

TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL

JULY 2022

ELECTION 2022

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2022.

Advance polls will be held on Saturday October 15, 2022 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday October 19th, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (Noon) and 8:00 p.m. at the Echo Bay Hall, 257 Church St. Any person planning to seek office in the 2022 Municipal election can file Nomination Papers with the Clerk or designate at 208 Church St. between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. up to Nomination Day which is Friday August 19th. On Nomination Day you can file papers between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. only. To file for Head of Council (Mayor-1 position) you will require a nomination fee of \$200.00 and to file for Councillor (4 positions) you will require a nomination fee of \$100.00. All completed and filed forms are public documents.

BUDGET 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The tax rate for 2022 will remain basically the same as the 2021 rate. With MPAC not doing a reassessment for 2022 and if you have not done any improvements to your property and your assessment has remained the same, your property taxes will be the same as last year. Some of the highlights in this year's budget:

ROADS: We will be surface treating Ford Road, portion of Bar River Rd, and Alcock Hill. With the ditching and rebuild of Alcock Hill, the surface treatment will improve that section of Watson Road. Ellwood Robinson will be doing the surface treatment this year and we are hoping to be done by end of July. The Echo Lake Road Slope Stabilization project will also be moving forward this year. Tenders are being received now and this project will be completed this fall. We continued to do ditching during the month of May, roadside brushing in May, roadside grass cutting in June/July and gravel was completed in June. This will be our first year tendering for salt and sand now that our Sand Dome was completed earlier this year.

LEISURE SERVICES: We have received funding under the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for improvements to our Sportsplex. Concrete has been completed around the perimeter of the dashboards and bleachers will be installed in the fall. Through the Ontario Trillium Foundation we received funding for new playground equipment at Hurley Park. A Request for Proposal was sent out and Council will be making a decision on this in the near future. With the demand for playground equipment in the Province of Ontario it is looking like the park will not be completed until Spring of 2023. No worries---it will be worth the wait! We were unable to offer the Swim Program this year but we have 4 Summer Camps planned and they are full. We are hoping to have all our events this year including the Parade of Lights with no COVID glitches.

ADMINISTRATION: Staff are busy preparing for the 2022 Municipal Election this fall. With a number of changes occurring in the municipal office the Succession Plan is in full swing as well as recruitment for a new Treasurer/Deputy Clerk. Asset Management and Records Retention continues to be a priority.

LANDFILL: We continue our improvements at the landfill with the Ministry of Environment compliance requirements. A perimeter ditch will be constructed as well as some brushing later this summer. We encourage everyone to continue recycling and our Share Shed is extremely busy with items going out as fast as they come in.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Our Volunteer Firefighters are back to training at the Fire Hall with some new recruits. We have no large capital purchases this year and all our equipment is operating great.

The budget process was once again challenging this year with the number of projects and road improvements that need to be completed. The cost of living continues to rise and Council and Staff worked hard to not increase the tax rate. If anyone has any questions in regard to the 2022 Budget do not hesitate to contact the municipal office at 705-248-2441.

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 17: ECHO BAY EXTRAVAGANZA

AUGUST 4; MAGIC IN THE PARK

AUGUST 15: FINAL TAX DUE DATE

OCTOBER 14: FINAL TAX DUE DATE

OCTOBER 31: OPENING OF SPORTSPLEX

JULY 26: THE GREAT NORTHERN

ONTARIO ROADSHOW

SEPTEMBER 18: FARMERS FALL FUN RUN

OCTOBER 30: TREATS IN YOUR TRUNK

DECEMBER 10: PARADE OF LIGHTS