

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JULY 19, 2016
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

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

Delegations: Echo Bay Elks-Rod MacIntyre, Chris Niemi, Paavo Pollari, Jacob Pollari

1. Call Meeting to Order
#16-226
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
#16-227
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on July 5, 2016 and the Special Committee of Adjustments Minutes held on July 5, 2016 be accepted as presented.”
CD.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations/Public Presentations

7:00 p.m. Elks
Jacob Pollari as spokesperson for the Echo Bay Elks put in a request to have a mud bog/ATV & UV oval track built on the Elks property to permit about three times a year an event that would involve this. Mayor Watson explained the prohibited use of a commercial race track anywhere in our municipality. They then inquired if Council would entertain an amendment to the by-law to permit this as a special use. Council suggested that a public meeting would have to be held to get feedback from the community and those in that immediate area. They are interested in doing this to bring people into our community and boost the economy as well as something fun for people to take part in. Clerk to contact planner to get some input from him. Also contact MNR to see what their concerns would be in regard to the Provincially Significant Wetlands. They left a plan for Council to take a look at and are willing to provide any information Council may require.

5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Echo Lake Rd.
Ditching and culvert replacement took place between July 11 & 14. Culvert at 195 Echo Lake Rd. needs to be replaced. Clerk to send letter with price of culvert. Centre line culvert near the old Hughson property was removed and ditching was done to shed water either way of that drain.
 - Surface Treatment
MSO started July 11th in Blind River and working their way west. They should be to us around the first part of August.
 - Maple Leaf Cemetery
Chain fence was not completed due to shortage of chain. More has been ordered and will be completed once it comes in.
 - 2016 Roads Gravel
Contract was completed with stockpiles filled on July 5.
 - Landfill
Recycle bins were moved again and look fine there.
 - Ends Side Rd.-White Road-Bolan Request
Discussed doing some ditching on the north side of White Rd. from the township line to where it dead ends.
There was a request to follow up on the letter sent to Sault College about the planes flying continuously over our municipality. Clerk to check into.

- b) Leisure Services Coordinator
-North Channel Healthy Kids Community
Next meeting July 20-cancelled. Community Garden is growing and two benches arrived and need to be put out.
-Slo-Pitch, T-ball, Soccer Programs
Soccer going well. We have 91 participants.
-Dunk Tank
Was picked up July 14. Received another request for the use of the dunk tank.
#16-239
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOVLED that we rent the dunk tank to Anishnabek Police for a BBQ celebration on August 17, 2016 for \$40.00.”

CD.

- Museum
Next meeting July 11at the Elks, work meeting.
-Boardwalk
It is still closed. Waiting for more boards to continue the repairs.
-Sportsplex
Roof is still on the deficiency list. Waiting for CDI to get locks working proper.
-Tower Lake Cabin
Another picnic table was removed from Tower Lake for repairs. Roads department power washed the washrooms and did a great job but they needed to be cleaned again due to a mess being made.
-Best Start Hub Advisory Committee
Waiting for a confirmed date for next meeting.
-Echo Bay Extravaganza
Theme was Logging and Saw Mill operations. Crowd of 250-300.
Everything went well.
-Summer Programs
-Grants-Canada 150 & Province 150-Algoma Power-Three Phase Power Quote
A discussion was held in regard to upgrades to the Sportsplex. Received quote from Algoma Power for three phase power-\$50,000.00 approx. Decided we would go with the three phase power rather than natural gas generator to operate the condenser and a cement floor rather than asphalt. We are applying under Canada 150 for the condenser and Ontario 150 for the power and floor. Need to get applications as quickly as able.
#16-237
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we apply to the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program for upgrades at the Sportsplex.”

CD.

- Had a discussion about a larger event next year on June 30 for the 30th Anniversary of the circulation of the Loon Dollar and the 25th Anniversary of the Loon Dollar Monument as well as a Canada Day Celebration for the 150th Anniversary of Canada and the Echo Bay Extravaganza on Sunday July 2. Decided to set up an Events Committee to plan this. Suggested Tom Headrick from the Elks, Cindy Findlay from the Twp., Ken Findlay from the Ekoba Museum Committee, Denise Watson as the Community Representative and Donny Baswa as a Ball League representative. Clerk to contact all these people to see if they are interested in sitting on this committee.
#16-238
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOVLED that we apply to the Ontario 150 Community Celebration Program for a July 1 event including 25th Anniversary of the Loon Dollar Monument.”

