

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2016
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: Jean Robbins, Shelly Bailey, Lynn Orchard, Parker Brockelbank-absent (sick)

Staff: Lynne Duguay

Delegations: MPAC-Mary Dawson Cole, Jeremy Cormier, Pierre Lefebvre, Bonnie Mick, Algoma Public Health-Lee Mason-Chair

1. Call Meeting to Order

#16-355

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

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

CD.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#16-356

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on November 15, 2016 be accepted as presented.”

CD.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations/Public Presentations

7:00 p.m.

Jeremy Cormier-MPAC-Farmland Assessment

MPAC provided a PowerPoint Presentation on their mandate as well as how farmland was assessed in the 2016 reassessment year which covers the 2017-2020 4 year phase in period. They simplified their Property Notices that was sent out to all property owners in the Province of Ontario with the farmland notices going out in October. When doing the reassessment they looked at sales where farmers sold to farmers, where the land was going to be used for farming, not developers. There were 17 valid farmland sales in Algoma from the 2008-2015 period. 2-St Joes, 1-Laird, 7-Johnson, 4-Plummer, 1-Huron Shores, 1-unincorporated. MPAC has 6 classes for farmland and OMAFRA has 7 classes of farmland. In the Algoma area 50% of farmland is class 5-6, 19% is Class 1, 20 % is Class 2, 8% is Class 3 and 3% is Class 4. The value of Class 1 land per acre is \$1,425.00 and Class 3 land per acre is \$800.00.

They will do a similar presentation tomorrow night at the Public Meeting.

Clerk to print off the 2017 Request for Reconsideration to have them available for people and also the Methodology Guide for Farmland Assessment.

7:30 p.m.

Lee Mason-Chair Algoma Public Health

Had a discussion on the process of appointing people to the Algoma Public Health Board. As Chair of this Board, Lee has been trying to get answers from the Ministry and the Province in order to put a process in place that is going to work fluidly. We do not have to reinvent the wheel, there are processes out there already for other boards that we could use as a template. Lee to get back to the Clerk with some information and she will bring it to the Clerk's meeting in January or February.

5. Staff & Committee Reports

- a) Road Supervisor

-Backhoe Repairs

Repairs completed on November 25.

-Roadside Grass Cutting

Disc mower needs to be replaced, parts are no longer available. To be added to the 2017 budget.

-Algoma Power

Pole on Dam Rd. was replaced some time ago but the old pole is still in place because the Bell line has not been moved over yet.

-Driftwood Drive (unmaintained portion)

Snowmobile club did some brushing in this area and did not do a very good job. A lot of stumps were left too high and could be dangerous. The Snow Falcons Snowmobile Club is doing a work bee tomorrow to clean this up better.

-Great Lakes Power

An Environmental Assessment is being completed on the area the transmission lines go through our township. They are looking for any comments or concerns we may have. Road Super has none. Clerk to send letter back that we would like to continue receiving information about this project as it progresses.

-above ground tank at Municipal Garage

We will move forward with installing another above ground tank at the municipal garage.

-Maple Leaf Road Ditching

Councillor Bailey received a request to take a look at the ditching on the north side of Maple Leaf Road West. There is no ditch there now and the surface water that comes off that hill goes right into Greg Kennedy's field (?). We will look at this area closer in the spring and possible on the Road Tour.

-Temporary Commuter Parking Lot

Received information from WPS in regard to a Notice of Study Commencement for the construction of an interim commuter parking lot at the corner of Hwy 17 4-land and Hwy 638.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-North Channel Healthy Kids Community

We were able to purchase additional soil and manure from Home Hardware for the community garden. Fruit infusion pitchers were ordered to promote drinking healthy at events. Next meeting December 14, 2016 at 9:45 in Little Rapids.

-Echo Bay Sportsplex

Still have outstanding deficiencies at the Sportsplex. CDI to come this week to work on them.

-Parade of Lights-Saturday Dec. 10, 2016-Magical Sounds & Stories of Christmas

Received the Encroachment Permit from MTO. Council will not be going in the Parade this year.

- Museum

Next meeting Thursday January 19 at 10:00 a.m.

-Boardwalk

We were unable to submit the Great Lakes Guardian Community Grant for the boardwalk.

-Parks

Milligan Gazebo has a light up Christmas wreath put on the side of the building. Memorial park has been decorated and lights completed on big tree ready for the tree lighting at the Parade of Lights.

-NEORA

Meeting was held on November 29 in the North Bay but LSC was unable to attend.

-MTO Cycling Regional Workshop

They are accepting comments until December 8 if we wish to send any in.

