

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MARCH 15, 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, Shelly Bailey, Adam Chevis, Lynn Orchard (Zoom)

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

Delegation: Algoma Power-Andrea Mattioli, Michael Degilio

1. Call Meeting to Order

#22-76

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

#22-77

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we adopt the agenda as presented.”

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#22-78

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on March 1, 2022 be accepted as presented.”

CD.

5. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m.

Algoma Power-ZOOM Andrea Mattioli, Vegetation Management Coordinator and Michael Degilio, Supervisor of Engineering

Andrea Matioli from Algoma Power went over some of the programs they are working on over the next year dealing with Health & Safety and Environmental Sustainability. They will be having their annual Road Super’s Meeting in April and the Community Engagement Meeting. They have a Customer Satisfaction Survey that is available to all customers. The office remains closed to the public but they can be contacted by phone or e-mail. They are building a new office in the Industrial Park and are hoping to be moving in end of September.

Save on Energy Programs will be continuing

Michael Degilio highlighted some of their projects that are happening with a new website and online customer portal with e-billing. They are encouraging everyone to sign up for e-billing with a chance to win and electric car. Major capital projects that affect us is Pole Replacement-Hwy 638 Sylvan Valley Hill to Lonely Lake Road-39 poles and Echo Lake Rd. in Twp. of Kehoe-68 poles, Vegetation Management-Bar River Part 1-Iron River Rd. Gamble Rd., Watson Rd., Driftwood Drive.

2022 Distribution Rates will be going down for Seasonal Accounts and increase 2% for residential and 5.3% for Streetlights.

Councillor Orchard requesting clarification on Rights of Ways and Clearing of brush and trees under lines but on Private Property. This is done 15 feet on each side of the power lines and under the Electricity Act Algoma Power does have the right to access private property to do this. They try and work with property owners best they can and make sure they give proper notification.

6. Staff & Committee Reports

a) Road Supervisor

-Winter Works

All operations are normal following standard plowing practices and routes.

Currently 960 tonnes of sand have been applied to township roads. Managed to get 100 tonnes of sand applied following the ice storm on Sunday March 6 and had all roads passable by noon.

12 culverts have been steamed to date.

Load restriction signage to be installed this week.

-Spring Rentals

Backhoe sweeper rental has been confirmed for the last week of April. This will work well with Echo Bay's For Sale taking place once again this year on Saturday May 7.

10 Ton Wheeled Excavator has been confirmed for month of May for ditching and roadside brush clearing. Superintendent will assess how well it suits our needs and whether to consider purchasing this piece of equipment in 2023 for more uses.

-Upcoming Training

#22-79

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize Bill Bruce, David Land and Andy Roberts to attend the Safe Fuel Handling Course on April 26, 2022. Registration Fee \$400.00 per registrant.”

CD.

-Lake St. Lift Station

Pumps were plugged on March 2nd causing lower collection system to fill up. OCWA got a vacuum truck in and took out several loads. March 4th pumps were reset and returned to normal operations. It was suggested by OCWA that the material clogging the pumps is not unusual but perhaps the pumps are undersized. More discussion with OCWA on this topic.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-Halls & Sportsplex Rentals

#22-80

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we approve the updated fee rentals for Echo Bay Community Hall, Sylvan Valley Hall, Sportsplex (in off season) and Museum/Lending Library as presented.”

CD.

-Soccer & Softball Programs

Registrations opened Tuesday March 15th.

-Swim Program

This program will be planned again for this year at the John Rhodes for the first 2 weeks in July.

-Echo Bay's For Sale

Saturday May 7th from 8-2. Registration will open March 29th and close April 29th. Home base will be set up at the Sportsplex this year instead of the Echo Bay Hall to hopefully help with the congestion in front of the hall. Shamrock will be participating again this year.

-Teen Program

Meeting is planned for teens at the Sportsplex on Friday March 18th at 5:00. Hopefully there will be a good discussion on things they would be interested in doing.

