

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY APRIL 5, 2022
7:00 P.M. –In Person
ZOOM Public Phone #1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID#7257536871 Passcode #665410

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Lacey Kastikainen, Trisha Daynard

Delegations: Randy Mereweather, Matt Kirby-Tulloch

Observer: Mrs. Mereweather

1. Call Meeting to Order

#22-96

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”

CD.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of Agenda

#22-97

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

CD.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#22-98

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on March 15, 2022 and Special Minutes of Council held on March 21, 2022 be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Randy Mereweather-Shooting Range Discussion

Mr. Mereweather presented his proposal of opening a Shooting Range on his property off Birch Lake Road that he stated would be open for the community but by registered members only. Topographical this location could be considered a good spot of this type of use but Council has some concerns with the number of residential properties in close proximity. It was questioned if this type of use makes “good planning sense”. Issues include, noise, safety, access and others. Although council was receptive to this idea they have some concerns and stated that some of the neighbors most likely would not be in favour. Mr Mereweather will contact the Clerk whether he plans to move forward and apply for a Zoning/OP amendments.

7:15 p.m. Matt Kirby-Tulloch-NOHFC Tender-Sportsplex Improvements

Matt Kirby presented the 4 tenders that were received for the Sportsplex Improvements Project that will begin the first part of May. Tenders were received from TYB Enterprises, Stobie Mechanical and Welding, Ontario Concrete and Mike Moore Construction Ltd. The 2 lowest were not compliant making Ontario Concrete the lowest bidder. With this tender coming in over budget it was discussed areas we could look at to try and get the price closer to our anticipated budget. Council discussed completing all the concrete floor now and look at possible purchasing the overhead door and installing at a later date.

#22-99

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that this Council accept the Tender from Ontario Concrete for the Sportsplex Perimeter Concrete Slab Works 2022 conditional on negotiating portions of the tender that can be reduced to reflect our existing budget.”

CD.

Matt Kirby will contact Ontario Concrete to set up a meeting as soon as possible to discuss potential amendments to the tender.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

-Winter Works

All operations normal.

Currently applied 1,100 tonnes of sand to township roads.

Multiple frozen culverts this spring.

-Spring Work

Municipal garage septic bed frozen-had Karhi pump out tank on March 21.

While looking at a possible leaking pipe at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, a few housekeeping concerns were brought forward with the OCWA representative. These are being addressed.

Looking into quotes for getting municipal garage exterior painted.

Miller Paving requested locates from Church St. to Bar River Rd. along Hwy 17 B. Locates were sent to them and Ontario OneCall.

Remote control for the Time/Temperature sign has gone missing. Attempting to replace it.

Applied gravel to Iron River road entrance on March 23 to level spring potholes.

Applied gravel to landfill road on March 25 to level spring potholes.

Lateral sewer line clogged on Maple Drive on March 26, 2022. It was discovered that disposable wipes created the blockage. Mr Rooter was called in by the property owner to deal with the blockage.

Looking into a gas detection unit suitable for safe access for manhole cover removal. This could also be used at the Landfill in the Attendants Shed.

Hwy 638 still reduced to one partial lane just west of the Hwy 17 4-lane intersection with the remaining lane under water. Received an e-mail from Herb Villneff, Director East/Northeast Operations confirming that the Ministry and Ferrovial are monitoring this section of the Hwy and address any concerns until a permanent repair can be made.

-Upcoming Training

#22-100

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we authorize Andy Roberts to register for the Health & Safety Basic Certification Training Part 1 through Health & Safety Professionals Inc. on April 5, 6 & 7 2022 and Health & Safety Basic Certification Training Part II on October 18, 19 & 20, 2022. Registration Fee \$1,130.00.”

CD.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Soccer & Softball Programs

Registrations have started coming in. Ordered some x-small and small t-shirts. An umpire clinic for slo-pitch is planned for May 3 from 6:30-7:30 at the Sportsplex. Twp. of St. Joseph will be hosting a Soccer Referee Clinic at a later date.

-Echo Bay's For Sale

Is taking place this year on Saturday May 7, 2022 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Registration has opened.

-Museum Lending Library

An EKOPA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 6th at 11:00 a.m. at the Sportsplex to discuss the Echo Bay Extravaganza. It will be held the weekend of July 16-17 (date to be confirmed)

With more volunteers at the Library it will now be open Monday afternoons and Wednesdays. We are exploring the possibility of having high school students for the museum in order to be open. This is still under discussion.

