

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 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: Lynn Orchard (joined by ZOOM), John Bucknell, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis

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

Delegation: Cassidy Carns-Northern Rural Net

1. Call Meeting to Order
#21-283
Moved by: John Bucknell
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
#21-284
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#21-285
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on September 7, 2021, be accepted as presented.”
CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Northern Rural Network-KassidyCarns-By Zoom
Northern Rural Network was contracted by Algoma District School Board to put towers up in our area for the children of the Echo Bay Public School to have better internet service. So far, in our township, the only tower that has been installed is at the Echo Bay Public School. Another tower is due to be erected at 72 Elizabeth St. and that is all during Phase 1 of this project. NRN is requesting to put an antenna on the Water Tower also. No communication had been made through NRN to the municipality or the ADSB in regard to this project nor was there any consultation with any neighbors for this tower(s) to be installed. Kassidy has reached out to the municipality to try and explain the project and what their ongoing plans are. Eventually they are hoping to offer this service to the community as well. The rural area of MMAA being the Sylvan Valley area, McCarrel Lake area and Lonely Lake area is not being addressed at this time and possibly in Phase 2 and 3 (if they move forward with them and receive funding). Kassidy will send a map showing where the towers are located in our area and want us to let them know where we think towers need to be. More information to follow.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

- a) Road Supervisor
 - Ditching Request, Iron River Road-disregard.
 - Ditching Request, Findlay Rd.
Road Super will be digging a ditch from 101 Findlay Rd. to 105 Findlay Rd. as requested. Culverts to be installed at owners expense at 103 & 105 but the culvert at 101 will be at township expense.
 - Culvert Policy-deferred to Oct. 5 meeting.
 - Culvert Reset Request
Gravel to be placed on this culvert at 41 Church St.
 - Culvert Installation and Sales 2021
 - 2022 Surface Treatment
Watson Rd. West from Hwy 17B-Driftwood Drive-Single
Melody Drive-Double
Bar River Rd. (Holmberg's-Railway Crossing) Single joint with Twp. of Laird
 - Projects for 2022
Echo Lake Rd.

-Projects in 2022 for Prepare for 2023

Alcock Hill

McCarrel Lake Rd. (Watson Rd.-Cloudy Lake Rd.)

Pioneer Rd. North-not a priority

Echo Lake Rd. Bridge

Surface Treat-Iron River Rd. to Birch Lake Rd. & Watson Rd. East of McCarrel Lake Rd.

-Government Road Repair-July 19 Accident

Costing was sent to Pioneer for payment.

-Landfill

Another break in took place on September 11. "No Trespassing" sign was put up on gate.

-Sand Shed

Tender is due on Wednesday September 29 at 3:00 all will be opened at Tulloch's office in SSM.

-Gravel

#21-286

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

"RESOLVED that we purchase as additional 1000 cubic meters of "A" Gravel to replenish the stockpile at the Municipal Garage due to additional projects taking place this year."

CD.

Bump on Watson Rd. by Ken Findlay's-how do we fix this. Received complaints about it again.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Municipal Buildings & Public Washrooms

Remaining closed for now.

-Loon Dollar Monument

The brick work is complete and the gardens have been set for this year and we will add to them next year. The rocks and gravel looks great and we will be minimizing the number of live plants and shrubs that go in there to reduce the maintenance.

The A&W Commercial will be a go for Saturday September 25.

-Sportsplex

The Eco Ice system will be turned on at the end of next week and we will be starting to make ice the week after. The lines are scheduled for painting on October 21 and will include ringette and curling lines. The penalty box boards and timekeepers box will be done by Mr. Shaw in October.

-Farmers Fall Fun Run

We have approximately 80 participants of all ages. The Fire Department and OPP will be doing the dunk tank and proceeds will be going to the Echo Bay United Church Echo Bay and Area Food Bank. We will be having a Community Market in the parking lot during the run also.

-Grass Cutting

Will be finishing up and putting lawn tractors away end of September.

-Treats in Your Trunk

We will be having Treats in Your Trunk again this year for the children's Halloween event on Sunday October 31 from 1-3 at the Sportsplex Parking Lot.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Emergency Calls

One smoke alarm in Echo Bay.

-Fire Hall Maintenance-Ongoing

-Equipment Maintenance

Pump testing was completed on Sept. 8, 2021. SCBA inspection and certifications scheduled for October.

-Training

Regular Monday night training continues. 4 members completed Firefighter 1 Certification in Twp of Prince September 18th weekend.

#21-290

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

f) Planning Board

g) Police Services Board

-October 4 next meeting

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

Saturday September 25 and it will be virtual. Clerk to send link for this ZOOM Meeting as soon as it is received.

- j) Landfill/Recycling
-Landfill Caretaker Position Recommendation
#21-289
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we hire Gene Gagne for the Part Time Landfill Caretaker position conditional on all requirements being met on 3 month probation. Start date Monday September 20, 2021.”
CD.

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

-Colin Gowlett request for an Easement discussion
#21-291

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that Council approves a 10 meter registered easement over Lot 10 H-770 for Colin Gowlett to access Lot 8 H-770 conditional to Mr. Gowlett getting a survey done and conditional to municipal planners recommendation of municipal planner that no residential use be permitted on this property due to the proximity of the landfill. All expenses for the easement will be at Mr. Gowlett’s cost.

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

-opening of halls-remaining closed

-opening of share shed-remaining closed

b) National Day for Truth & Reconciliation-September 30 declared a Federal Holiday

#21-292

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“**RESOLVED** that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional is committed to truth and reconciliation and building good relationships with our indigenous neighbors; and **THAT** a part of this commitment and following the Federal Government’s lead Council has directed that Municipal Staff observe September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; and **THAT** during the September 30th Statutory Holiday all municipal facilities will be closed and staff is encouraged to continue to expand their education as part of their individual reconciliation efforts; **THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED** that we amend our Human Resources Policy to add September 30th, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a Statutory Holiday for all full time staff.”

CD.

c) Rethink Communications LLP Location Agreement for A&W Canada Commercial-Loon Dollar Monument Park

#21-293

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with Rethink Communications LLP on behalf of A&W Canada for the use of the Loon Dollar Park for the filming of a commercial for A&W on Saturday 25, 2021 with the Technical Scout on site of Thursday September 23, 2021 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.”

CD.

d) Mandatory Vaccine Policy-Draft

Draft Policy was presented to Council. Some minor changes to be made and Council will be adopting it at the October 5 Regular Council Meeting.

e) Speed Limit in front of Echo Bay Public School-Church St./Hwy 638

#21-294

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation to request the section for Hwy 638 in front of the Echo Bay Public School be designated as a School Safety Zone and request a reduction in the speed limit as well as flashing yellow lights.”

CD.

- f) #21-295
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to proceed with Tax Sale Proceedings for Roll # 57 51 010 000 07300 0000.”

CD.

- g) Building Permits
#21-296
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the Chief Building Official has approved Building Permits to: Holly Amelotte-privacy fence, Brian & Louise King-privacy fence, Keith Johnston-footing repair, Greg Bock-replace shingles, Mary Ellen Gillies-new steel roof, Cody Sauve-new shingles garage, Brent McCaig-install metal roof, Kurt Tanninen-new basement, Bernice Petri-replace siding, windows, doors, Jeffrey Mogg-reshingle garage, Merrill Evoy-new metal roof, William Weir-new shingles garage, Esko Kastikainen-reshingle garage, Lance litalien-reshingle garage, Brad McCaig-shingle house.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
#21-287
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for month of August 2021:
Invoices: \$392,251.02
Payroll: \$44,296.97
Total: \$436,547.99

CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room.

- #21-288
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag. Centre \$4,712.81.”

CD.

11. Closed Session

12. Correspondence
a) Municipality of Trent Lakes-Routine Eye Care
#21-297

Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of Trent Lakes in requesting the Provincial Government to recognize the value that access to quality eye care brings to all Ontarians and act now to protect it and further that the Provincial Government address the OHIP-insured eye care immediately and enter into legally binding negotiations with Ontario Optometrists to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery, prior to any job action taking place.”

CD.

Clerk to send copy to MPP Mike Mantha.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments
Councillor Bucknell inquired about parking on Church St. during ball tournaments at the Elks. Most are very good to park on West side of Church St. and only on one side but should there be signs placed there?

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#21-298

Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2119 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on September 21, 2021.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#21-299

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to October 5, 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