

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2022
7:00 P.M. –In Person
ZOOM Public Phone #1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID#7257536871 Passcode #665410

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: Adam Chevis-in person, John Bucknell, Shelly Bailey, Lynn Orchard-ZOOM

Staff: Brenda Barbarie, Andy Roberts, Trisha Daynard, in person, Lynne Duguay-ZOOM

1. Call Meeting to Order
#22-41
Moved by: Adam Chevis
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
#22-42
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”
CD.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#22-43
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on February 1, 2022 and Special Meeting of Council held on February 8, 2022 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
5. Delegations/Public Presentation
6. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Winter Works
All operations normal, Standard plowing practices have resumed.
 - Truck 12-5
Operating normally. Persistent check engine light on. Goulais Truck and Tractor is looking into cause. Changed EGR filter Feb. 3 with no effect on light. Truck operating normally.
 - Truck 21-6-operating normally
 - Grader-operating normally. Toromont performed inspection on “circle”, reported in excellent condition
 - Backhoe-operating normally. Rear tire split on sidewall Feb. 7th. Replaced both rear tires at Cal Tire Feb. 8th.
 - Sand Dome Update
Structure completed January 15, 2022. Interior lighted completed Feb. 1-very bright. Being used currently to store some tractor accessories.
 - Spring Rentals
Confirmed backhoe sweeper rental for last week of April (\$1,400.00). Waiting on confirmation of 10 ton wheeled excavator rental for month of May to be used for ditching.
 - Ice Cube
Kioti tractor currently being stored at arena to clear snow form ice cube.
 - EARS Meeting-February 9, 2022
Training being discussed-Grader Operator, Chainsaw, Propane, Fuel handling-new regulations requiring course for all employees with access to fuel tanks-\$400.00per person. Submitted Council approved amalgamated tender. There was a lot of interest in our sand dome with Ferrovia no longer supplying sand for some municipalities. It was discussed if any other municipality has shown an interest possibly purchasing sand from us in the future. It was stated that Ferrovia has inquired about purchasing sand from us.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Sportsplex

Sportsplex rentals are going great and we have been hosting some games. Posting for a second part time caretaker is up and due February 18. Interviews to be set up after that. One class from Echo Bay School was down on Feb. 3 for skating and it went really well. They skated inside as well as on the ice cube. Tulloch will be coming as soon as the ice is out to take the sample for the roof analysis (beginning of May). The Ice Cube has been a big hit. Spoke with City of SSM they will not be continue screening at their arenas after March 1 with the new Provincial Regulations taking place that date. We will take a look at our policy and amend as needed at next meeting. This will affect all municipal buildings including Halls and Share Shed. Request to add a 15 and over shinny on Friday nights at 9:00 p.m. as before. Also looking at a 14 and under shinny just has to look at times.

-February Flurries of Fun

The craft packages are almost gone with over 80 kits being handed out of 3 different crafts. The Virtual Scavenger Hunt went well with 11 teams and over 50 participants. Up next is the Virtual Fishing Derby this Family Day Weekend. The snowman and snow sculpture contests are ongoing for the month of February.

-March Break

Thinking of doing another Scavenger Hunt for March Break. Will be adding additional public skating times throughout the week.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Emergency Calls-1-smell of propane

-Fire Hall Maintenance-None

-Equipment Maintenance-All 25 new portable radios have arrived and will be placed into service on Monday February 14, 2022.

-Training

Regular Monday night training has resumed and will continue unless Provincial regulations prohibit once again. Mandatory Firefighter Certification Regulations have once again been presented to the province for approval. Draft regulation is being circulated and is proposed to be implemented on July 1, 2022. ZOOM Meeting of February 16th with more information. Discussion will follow.

-Personnel

Application information packages have been sent out to 3 out of 9 of current applications on short list. Hoping to have interviews with these candidates over the next 3 Monday training nights.

-New Business-None

-Ongoing Business-installation of floor hydrant

#22-46

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the PW Superintendent, Leisure Services Coordinator and the Fire Chief as presented.”

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

e) Cemetery Board

f) Planning Board

-Joint Official Plan Draft Copy-Received Friday February 4, 2022.

Time is being given to go through the draft OP. Clerks and Planning Board to get together in near future.

g) Police Services Board

h) Algoma District Services Administration Board

i) Algoma District Municipal Association

-Spring Meeting Date

j) Landfill/Recycling

-Discuss opening of Share Shed at Feb. 22 Meeting. Give Landfill Caretaker heads up.

k) Sewer and Water

7. By-Laws

#22-2132 By-law to Appoint Superintendent of Public Works

#22-47

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #22-2132 being a by-law to appoint Andrew Roberts as Superintendent of Public Works.”

CD.

#22-48

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2132 its first and second reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

-Share Shed & Community Halls

With the new Provincial Mandate scheduled for March 1, 2022 we will be able to open the halls and Share Shed with no requirement for Proof of Vaccination. Clerk to amend our Municipal Building Policy and put it on the Fe. 22 Special Agenda for further discussion. Masking Policy will remain in effect.

b) MMAH Modernization Funding Intake 3

#22-49

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for funding under the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3 in the amount of \$76,320.00.”

CD.

c) AMCTO Annual Conference-June 12-15 2022-Niagara Falls

#22-50

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk Administrator to attend the AMCTO Annual Conference in Niagara Falls from June 12-15, 2022. Registration Fee \$875.00.”

CD.

d) Central Algoma Rural Healthcare Steering Committee Meeting Report-February 10, 2022

Mayor Watson participated in this meeting which was very informative. Trefry Centre did a presentation of the services and programs they offer. Physician Recruitment is ongoing. Doctor shortages in Thessalon requiring 2 doctors, Bruce Mines requiring 2 doctors and Blind River requiring 1 doctor. The \$4,432.92 balance that is in the account right now will be used for doctor recruitment and split between these areas. This group will continue to meet on an annual basis.

e) Site Plan Agreement-Trahan

Council to be given time to go through this Site Plan Agm. Further discussion at next meeting.

f) Interviews for Part Time Landfill Caretaker & Part Time Arena Caretaker

Clerk to set up interviews depending on how many applications we receive.

g) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

#22-44

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

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

Invoices: \$381,128.59

Payroll: \$40,215.07

Total: \$421,343.66

CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict on following resolution

#22-45

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Algoma AG Centre \$9,607.82.”

CD.

Mayor Watson rejoined the meeting.

11. Closed Session-Permissive-Defer to March 1 Regular Council Meeting.

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

- a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- b) **personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;**
- c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- e) **litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;**
- f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- g) a matter in respect of which a council, board committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
- h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of person, or organizations
- j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

12. Correspondence

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Mayor Watson shared information from the Ministry of Infrastructure and the need for us to get a Strategic Plan in place that co-relates to our Asset Management Plan. Also an additional 1 billion dollars have been added to the OCIF Formula based funding doubling our annual allocation over the next five years.

Tues Feb. 22 will be our Budget Meeting.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#22-51

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2133 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 15, 2022.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#22-52

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 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

DEPUTY CLERK