-Sportsplex

We are in the last few weeks of rentals and our last day to be open is Friday April 22nd. On Saturday April 16th there will be a Public Skate with the Easter Bunny from 1-3.

The Stage for the Sportsplex has been ordered.

We received an updated quote for the custom made bleachers for the Sportsplex upgrades.

-Easter Egg Hunt

We will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt in partnership with Elks and their Easter Pancake Breakfast on April 16th from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Once the kids finish their pancakes with the Easter Bunny they are invited to come outback and participate in the Easter Egg Hunt.

-Teens Games Night

A Teens Games Night has been scheduled for Friday May 13th at the Echo Bay Hall. Details to come.

-Custom Printed Seed Packets

Are we interested in ordering packages of Sunflower Seeds with a positive message for ratepayers to pick up and plant. Pricing is 251-500 would be 70 cents each and 501-1000 would be 65 cents each. It was noted that the National Flower for Ukraine is the Sunflower.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

No calls. The Annual Inspection of the Rescue Truck #12 has been completed. One AED unit is out for repair or replacement. In the meantime the unit from the Landfill is on loan to the Depart.

Interviewed 2 candidates and waiting for all conditions to be met. One more interview is scheduled for March 28th. If all three candidates are successful the department will be at full compliment again.

#22-101

Moved by; Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

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

CD.

- d) Treasurer's Report
- e) Cemetery Board
March 28 Meeting-Report
- f) Planning Board
-Joint Official Plan Draft Copy-March 22, 2022 next meeting-Report
-#2022-04-Boniferro
#22-102
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded Adam Chevis
"RESOLVED that this Council recommends that Consent be granted for E-2022-04, Applicants-Carlo & Susan Boniferro."

CD.

- #2022-05-Gordon
#22-103

Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell

"RESOLVED that this Council recommends that Consent be granted for E-2022-05, Applicants-Chris Gordon."

CD.

- g) Police Services Board
March 28 Meeting-Report
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
-April 9 Virtual Meeting
- j) Landfill/Recycling
-Letter Twp. of Laird-Will discuss at Joint Meeting with Twp. of Laird
- k) Sewer and Water
-OCWA Quarterly Meeting April 13 @ 10:30 a.m.
-Annual Report Sewage Treatment Plant
-Sewer Blockage-66 Maple Drive March 26, 2022
Mr. Rooter was called in by property owner to clear the blockage. Turned out it was 105' from house which put the blockage within the municipal right of way.

7. By-Laws

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion
- b) Elks Letter-Canada Fireworks & Celebration
#2022-104
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
"RESOLVED that we donate \$500.00 to the Echo Bay Elks for their Canada Day Fireworks & Celebrations."

CD.

- c) Budget Meeting Date-April 26 7:00 p.m.
- d) Statistics Canada Census Profile-2021 Census of Population
#22-105
Moved by: John Bucknell
Seconded by: Adam Chevis
"RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to contact Statistics Canada in regard to the 2021 Census Numbers and inquire why our population and number of households have decreased since the 2016 Census."

CD.

- e) Sylvan Valley Cemetery Caretaker
#22-106
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: John Bucknell
"RESOLVED that we hire David Lang as our Sylvan Valley Cemetery Caretaker."

CD.

- f) Twp. of Laird Letter-Speed Limit on Bar River Road
This will be discussed at the Joint Meeting with Twp. of Laird.

g) Date for a Joint Meeting with Township of Laird-Confirmed for Tuesday April 12, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Twp. MMAA Council Chambers
Clerk to send out Agenda on Thursday.

h) Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
#22-107

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to amend Procedural By-law #19-2033 to include an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.”

CD.

i) Ontario Trillium Foundation RF118499-Improvements to Hurley Park-Approved for \$150,000.00

j) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing-Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan-More Homes, More Choice

Would like to have more discussion in regard to our Official Plan Update.

k) Building Permits

10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account

11. Closed Session-Permissive

12. Correspondence

13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Chevis shared information that the Thessalon Family Ball Tournament Committee received \$5,000.00 from the Futures Economic & Development Corporation.

14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#22-108

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2139 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 5, 2022.”

CD.

15. Adjournment

#220109

Moved by: Adam Chevis

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to April 19, 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