CD.

- c) Fire Chief
 - 2016 Fire Conference
 - #16-228
 - Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
 - Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
 - “RESOVLED that we authorize volunteer firefighters Kyle Hurley and Mark Whitmell to attend the 2016 Fire Conference in Thunder Bay on Sept. 8, 9 & 10, 2016. Registration fee \$293.80 each.”
 - CD.
 - Pump Test
 - Was done a week or so ago and everything passed.
 - Ladder Testing
 - Will take place in August as well as the air pack testing.
 - #16-240
 - Moved by: Shelly Bailey
 - Seconded by: Jean Robbins
 - “RESOLVED that we accept the reports from the Road Super, Leisure Services Coordinator and Fire Chief as presented.”
 - CD.
 - d) Treasurer’s Report
 - e) Planning Board
 - Dismissal Hearing August 4, 2016 -2:00 p.m.
 - f) Police Services Board
 - g) Algoma District Services Administration Board
 - h) Algoma District Municipal Association
 - Saturday October 1, 2016 in Echo Bay-confirmed
 - i) Landfill/Recycling
 - request from Part time Landfill Attendant for First Aid/CPR Course
 - landfill fees clarification
 - j) Sewer and Water
6. By-Law
- #16-1927 Clean Yard By-law-Working on Updating this
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
- a) Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund-Formula Based Funding & Top Up Component
 - #16-230
 - Moved by: Shelly Bailey
 - Seconded by: Jean Robbins
 - “RESOLVED that we authorize Tulloch to apply to OCIF application based component for Tuirra and Weller bridge replacement.”
 - CD.
 - b) Trefry Letter
 - Received a thank you letter from the Trefry Centre in regard to the Seniors of the Year BBQ.
 - c) Waste Diversion Ontario-Blue Box Transition
 - #16-231
 - Moved by: Lynn Orchard
 - Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
 - “RESOLVED that we send a letter to Waste Diversion Ontario supporting the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and their request to receive municipal collective funds to support the Blue Box Transition.”
 - CD.

- d) Ministry of Infrastructure-Asset Management Planning Requirements
#16-232
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to attend a consultation session on Asset Management Planning, on July 26, 2016 in Sudbury. No registration fee.”

CD.

- e) Lane Closure-Centre Avenue
#16-233
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we declare Centre Ave. as surplus and direct the Clerk to proceed with a by-law to stop up and close the land for future sale.”

CD.

- f) Building Permits
#16-234
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOVLED that we acknowledge CBO authorized building permits to Rob Shaughnessy-shingles, Dara McKinnon-replace deck, Bruce Bayles-shingles, windows & insulation, Timo Kurkiniemi-shingles.”

CD.

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts
#16-229
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOVLED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills for June 2016:
Invoices: \$304,661.78
Payroll: \$27,621.42
Total: \$332,283.20

CD.

10. Closed Session

11. Correspondence
a) Sylvia Jones MPP Dufferin-Caledon-Intensive Behavioral Intervention Therapy
b) Perth County Council-Climate Change Action Plan
Resolution # 16-235
Moved By: Jean Robbins
Seconded By: Shelly Bailey

RESOLVED that we support Perth County in requesting:

1. **THAT** the Ontario government commit to consultations with rural Ontario municipalities, residents and businesses regarding the design and implementation of the government’s Climate Change Action Plan; and
2. **THAT** the Premier remain committed to a provincial government that puts a rural lens on its decision-making, and ensure the expansion of natural gas to rural municipalities within the Climate Change Action Plan; and
3. **THAT** the Ontario government outline in detail how it will financially assist rural Ontario municipalities, residents and businesses in order to transition to meet provincial targets for reducing greenhouse gases;
4. **AND THAT** this resolution be provided to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne-Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Glen Murray-Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Jeff Leal-Minister of Agriculture, Food and rural Affairs, the Honourable Glenn Thibeault-Minister of Energy, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and Algoma District Municipalities Association

- c) City of Quinte West-Taxation Impact on Campgrounds
#16-236
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOVLED that we support the City of Quinte West in recognizing the benefit and values all campgrounds throughout Ontario and in Canada and supports Camping In Ontario’s initiative that changes be implemented to ensure campgrounds are recognized as small businesses and pay the same taxes as other small businesses.”
CD
- d) Ministry of Municipal Affairs-Ontario Municipal Board Review
- e) Michael Mantha MPP-MTO Hwy 17 improvements between Espanola and Sudbury

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Mayor Watson brought up a resolution that Hearst passed in regard to the passenger train and the need to support it.

Councillor Bailey declared a conflict and left the room.

Resolution # 16-241

Moved By: Jean Robbins

Seconded By: Parker Brockelbank

WHEREAS the Federal Government decided in late 2013 to cease its investment in the Algoma Central passenger train service, an investment which it continued for many years to ensure safe and reliable access into many remote areas between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst, Ontario; and

WHEREAS the service was discontinued by CN Rail as a result of the loss of the Federal Government’s investment in early 2014; and

WHEREAS as a result of the cessation of this service, access has now been denied to many residents, tourist business operators, trappers and First Nations, and

WHEREAS a Working Group has been formed comprised of affected stakeholders, chaired by Chief Jason Gauthier of Missanabie Cree First Nation, and

WHEREAS the group is moving forward on a plan to create a not-for-profit corporation to be led by Missanabie Cree First Nation and to include representation from the communities affected (Sault Ste. Marie to Hearst), and all other stakeholders as identified; and

WHEREAS the continued and ongoing investment by Transport Canada is absolutely essential to the successful return of passenger rail service to the region as was recognized by the previous Government in 2015 when it reconsidered its position and announced a further 3 years of funding; and

WHEREAS Transport Canada’s stated mission is “To serve the public interest through the promotion of a safe and secure, efficient and environmentally responsible transportation system in Canada”, and

WHEREAS a study completed in 2015 by BDO Canada concluded that the Algoma passenger train is in the public interest in that it supported: -\$38-\$48 million in direct and indirect economic impact, -170-220 direct and indirect jobs and -\$5.12-\$6.46 million in tax generation; and

WHEREAS this same study also concluded that at least 75% of residents and property owners of the Algoma passenger rail corridor do not have other safe or reliable year-round access to their residences or properties; and

WHEREAS Mask-wa Oo-ta-ban (The Bear Train) is an initiative of the Missanabie Cree First Nation and the Algoma Passenger Train Working group to re-establish and optimize the Algoma passenger train service to support the social, economic, employment and remote access needs of the First Nations, communities, residents, businesses and socio-economic stakeholders of the Algoma passenger train corridor, an initiative that follows and supports the mission of Transport Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional supports the efforts of the Working Group and requests that the Government of Canada recognize the mission of Transport Canada and support immediate resumption of the Algoma passenger train services by; 1. Requiring and compensating CN Rail to immediately resume scheduled service of the Algoma passenger train to support the social, economic, employment and remote access needs of the First Nations, communities residents, businesses and socio-economic stakeholders of the Algoma passenger train corridor, 2. Supporting the Missanabie Cree First and Algoma Passenger Train Working Group in their cooperative development of Mask-wa Oo-ta-gan, the Bear Train, to assume responsibility for, and optimize long-term operations of the Algoma passenger train in order to maximize the economic, employment, remote access and other public interests and values of the Algoma passenger train, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional requests that the Government of Canada's future decisions concerning direction for the support, scheduling and maintenance of Algoma's passenger train services be based on the economic, employment, environmental, social, public safety and other needs dependent on the passenger train services along with consultation with First Nations, communities, residences, businesses and socio-economic stakeholder interest, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional requests that the federal and provincial government recognize the Algoma Central Railway passenger train services and the rail access corridor it services as a unique and valuable cultural, historic, recreational, environmental and economic asset where Federal and Provincial planning and investment need to consider the value and viability of train travel and recreation, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to: MP Terry Sheehan, MP Carol Hughes, MPP David Orazetti, MPP Michael Mantha, Canada's Minister of Transport the Honourable Marc Garneau, Canada's Prime Minister the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Ontario's Minister of Northern Development and Mines the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Ontario's Premier the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, FONOM and ADMA

CD.

More discussion was held in regard to the Elks proposal for a track to hold an event with races and mud bogs. Clerk to contact Planner to get feedback. Also MNR in regard to the PSW being very close.

Councillor Robbins brought up the lip railing on the Boardwalk and hoped it would be completed along with the repairs.

13. Confirming By-law
#16-242
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
"RESOLVED that we pass By-law #16-1939 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 19, 2016."

CD.

14. Adjournment
#16-243
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to August 23, 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