

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2016
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: Jean Robbins, Lynn Orchard, Parker Brockelbank, Shelly Bailey (working)

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Donny Cameron, Cindy Findlay, Janice Catling, Brenda Barbarie

Delegation: Laird Council-Dick Beitz, Wayne Junor, Ed Lapish, Frank Turco, Phyllis MacKay

1. Call Meeting to Order
#16-46
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#16-47
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on February 2, 2016 be accepted as presented.”
CD.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations/Public Presentations

7:00 p.m. Township of Laird Council-Roads, Fire, Recreation
ROADS
-Bar River Rd.-double-Cemetery Rd. intersection to where the surface treatment starts-2016-yes
-Bar River Rd. West-single-2018-yes
-Bar River Rd. East-single-Holmberg’s driveway to railway tracks-2018-yes
-Laird is ditching Bar River Rd. West this year
-culvert on Bar River Rd. goes up and down depending on the day and the weather-have to do something with it before we do another overlay there
FIRE
-new rescue truck in service and Fire Department is very happy with it
-big lights work great
-holds a lot of equipment
-need to get 2016 agreement in place-no changes
-looking at pricing a replacement for the yellow rescue truck with a crew cab truck-wish list
-calls tend to be about 50/50 average
RECREATION
-summer students-summer camps-last year Laird had one less student to cover off the summer camps-but they feel they did
-the shortfall occurred in the before and after care and in the planning part
-they have applied for one additional student this year-we will discuss this again when we receive confirmation of how many students are approved this year
Councillor Orchard inquired about their landfill and what kind of tipping fees they have in place-they charge for dump trailers, half ton loads, mattresses etc.-they will send us their fee schedule

5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
-Ditching Quote

#16-48

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOVLED that we accept the flat rate of \$1,080.00 + HST from Karhi to do a ditch on Roberts Field off East End of Watson Rd. To be completed by February 29, 2016.”

CD.

-Echo Lake Road Driveway Culvert Replacement

#16-49

Moved by; Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we contact the property owner at 209 Echo Lake Rd. and request that they install a new driveway culvert by March 15, 2016 to prevent spring flooding.”

CD.

-Rural Road Maintenance Seminar

#16-50

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Road Super to attend a seminar “Rural Road Maintenance” on April 19 & 20, 2016 in Parry Sound. Registration Fee \$595.00 + tax.”

CD.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-North Channel Healthy Kids Community

Next meeting on Feb. 17 at 2:00 p.m. Proposals to be submitted to finalize budgetary items.

-Poverty Network

Mayor Watson is interested in this initiative. Tentative date for next meeting is Feb. 26 in Thessalon.

-North Shore Recreation Committee

Meeting to be scheduled.

-Summer Students

Summer Experience Program Grant and Ministry of Sports and Recreation has been submitted. Still have to apply for Hort & Recreation Assistant-waiting for paperwork.

-Sylvan Valley Hall

Vaughan Construction had an aluminum lip installed for easier access over the threshold of the main door.

-Canteen Tender

Sending a letter to thank them for their interest and see if they might consider running the canteen for next season.

-Electrical Work

#16-52

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we hire Down The Line Electric as our municipal electrician at an hourly rate of \$60.00. All documentation for insurance, WSIB etc. to be submitted.”

CD.

- Museum

Next meeting March 3 at 10:00 a.m. Work bees are taking place on Wednesday's 9-12.

-Childcare Algoma

Best Start Hub-Crock Pot Kitchen-March 2 next session

Best Start Hub-Pizza Making will be on Wed. Feb. 17 from 3:30-4:30 and 5-6.

Child Care Algoma hoping to start a Rumble Tumble Music in March

-Sportsplex

Received keys Monday afternoon from CDI and they are making 8 more master keys for staff. Started making ice on Monday Feb. 8.

Requested a quote from CDI for new ramps.

-Winter Carnival

Feb. 27 from 1-3 with a sno pitch game at 3:00. There will be hot chocolate and popcorn for everyone.

-Easter Craft Night

Scheduled for March 21 from 3:30-6:00 at the Echo Bay Hall.

-Best Start Hub Advisory Committee

Meeting was held at CASS on Feb. 9. Notes attached.

-Fitness Update

Fitness for all on hold for now due to Armand having an injury to his shoulder.

-Trillium

Attended an information session on Feb. 11 from 9:30-11:30. Quite informative.

c) Fire Chief

-Echo Bay Fire Department is hosting the Mutual aid Meeting this Year April 29 & 30, May 1 2016-Does Council have anything for hand outs at that time? Would also like to request the use of the Echo Bay Hall

-Thunder Bay Conference in September-Would like approval for 2 to attend

-Echo Bay is hosting the Zone 2 Meeting on February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall

-A Tour of Exchange Students will be at the Fire Hall on March 10 at 11:00 a.m. if you want to attend-wondering if you have any handouts

-Starting to look for a replacement for the 1991 Crew Cab (yellow)

#16-51

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Fire Chief to forward fire reports for the fire at Shook’s at 105 Gamble Rd. and Dufrense at 3872 Hwy 17B for their Insurance Company.”

CD.

#16-53

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

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

CD.

d) Treasurer’s Report

e) Planning Board

f) Police Services Board

g) Algoma District Services Administration Board

h) Algoma District Municipal Association

-Saturday April 16 in Spanish

i) Landfill/Recycling

j) Sewer and Water

6. By-Law

#16-1921 Borrowing By-law

#16-55

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #16-1921 being a by-law authorizing the borrowing of money.”

CD.

#16-56

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #16-1921 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#16-57

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOVLED that we give By-law #16-1921 its third and final reading.”

CD.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a) Composter Bid

#16-58

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we sell the composter at the landfill to Caroline McAlpine for \$30.00 as is, where is. To be removed as soon as possible.”

CD.

b) Budget Meeting-Monday Feb. 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

c) AMO-Broader Investment Powers

Resolution # 16-59

Moved By: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded By: Lynn Orchard

WHEREAS municipalities are required to invest their reserves in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended), which specifically outlines allowable investments;

AND WHEREAS to ensure the sustainability and sound stewardship of the municipality’s investments, the municipality is of the opinion that changes should be made to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended) to allow for the prudent investment of reserves , if those investments are professionally managed and part of a broader investment strategy;

AND WHEREAS the Prudent Investor Standard is an industry accepted best practice in effectively managing a portfolio of investments, and the Standard applies to investments, not in isolation, but in the context of the portfolio of investments and as part of all overall strategy, that should incorporate acceptable risk and return objectives suitable to the stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS the Province is conferring “Prudent Investor” status on the City of Toronto to enable greater diversification in portfolio management;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Local Authority Services (LAS), and the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA), have long requested that the Prudent Investor Standard apply to all municipal investments that are invested with The One Investment Program;

AND WHEREAS in 2005, municipalities were granted the ability to invest in longer-term corporate bonds and Canadian equity investments via only the One Investment Program and the One Investment Program has demonstrated strong investment returns for municipalities within these “new” investment sectors;

AND WHEREAS the institutional portfolio managers utilized by the One Investment program recommend that the Prudent Investor Standard approach is a more appropriate approach to investing;

AND WHEREAS operating municipal investments under the Prudent Investor Standard is precluded by the Municipal Act, Eligible Investments, in its current form;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council support the request of AMO, LAS, and MFOA to amend Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to allow municipalities to invest consistent with the Prudent Investor Standard, if such investments are through the One Investment Program.

CD.

d) #16-60
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOVLED that we declare Centre Avenue on registered Plan No. 646 as surplus and begin the process to stop up and close it.”
CD.

e) FONOM Conference-Timmins May 11-13-Who is attending?
#16-61
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we authorize Mayor Watson, Councillor Robbins and Councillor Brockelbank to attend the FONOM Conference in Timmins May 11-13, 2016.”
CD.

f) Building Permits

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts
#16-54
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOVLED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for January 2016:
Invoices: \$183,188.21
Payroll: \$25,114.61
Total: \$208,302.82
CD.

10. Closed Session

11. Correspondence
a) Autism Ontario-Raise the Flag Campaign-World Autism Awareness Day
#16-62
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we declare April 2, 2016 as World Autism Awareness Day.”
CD.

b) Greyhound-Letter to Michael Mantha-MPP

c) City of Sudbury-O.P.P. Search and Rescue Helicopter
#16-63

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we support the City of Sudbury in requesting that Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister of Community and Correctional Services, Yasir Abbas Naqvi, expedite the return of the O.P.P. search & rescue helicopter to the Sudbury airport to better serve the needs of Northern communities.”
CD.

d) Township of Wainfleet-Requesting Ontario Cancel RFP for Added Wind Power Generation

#16-64

Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Wainfleet in requesting:
1. That the Province of Ontario exercise its rights in Section 4, 13 (12) of the current LRP 1 RFP to cancel the process at any stage and for any reason and not issue any new wind generation contracts;
2. That the Province of Ontario hold off any further renewable procurement process until the capacity is actually required and focus on sources that will actually reduce carbon emissions;
3. That the IESO review the outstanding FIT contracts that have not achieved “Commercial Operation”, and vigorously enforce the terms of the FIT contract with a view to eliminating further expensive wind generation capacity being added to the grid.”
CD.

e) Town of Carleton Place-Infrastructure Funding
#16-65

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we support the Town of Carleton Place in calling upon Minister Jeff Neal to discontinue the use of the current evaluation criteria that penalizes municipalities that plan to maintain their infrastructure and instead distribute all future infrastructure grants to all municipalities utilizing a fair and equitable formula and we forward this to FONOM.”

CD.

f) Town of Aurora-Ontario Municipal Board Jurisdiction
#16-66

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we support Aurora Town Council in requesting the Government of Ontario to limit the jurisdiction of the OMB to questions of law or process only.”

CD.

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments
Councillor Robbins-Broadband in Northern Ontario
#16-67

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOVLED that we support FONOM and Federation of Canadian Municipalities in requesting CRTC expand their basic service objective by requiring service providers to ensure universal access to affordable high quality broadband internet services in Northern Ontario.”

CD.

13. #16-68

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by; Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #16-1922 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 16, 2016.”

CD.

14. Adjournment

#16-69

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 1, 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