-Women's Self Defense Class

Only received 3 inquiries.

-Christmas Craft Night

Was held on Monday November 28 with 28 participants.

-2017 Summer Student's

Young Canada Works Grant is now open and due January 16, 2017. How many students are we looking for next year?

-Decorative Sign

Had a meeting on November 29 with some good discussion. Nick Gordon has volunteered to put some ideas together and send out some designs.

Will meet again second week of January.

-Echo Bay Community Hall

-Yoga

Saturday classed by Vicky is completed for the year and will start back up in spring.

c) Fire Chief

Councillor Robbins requested if some of the Highway Accident Reserve Account money can be used to purchase a new vehicle for the Fire Department next year. Balance is \$77,826.70

#16-358

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports of the Road Super and Leisure Services Coordinator as presented.”

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

e) Planning Board

-Joint Meeting-November 17, 2016 6:00 p.m. –Report

#16-357

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board in proceeding with Senior Staff meeting to discuss expansion of Planning matter & GIS Mapping as well as examining the idea of shared services and report back with recommendation on how to proceed.”

CD.

f) Police Services Board

-November 28, 2016 7:00 p.m.-Report

-Push For Change-January 31, 2016

Board is in favour of doing as event on Jan. 31 to support Joe Robert’s fundraising “Push For Change” for the Homelessness and teens.

g) Algoma District Services Administration Board

Mayor and Clerk met with Keith Bell and Lisa Krug from the ADSSAB to discuss the opportunity for another 10 unit Seniors Complex over at Hurley Haven. They have taken their allocation of money and carried over to the next fiscal year and have 1.2 million. They would like to see another project here and will be putting it forward to the Board. We hope to hear more in March.

h) Algoma District Municipal Association

i) Landfill/Recycling

-disposal fees-shingles-need to come up with a better way to monitor how shingles are disposed at our landfill. Would like to discuss with Landfill Caretakers to see what kind of ideas they may have.

j) Sewer and Water

-Operation & Maintenance Request for Proposal

Received proposals from PUC and OCWA. Chris Kresin from Kresin Engineering going through them and will have a recommendation for Council at the December 19 Regular Council Meeting. Our contract with PUC expires Feb. 28, 2017.

6. By-Law

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a) OMPF 2017

Our allocation of 2017 is \$665,100.00 which is down from \$668,100.00 for 2016. A \$3,000.00 reduction.

b) Municipal Decorative Sign Committee-Report

Committee met and had a good discussion. Nick Gordon has agreed to come up with some designs for the committee to take a look at. Committee to meet again the second week of January.

- c) Rural Health Hubs Framework for Ontario-Nurse Practitioner Clinic
Information was provided to Council from the Nurse Practitioner Clinic with copies of resolutions from the Clinic as well as the Algoma Manor. Council would like more time to read over the material provided-deferred to November 19 Council Meeting.
- d) Seniors Housing-Meeting Scheduled with Keith Bell from ADSSAB-December 6th 10:00 a.m.
Mayor and Clerk met and discussed the possibility of another 10 unit senior's complex where Hurley Haven is. The board is hoping to have more information in March but it was a very positive meeting.
- e) MPAC Meeting-Wednesday December 7, 2016 7:00 p.m. Echo Bay Community Hall
- f) The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command-Military Service Recognition Book
We will not be contributing this year. The 2017 book does not come out until Sept. 2017. We will look at it again in 2018.
- g) Staff Christmas Bonus
#16-359
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
"RESOLVED that we give Full Time Staff a \$100.00 Christmas Bonus for 2016."

CD.

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts

10. Closed Session

#16-361

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 9:12 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2):

d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

CD.

Discuss Staff Increases for 2017.

Discuss Part Time Arena Caretaker Positions

#16-362

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

"RESOLVED that we come out of Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting."

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#16-363

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

"RESOLVED that we hire Kyle Hurley and Leslie MacLean Galka as the Part Time Arena Caretakers for the 2016/2017 Season after they complete all requirements."

CD.

11. Correspondence

a) Township of South Stormont-Public Accommodation Review

#16-360

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

"RESOLVED that we support the Township of South Stormont in requesting the Ministry of Education review the policy that deleted the requirement that local school boards take into consideration the social, economic or geographic implications of school closures, given the devastating impact this policy has on rural schools."

CD.

b) The Royal Canadian Legion
Donate pins and post cards.

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments

13. Confirming By-law
#16-364
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #16-1949 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on December 6, 2016.”
CD.

14. Adjournment
#16-365
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to December 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”
CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2016.

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR