

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2016
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: Jean Robbins, Lynn Orchard, Parker Brockelbank, Shelly Bailey

Staff: Lynne Duguay

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

2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#16-2
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on December 15, 2015 and Special Minutes of Council held on December 23, 2015 be accepted as presented.”
CD.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations/Public Presentations

5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Water & Sewer
Dec. 15 a blockage in the sanitary sewer line at Environment Centre occurred. PUC along with Vac-Trucks (Karhi & Algoma Industrial) cleared grease blockage. Had sewer line open the next day.
Clerk to contact Lucy Loo’s to see if they have installed a grease trap at the restaurant.
 - Landfill
Karhi hauled contaminated soil from Sault from AJ Bus lines yard in Industrial Park to landfill.
 - Headrick Drain
Washout on the drain where road allowance crosses and was repaired on Dec. 22.
 - Windstorm
Numerous windfalls the morning of Dec. 24 were experienced and all removed from road ways by 9:00 a.m. with the exception of Fords Rd. due to windfalls hung up in power lines. Algoma Power removed this tree by 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Watson suggested there are numerous trees along our municipal right of ways and ditches that could be cleaned up. With winter being not so busy right now and not being able to get into the sportsplex to make ice yet maybe we could look at doing a cleanup. Cemetery Road, Bar River Rd. etc.
Clerk to set up a joint meeting with Twp. of Laird. Invite them to our Feb. 16 meeting.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - North Channel Healthy Kids Community
Meeting is currently being scheduled. Collaborative Agreement was signed by Mayor and Clerk.
 - Echo Bay Hall
SPS put up the LED light in front of the hall on Sunday December 20.
Cooler at the Echo Bay Hall was running when the caretakers arrived one day. Need to put up a sign not to unplug the cooler.
 - North Shore Recreation Committee
Will meeting in January to set up a meeting to discuss slo-pitch and soccer programs.

-Summer Students

Working on 2016 grants.

-Sylvan Valley Hall

Waiting on Vaughan Construction for a quote. Defibrillator was out of commission after last inspection. Took the one from the museum/lending library for over the holidays. New one came today.

-Canteen Tender

Successful tender was made aware that we still do not have access to the building.

-Electrical Work

Contacting local electricians to see if they have the proper licensing etc.

- Museum

Next meeting January 20 at 10:00 a.m.

#16-3

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we accept the minutes of the Ekoba Historical Society from their October 7, 2015 and November 18, 2015 meetings as presented.”

CD.

-Museum/Lending Library

Hurley Roofing contacted on Dec. 24 to take down front corner of metal roofing.

-Parade of Lights

Everything went well. Large crowd and lots of floats. Low numbers at the carol sing.

-Sportsplex

CDI is hoping to have everything out by the end of this week. Hopefully they will turn the building over to us then but still have the list of deficiencies to work on. Some work will not be completed until spring (big door and canteen door). Council discussed a date for a cut off time whether or not we will even try to make ice this year. Takes 2-3 weeks and have not had the weather to do it. Does not look good based on future weather forecasts. To be revisited at our Jan. 19 meeting. If we do not have any ice should we look at renting some ice time at Desbarats and hire a bus to go? Get LSC to look at pricing.

#16-4

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

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

CD.

-Algoma Kinniwabi Tourism Book

-Boardwalk & Building Upkeep

-Trillium Report

c) Fire Chief

d) Treasurer's Report

e) Planning Board

f) Police Services Board

-next meeting Monday January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

g) Algoma District Services Administration Board

h) Algoma District Municipal Association

i) Landfill/Recycling

#16-5

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOVLED that we put the composter from the landfill for sale with conditions that we sell as is and they have to remove it.”

CD.

j) Sewer and Water

-meter reading on January 29, 2016-request that Landfill Attendant do it
Landfill Attendant will be doing the next meter reading on January 29, 2016.

-cost for sewer clean out between Lucy Loo's & plant on Dec. 15/15
Defer to Jan. 19 meeting.

6. By-Law
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
 - a) Recruitment of Staff Sgt. for SSM Detachment
Clerk to contact Supt. Ken Leppert and see if both Mayor and Chair of PSB can be part of the interview process. Interview scheduled for Tuesday January 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the SSM O.P.P. Detachment.
 - b) Suggested Dates for Budget Meetings
Monday Feb. 22, Monday March 21, Monday April 25.
 - c) Date for Round Table Meeting – Wed. January 27 at 7:00 p.m.
 - d) Date for Roads Meeting
Tuesday January 27 at 7:00 prior to the Round table Discussion.
 - e) Healthy Kids Community Challenge-Letter from Thessalon
Clerk to contact Thessalon municipal office to see if they would set up a meeting with all participants to discuss the administration of this program.
 - f) Central Algoma Elementary School-Tuesday January 26, 2016 1:00 p.m.-
Ribbon Cutting
 - g) Building Permits
9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts
10. Closed Session
11. Correspondence
 - a) Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards-Health Care System
#16-6
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we support the Twp. of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards in requesting the Minister of Health and Long Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario and the Minister return to the table, with Ontario’s doctors and work together through mediation & arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient focused care Ontario’s families deserve.”
CD.
 - b) West Nipissing-Classification of Winter Highway Classes
#16-7
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of West Nipissing in urging the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each one receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during the winter months thus ensuring the safety and security of all northern travelers.”
CD.
 - c) West Nipissing-Support for Expansion of Natural Gas Services
#16-8
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of West Nipissing in urging the Minister of Energy to consider expanding the accessibility to natural gas services in northern Ontario communities in order to provide similar financial saving opportunities to all northern residents and businesses.”
CD.

d) West Nipissing-Amendment to the Northern Health Travel Grant
#16-9

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of West Nipissing in urging the Minister of Health & Long Term Care to consider amending the qualifying criteria so that all round trips exceeding 100 km in total travelled distance be eligible for the Northern Health Travel Grant thus ensuring fair and equitable reimbursement for all Ontario residents who must travel outside of their community for specialized health care services.”

CD.

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Councillor Orchard commented that the O.P.P. need to do more to catch the ones that are doing all these break ins.

13. #16-10

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #16-1917 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on January 5, 2016.”

CD.

14. Adjournment

#16-11

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to January 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