

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 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: Shelly Bailey, John Bucknell, Lynn Orchard, Adam Chevis-absent (hunting)

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Cody Jarrell, Trisha Daynard, Brenda Barbarie

1. Call Meeting to Order
#21-310
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
#21-311
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#21-312
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on October 5, 2021, be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Bridges
Ongoing maintenance being done in house. Guard rails installed on Echo River Bridge, removed old pilings and order a new weight limit sign that went missing.
 - Findlay Road
Ditching and culverts were installed and completed on Findlay Road. Hopefully the water issues have been taken care off and property owners seem happy. Found an old culvert that was buried in the ditch.
 - Watson Road
Bump at Ken Findlay’s was leveled up best they could do with the material they were able to get.
 - Gravel
Gildbertson’s to deliver 800 tonnes of “A” gravel to Twp. yard stockpile in the next few weeks at a cost of \$12,319.00
 - Sand Shed
Pre-Construction Meeting with Mike Moore and Tulloch scheduled for Thursday October 28 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Township of Tarbutt has decided not to move forward with their sand shed this year due to the high amount of the tender.
 - Echo Lake Road
Gas company left a bit of a mess there and was requested to repair the cut they made in our road. It has been repaired but not well. Road super to contact them again.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Municipal Buildings & Public Washrooms
Will not be opening at this time. We have had a number of phone calls in regard to the Hunting Course. Looking at scheduling one in 2022. Making arrangements with the instructor.
 - Loon Dollar Monument
New signs are being finalized and will be installed once everything is completed.
 - Sportsplex
Due to the extremely warm weather in October we are behind on ice making. Arena Caretaker is working night shifts now that it has cooled down a bit and has begun building a bit. Line painting scheduled for October 21 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled the following week once we know we have enough ice built up. Maintenance has been done on the Eco Ice system by Travis King from Henderson Metal and it working great.

Ice bookings are coming in great. Weekends have ice time due to North Channel Hockey now committing to Johnson Arena rather than ours. LSC confident that once things get going those time slots will be filled as well.

We will schedule the interviews for the Greeter/Screeener positions for Wednesday October 27 starting at 4:00 p.m. Looking at purchasing a tablet to keep track of visitors to the Sportsplex and can confirm the QR Codes.

Discussed opening the canteen and running it internally but keeping it simple. No cooked food. Waiting for confirmation for the Propane course for the Arena Caretakers-has been confirmed for Tuesday October 26 at the Echo Bay Hall.

Mats under the players benches have been changed.

-Treats in Your Trunk

Registrations have been coming in for this event.

-Parade of Lights

Hoping to do a normal parade this year.

#21-313

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to send a letter to Ministry of Transportation requesting that Hwy 638 be closed on Saturday December 11, 2021 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for the Parade of Lights.”

CD.

-Interview Date for Greeter/Screeener-week of October 25

Interviews set up for Wednesday October 27 starting at 4:00 p.m.

#21-314

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we hire Gary Davieaux as the Part Time Arena Caretaker for the 2021/2022 season.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-One MVC call on Hwy 17 at Garden River Bridge

-installation of the floor hydrant has been scheduled for October 29th. Remaining lockers will be installed after that. Working with Stones Office Supply to allow 2 work stations and more file storage in the office.

-all equipment testing and maintenance has been completed for 2021. Waiting for a price for a complete set of portable radios.

-regular training continues on Monday nights.

-talks currently on hold with Garden River pending more information in regard to the structure of their Fire Dept.

#21-315

Moved by: John Bucknell

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

-Budget Report

Treasurer gave an overview of where we are at for the budget. Things look better than anticipated but we should be fine. Still need to complete the Sand Dome which will be over budget but we can go into 2022 Budget Year so we will be fine.

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

g) Police Services Board

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

Spring meeting will be held in February.

j) Landfill/Recycling

-Received Amended Environmental Compliance Approval from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on October 14, 2021. We can now accept non-hazardous contaminated soil from within the Algoma District conditional to clients meeting all requirements.

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion
 - opening of halls
 - opening of share shed
 - Guidelines for entering municipal facilities

No changes.

- b) Emergency Management Training-Thursday November 18, 2021 5:00 Echo Bay Hall-Table Top Exercise

- c) #21-318

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to attend the Zone 7 Fall Zone on Thursday November 4, 2021 in Sudbury. Registration Fee \$50.00.”

CD.

- d) Ontario Command Legion’s Annual Military Service Recognition Book-Advertisement
Yes, we will do the Business Card advertisement again for \$290.00.

- e) Request for streetlight on top of Findlay Hill
Will put this on the 2022 Budget.

- f) Building Permits

#21-319

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge that the CBO authorized Building Permits to Dan Siemers-shingles, Adam Chevis-garage, Allan Laakso-shingles, Drew Raisenen-garage, Heather Fox-shingles, Mark McKay-shingles, Keith Cook-gazebo, Jerry Connolly-shingles, Trevor Rachkowski-garage, and Demolition Permits to: Billy Evoy-bunkie, Keith Cook-Tractor Shed, Keith Cook-gazebo.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#21-316

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

Invoices: \$487,964.05

Payroll: \$35,839.18

Total: \$523,803.23

CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room

#21-317

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag Centre \$3,318.33.”

CD.

Mayor Watson returned to the meeting.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

- a) Township of Prince-Location of the Great Lakes Office for the new Canada Water Agency

#21-320

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Prince in supporting the selection of the City of Sault Ste. Marie as the location of the Great Lakes Office for the new Canada Water Agency.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Orchard inquired into our Vaccination Policy and what the end result would be for employees/volunteers/boar and committee members who never gets the vaccine. This policy is a living document and may be amended as Provincial or Algoma Public Health regulations change. Right now provisions are in place for those who do not get vaccinated requiring education as well as testing twice a month. Daily screening continues for all employees. He feels our policy does not go far enough.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#21-321
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2121 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on October 19, 2021.”

CD.

15. Adjournment
#21-322
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to November 2, 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