

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2021
6:30 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, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis, Lynn Orchard-(left at 8:55 due to sore back)

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

1. Call Meeting to Order
#21-404
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.”
CD.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda
#21-405
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented/amended.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#21-406
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on November 16, 2021, be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor-8:00 p.m.
 - Sand Dome Update
Mike Moore Construction has almost completed their portion of this project on schedule. There is a delay with MBSG with the fabric. It was supposed to be delivered and installed prior to Christmas but now it will be delivered and installed the first week of January.
 - Winter Works-No issues.
 - Winter Road Agreements-this will require more discussion. Look at some other options. Invite Mr. Collings, Mr. Dinelle and Mr. Healey to the January 4 meeting after we can gather more information.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator-7:15 p.m.
 - Municipal Buildings & Public Washrooms
Quilters at SV Hall first and third Thursdays-5-8 people only.
Krafty Kreators have chosen to wait until the new year and see where the restrictions are at then.
 - Sportsplex
With the restrictions in place and the canteen not being busy we have reduced to 1 worker screener/canteen worker. Those who are still coming to Sportsplex are coming and going quicker. A window on the door between canteen and arena was broke and replaced. Would like to put a wire cage over the door glass to protect it. Public skating has been well attended and people have been good to follow the rules.
 - Holiday Events
Holiday Light Contest-call in your favorites
Holiday Scavenger Hunt-is underway
 - OTF-Resilient Communities Fund-application has been submitted.
 - RED-Loon Dollar Monument Refurbish-final report has been submitted.
 - Winter Carnival
Start thinking about dates, activities etc.
 - c) Fire Chief-7:00 p.m.
 - Activity Report
 - Equipment Maintenance
Price for 25 new portable radios is just over \$15,000.00 and has been ordered. They will split the cost between 2021 and 2022.

-Training

Regular training nights have continued on Monday's and hopefully will continue without interruption.

-Personnel

Currently have 3 open spots for potential new firefighters. Over the next 3 months they will be going through the applications.

-Ongoing Business

Burton Welding is currently manufacturing the parts to complete the installation of the floor hydrant.

#21-418

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

-Report from November 29 Meeting-increases in Care and Maintenance will be taking place January 1, 2022. Board was happy with the grass cutting this year.

f) Planning Board

2 applications approved from Twp. of Johnson.

g) Police Services Board

-Report from November 29 Meeting

-Joint Community Safety & Well Being Plan-Adoption

#21-411

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we adopt the Joint Community Safety & Well Being Plan as recommended by the Police Services Board and authorize the Clerk to send it into the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Office of the Solicitor General.”

CD.

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

j) Landfill/Recycling

-Landfill will be closed on Saturday December 25 and Saturday January 1

-Request to dispose of debris at the landfill

#21-414

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to complete an agreement with Dominion Construction to haul approximately 5 tri-axel loads of scrap wood to the landfill conditional to all requirements being met.”

CD.

k) Sewer and Water

-Report from December 2, 2021 OCWA Quarterly Meeting.

No compliance issues. ICIP Intake 2 application will address some of the capital costs for 2022.

7. By-Laws

#21-2124-defer Agreement for Winter Maintenance on Cottage Road-Grant Collings

#21-2125-defer Agreement for Winter Maintenance on Lonely Lake Road (portion)

#21-2126-defer Agreement for Winter Maintenance on Iron River Road (portion)

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

b) Election 2022

#21-419

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we accept the Clerk Administrator's recommendation for a Traditional In Person Voting with Manual Count for the 2022 Municipal Election.”

CD.

c) Continuity of Operations Plan-COOP

#21-420

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we adopt the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) as part of our Emergency Management Program as presented.”

CD.

d) Thessalon Site Physician Coverage

#21-421

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

WHEREAS the Thessalon Hospital provides an essential and critical service to the Town of Thessalon and surrounding areas providing service to 2,500 people from April – September 2021; **WHEREAS** the likelihood of contracts ending between the Ministry of Health and the remaining two Thessalon and Bruce Mines area physicians providing emergency department coverage at the North Shore Health Network Thessalon site is a matter of grave concern and has reached a critical point; **THEREFORE** we call upon the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health North to work immediately and collaboratively with the NSHN, the municipalities and First Nations to take immediate steps to fill existing and upcoming vacancies in order to continue to provide this essential service to our communities.

AND THEREFORE be it resolved that this be forwarded to MPP Mike Mantha, MP Carol Hughes and FONOM.

CD.

#21-422

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we have contributed to the Central Algoma Rural Health Care Steering Committee and the monies are being held by the Township of St. Joseph. We request that the monies be sent to Physician Recruitment at Matthews Memorial Hospital.”

CD.

e) Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund

We will be receiving an annual allocation of \$80,079.23 for next 5 years under this funding. We can piggy back this funding with other funding. Looking at allocating this to the rebuild of a portion of Echo Lake Road and the Slope Stabilization project.

f) Municipal Trapper

#21-423

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we appoint Dan Rowlinson as our Municipal Trapper to begin immediately.”

CD.

g) Short List Road Supervisor Candidates

See Closed Session Below.

h) Building Permits

#21-424

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO approved building permits to Mark Smith for a shed and a Demolition Permit to Sheryl Owens to demolish a portion of a cottage.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#21-412

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

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

Invoices; \$227,593.77

Payroll: \$40,109.99

Total: \$267,703.76

CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room.

#21-413

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma Ag Centre \$1,743.28.”

CD.

Mayor Watson returned to the meeting.

11. Closed Session-Permissive

#21-407

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2) :

d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

CD.

Discussed staff increases for 2022.

#21-408

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 6:59 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

#21-409

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we approve a 3% increase of all staff for 2022 and Council.”

CD.

#21-410

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we amend the Human Resources Policy to add an additional Floater Day to all full time staff.” (total of 3)

CD.

#21-415

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that this Council shall proceed into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act 239(2) b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.”

CD.

Went through the 7 applications that were received for the Road Superintendent position.

#21-416

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that this Council come out of Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. and continue its Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

#21-417

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to set up interviews for the Road Superintendent position on December 20th starting at 6:30 p.m. based on short list as discussed.”

CD.

12. Correspondence

a) City of St. Catherine’s-Affordable Child Care

#21-425

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the City of St. Catherine’s in requesting the Provincial Government take the necessary steps to work with the Federal Government on a bilateral agreement to ensure the new national child care program be made available to Ontarians, and that it focuses on increased access, affordability, quality and responsiveness, all of which are essential to the COVID-19 pandemic response and that staff actively monitor federal developments and engage in provincial and regional discussions.”

CD.

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law
#21-426

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #21-2127 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on December 14, 2021.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#21-427

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to January 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2022.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR