

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JANUARY 18, 2022
7:00 P.M. -ZOOM Meeting
ZOOM Public Phone #1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID#7257536871 Passcode #665410

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Andy Roberts, Trisha Daynard, Matt Jarrell, Brenda Barbarie

1. Call Meeting to Order
#22-12
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
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
#22-13
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#22-14
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on January 4, 2022 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Winter Works
All operations normal. A work plan is in place for both plow trucks and grader to be out during winter events for the next month.
 - Truck 12-5
Electrical issues with low beam headlights has been addressed and repaired. Wing cylinder had been leaking oil and has been replaced.
 - Truck 21-6
Experienced problems with front left drive axle brakes dragging due to sand shooting onto them. Brakes have been repaired.
 - Sand Dome Update
Structure installation commenced Friday January 7th and was completed on Sunday. Everything went well. Tulloch did a walk through on Friday January 14th with Road Super and everything looked good. Lights not complete yet.
 - Garage Interior Lighting
Down the Line Electric replaced ballasts on 2 fixtures in the garage. These lights are becoming obsolete and hard to find. We may have to look at a new lighting system. Clerk to see if there is any funding to upgrade.
 - Amalgamated Tender
We will need to do a resolution at the Feb. Council Meeting. Just calcium and surface treatment for this year. Already purchased culverts.
Suggested Surface Treatment is Government Rd. from King Lane to Bar River Rd., Ford’s Rd.-full length, and a joint project with Laird for Bar River Rd. from Hwy 17 4-lane to RR tracks.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - Sportsplex
#22-15
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOVLED that we authorize Tulloch Engineering to complete a roof analysis on the Sportsplex to determine which option would be most feasible in regard to the replacement of the roof.”
CD.

LSC was authorized to put the old Christmas Pole Light Decorations for sale.
Christmas decorations are being taken down and stored.

-February Flurries of Fun

In the process of organizing and planning. Flyer to be sent out once everything is finalized.

-Final Phase of Sportsplex

Had a meeting with Matt Kirby from Tulloch to discuss the details of the improvements to the Sportsplex and the tendering for the project that was approved for NOHFC funding. Discussed the removal of existing cement around the exterior of the dashboards and new cement to be poured. Heat tracer to be installed in front of where the ice resurfacers come on and off the ice to prevent ice buildup and a safety issue in that area. Bleachers to be installed and the purchase of a portable stage as well as electrical upgrades. A industrial door to be installed in the southeast end to access that side of the Sportsplex for storage. Councillor Orchard mentioned his request for heated seats on the bleachers.

Leisure Services Coordinator requested permission to move forward with an outdoor rink around the Sportsplex Field. This has been discussed with the road crew and it can be done relatively easily with packing the route then watering it and eventually putting ice resurfacers on it to maintain. They will do this when they are not busy plowing. Council was in favour of this but want to keep track of what the cost is. With the restrictions in place APH was contacted and thought it was a great idea. Signage would be put up listing distancing requirements amount of people allowed at one time etc.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Emergency Calls-No calls since December 21

-Fire Hall Maintenance-January 27 tentatively scheduled for final installation of the floor hydrant inside the fire hall.

-Equipment Maintenance-Portable radios have been purchased and waiting delivery. Annual equipment maintenance and inspections will begin for 2022.

-Training-suspended until the end of January due to COVID restrictions.

-Personnel-currently 3 spots available. Hoping to short list and schedule interviews after restrictions are lifted.

-New Business-None

-Ongoing Business-Burton Welding will be doing the floor hydrant installation.

#22-16

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

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

We will be receiving information to discuss the joint Official Plan and moving forward with the completion of it for our Feb. 1 Council Meeting.

g) Police Services Board

-January 24, 2022 next meeting

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

-Requesting district wide priority items to be submitted to Cathy Cyr for a meeting in February to be presented to the Provincial Election Candidates. Discuss further Feb. 1 meeting.

j) Landfill/Recycling

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

#22-2129 Interim Taxes By-law

#22-17

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #22-2129 being a By-law to levy certain interim rates, taxes and charges for the year 2022.”

CD.

#22-18

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2129 its first and second reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

- a) Winter Road Agreements

9. New Business

- a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion
-no changes to date

- b) 2022 Meeting Dates

Roundtable Discussion February 8. Budget Meetings Feb. 22, March 29, April 26, May 31.

- c) Northern Ontario School of Medicine Resolution
#22-19

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that with the announcement of Northern Ontario School of Medicine becoming a free-standing University, the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional strongly requests that the Provincial Government and the Ontario Medical Association immediately expand NOSM’s capacity to meet the needs of Northern Ontario with added Medical Doctor positions, residency positions and clinical teaching funding to the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association. FURTHER a copy of this motion be forwarded to Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health, Christine Elliot, MPP Mike Mantha, Ontario Medical Association, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.”

CD.

- d) 2022 Northern Clerk’s/CAO Forum-Virtual
#22-20

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to register for the 2022 Northern Clerk’s/CAO Forum scheduled for March 23 & 24, 2022. No registration fee.”

CD.

- e) Vaccination Policy-Update Discussion

It was confirmed that the policy does not require amendment for additional doses. Definition covers boosters. Anyone who does not comply will be dealt based on existing policy.

- f) FONOM Conference-May 9-11 North Bay
#22-21

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize Mayor Watson and Councillor Bailey to attend the FONOM Conference in North Bay on May 9-11, 2022.”

CD.

- g) Building Permits
#22-22

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we acknowledge the CBO approved Building Permits to Sheryl Owens for an addition to her cottage and 8167494 Canada Ltd.-Stobie Mechanical-renovations for storage and office.”

CD.

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session

12. Correspondence

- a) Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry-Proposed Changes under the Aggregate Resources Act-information

- b) Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition-put in 2022 Budget file

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Orchard does not want to pursue the designation change for either the Clerk Administrator or Treasurer positions but he would still like Council to consider changing Road Superintendent to Superintendent of Public Works. It defines more clearly everything this position encompasses with roads, sewer and water, landfill etc. Clerk to place on next agenda for discussion.

Councillor Orchard shared information in regard to a new rural internet service through Bell. It is being offered for \$69.00 per month for the first 6 months and \$94.00 per month after that for unlimited internet. They hooked up today and are hoping to have much better and faster internet service.

Clerk committed to having a draft Succession Plan prepared for the Feb. 8 Roundtable Meeting.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#22-23

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2130 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on January 18, 2022.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#22-24

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to February 1, 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