheduled for end of August as well. M & L will be completing the SCBA inspection and certifications in September.

-Training

Regular Training will be starting back up on Monday August 23rd after the summer break.

-Fire Inspection and Order to Secure Property

A Fire Inspection was conducted at 86 Bay Street and an Order to Secure the Property will be sent out by the Fire Chief.

-Garden River Partnership Discussion-deferred

Mayor Watson mentioned that at the AMO Conference, FONOM is discussing Municipal Fire Departments attending calls to assist the OPP or Paramedics in the unincorporated areas and being covered for this when called upon. More information to follow.

#21-217

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

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

CD.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

-E2021-10-Applicant Tyler Brown-deferred

g) Police Services Board

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

-Landfill Caretaker Position has been posted. Resumes due Friday August 27 @ 4:30 p.m.

- k) Sewer and Water
 - sludge haulage
 - #21-248
 - Moved by: John Bucknell
 - Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
 - “RESOLVED that we authorize Ontario Clean Water Agency to make arrangements for sewage sludge removed to dispose of at Hilton Beach landfill in the amount of \$275.00 per load with Karhi Contracting hauling it in the amount of \$375.00 per load.”

CD.

7. By-Laws

- #21-2115 Ontario Clean Water Agency Agreement
- #21-251

Moved by: John Bucknell
 Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #21-2115 being a By-law to authorize the Mayor & Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency for providing management, operations and maintenance services for water and wastewater facilities.”

CD.

- #21-252

Moved by: Lynn Orchard
 Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #21-2115 its first and second reading.”

CD.

- #21-253

Moved by: Adam Chevis
 Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #21-2115 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

-Colin Gowlett request for an easement over Lot 10 H-770

Received information from municipal planner in regard to this request.

Municipality is exempt from obtaining a consent application from the Planning Board.

If Council does approve this easement he is recommending it not to be wider than 20-25 feet wide and with the condition that residential use is not permitted due to the closeness to the landfill.

Mayor Watson did meet on site with Mr. Gowlett to walk this property and discussed to possibility of him having access from the opposite side off Government Rd. Apparently there is an old road over there and that is how this property was originally accessed.

Clerk to send a letter to Mr. Gowlett with the information from the Planner.

9. New Business

- a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

-opening of halls & opening of share shed

With the Provincial Government pausing on the exiting of Step 3 from the Reopening Ontario Plan we are not opening any of our halls or the Share Shed. This will be revisited at the September 7 Council Meeting.

- b) ICIP-Green Stream

Focus is on Water Improvements & Health & Safety

#21-254

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to apply to the ICIP Green Stream Stage II Program for improvements to our Water Treatment Plant at the Environment Centre as our priority project.”

CD.

- c) Echo Bay Elk’s Grass Cutting Agreement

Waiting for the Elks Executive to approve the agreement, sign it and return.

- d) H&M COFI Broadband/Internet Update

Not in support of the financial commitment of \$689,257.00. Need more information.

- e) North Shore Health Network-Recruitment Committee

Thursday September 9, 2021 7:00 p.m. Is anyone available to attend this meeting?

Councillor Bailey will attend this meeting. Need to confirm location.

f) Building Permits
#21-255
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO approved Building Permits for: Ken & Debra Mick-Garage with attached Dwelling, Cindy Mathewson-shingles, Sandra & Robert Kingshott-deck, Twp. MMAA-concrete slab for Hurley Park, Mark Pelka-shingle garage, Luc Ballargeon-Smith-shingle shed, and a Demolition Permit for Sam & Ivana Bruni-demo cottage.”
CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
#21-249
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for July 2021:
Invoices: \$214,498.75
Payroll: \$44,912.68
Total: \$259,411.43
CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room.
#21-250
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills to Algoma Ag Centre in the amount of \$2,531.41.”
CD.

Mayor Watson rejoined the meeting.

11. Closed Session-Permissive
#21-256
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:25 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 the Landfill Caretaker Position.

#21-257
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. and continue its Regular Council Meeting.”
CD.

#21-258
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we accept the Resignation from our Part Time Landfill Caretaker, Carlo Boniferro for August 10, 2021.”
CD.

#21-259
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to post for a Part Time Landfill Caretaker to be due Friday August 27, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.”
CD.

Council agreed to remove the requirement for a DZ License from the Landfill Caretaker Position.

Special Meeting of Council to be scheduled for Monday August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

12. Correspondence

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments
Council has requested the Clerk to send a letter to employee Bruce Bill thanking him for being accommodating during this time and always pitching in where needed.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#21-260
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2117 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on August 17, 2021.”

CD.

15. Adjournment
#21-261
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to September 7, 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