-Museum Lending Library

EKOBA meeting is scheduled for Monday March 21st at 11:00 at the Sportsplex. The Lending Library will be open on Wednesdays from 12:45-2:30 with volunteers. We have advertised in our newsletter for more volunteers for the Library so we can offer more hours.

c) Fire Chief

-Activity Report

-Emergency Calls-Had one call.

-Fire Hall Maintenance

The floor hydrant project has been completed and the old water supply pipe has been removed. The remaining locker will be installed prior to the next training night.

-Equipment Maintenance-No maintenance activities have taken place.

-Training-Regular training continues.

-Personnel

Application information packages have been forwarded to 3 of the 9 current applicants on the short list. Hoping to have interviews with these candidates over the next 3 Monday Training nights.

#22-81

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

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

CD.

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Cemetery Board

March 28 next meeting.

f) Planning Board

-Joint Official Plan Draft Copy-March 22, 2022 next meeting.

Clerks met on Friday March 11 to go through draft OP. Suggestions were sent to Planner to be prepared for the March 22 Planning Board Meeting.

- g) Police Services Board
March 28 next meeting.
- h) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- i) Algoma District Municipal Association
-April 9 Virtual Meeting
- j) Landfill/Recycling
-Tipping Fees
Discussed the tipping fees for accepting contaminated non-hazardous soil from outside our township now that our amendment has been approved by the Ministry of Environment. Council requested the Clerk to gather tipping fees at landfills in our area for everything for next meeting.
-Letter Twp. of Laird-Discuss at Joint Meeting with Twp. of Laird.
- k) Sewer and Water
-2021 Annual and Summary Reports for the Echo Bay Water System
These were received from OCWA and will be available for viewing and posted on website.

7. By-Laws

#22-2134 Trahan Site Plan Agreement

#22-84

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2134 its third and final reading.”

CD.

#22-2135 Echo Bay Snow Falcons-MOU

#22-85

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2135 its third and final reading.”

CD.

#22-2137 Tax Ratio By-law

#22-86

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #22-2137 being a By-law to Establish Tax Ratios for 2022.”

CD.

#22-87

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2137 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#22-88

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #22-2137 its third and final reading.”

CD.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Business Continuity Plan Update & Discussion

-Updated Masking Rules

We will be following the Provincial Guidelines for masking and screening rules.

b) FONOM Conference

#22-89

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: John Bucknell

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk and Assistant Treasurer/Administrative Assistant to attend the FONOM Conference on May 9-11, 2022 in North Bay. Registration Fee \$400.00”

CD.

- c) Gamble Road Extension-Name it?
With the Asprey severance approval and the transfer of the Gamble Road extension to the township this road should be named properly. A suggestion is Large Road. Clerk to prepare documentation for the process to name this road.
- d) Budget Meeting Date-March 21 7:00 p.m.
Department Heads will be in attendance.
- e) Mileage Increase Discussion
#22-90
Moved by: Adam Chevis
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we increase our mileage per km. to .55 cents.”
CD.
- f) Ontario Trillium Foundation-Resilient Communities Fund
#22-91
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Resilient Communities Fund Stream to have a Strategic Plan completed for our municipality.”
CD.
- g) Date for a Joint Meeting with Township of Laird
Suggested date Tuesday April 12 at 7:00 p.m. We will invite them here.
- h) Building Permits

- 10. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Account
#22-82
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: John Bucknell
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for the month of February 2022:
Invoices: \$291,107.41
Payroll: #44,013.34
Total: \$335,120.75
CD.

Mayor Watson declared a conflict and left the room.

#22-83

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Adam Chevis

“RESOLVED that we pay Algoma Ag Centre \$5,429.28.”
CD.

- 11. Closed Session-Permissive

- 12. Correspondence

- 13. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Bucknell requested if we could do something with the clock at the Environment Centre. The time is wrong, the temperature is wrong. Clerk to see what we can do.

- 14. Passing of Confirmatory By-law

#22-92

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #22-2138 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 15, 2022.”
CD.

15. Adjournment

#22-93

Moved by: John Bucknell

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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