

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2016
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay

1. Call Meeting to Order
#16-72
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
#16-73
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on February 16, 2016 and Special Minutes of Council held on February 22, 2016 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
4. Delegations/Public Presentations
5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Winter Operations
Plowing, sanding and ice blading has been taking place.
No frozen culverts yet.
 - Landfill-meeting March 3
Pushed garbage on Feb. 24. Meeting set up for Thurs. at 9:00 all roads and landfill staff, Mayor, Clerk and Councillor Bailey.
 - 2016 Surface Treatment
EARS Association last meeting voted NOT to invite Robinson Construction to this year’s Surface Treatment Tender due to a poor evaluation of 2015 surface treatment.
 - AORS Public Works Trade Show
#16-74
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Road Super to attend the AORS Public Works Trade Show on June 1 & 2, 2016 in Sturgeon Falls.”
CD.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - North Channel Healthy Kids Community
This is on hold currently as Thessalon has stepped down as the administrator. It was discussed at the Feb. 25 ADSSAB meeting and they may take it on. More information to follow.
 - Poverty Network
Mayor Watson attended a meeting at Thessalon First Nations on Friday Feb. 26. It was not well attended. Does not seem to be very organized.
 - North Shore Recreation Committee
Met on March 1 to discuss the slo-pitch and soccer programs.
 - Summer Students
Federal Government has put an extension on their Canada Summer Jobs Grant until March 11. We will be applying for the Horticulture, Parks & Recreation Assistant position. MNDM no longer has their program available so we will have to take a look at this if we are going to apply for another summer student position.
 - Winter Carnival Play Day
Took place Sat. Feb. 27. Weather was great. Report to come.

- Museum

Next meeting March 3. Work bees have been taking place on Wednesdays from 9-noon.

#16-75

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the Minutes from the January 20, 2016 Ekoba Historical Society as presented.”

CD.

-Echo Bay Hall

Child Care Algoma is looking for more funding to continue their Community Kitchens which are going really well.

-Sportsplex

We were able to have a skate at the winter carnival. We are going to have open skates Thurs. 6-8, Friday 7-9 and Saturday 1-3 then the ice will probably be done with the warm weather coming.

Still waiting for the quote from CDI for the ramps for the ice resurfacers.

Staff had training with Tim Jensen from MET Engineering at equipment at Sportsplex.

Clerk and LSC met with Matt Naslovar from TSSA on Feb. 24. He went over what to expect from his report we will be receiving soon. He is looking into the interpretation of Propane Storage & Handling Code 10.8.5 regarding pit ventilation and what is required.

Superior Crane & Mechanical has been contacted to come and service the lift for the hockey nets.

-Easter Craft Night

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

Child Care Algoma will be partnering with us again this year.

-Best Start Hub Advisory Committee

The next meeting is at CASS on April 4.

-Fitness Update

Kristy is inquiring about adding more yoga nights at the Sylvan Valley Hall.

c) Fire Chief

-Update on Zone 2 Meeting

Was attended by all departments but the Soo. Report provided.

-Johnson Fire Truck Maintenance

They had to do some repairs to their pumper. Will not be out of service for long.

-Update on Truck #12-Fire Rescue Truck

The rad could be repaired and was back in service on Feb. 22.

-Update on Calls to date

Four calls to date.

#16-76

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“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

f) Police Services Board

-next meeting March 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

-Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Invitation to Regional Consultation Sessions Strategy for a Safer Ontario

#16-77

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor, Clerk and Chair of Police Services Board attend a Consultation Session for the Strategy for a Safer Ontario for O.P.P. on Thursday March 31, 2016 in Sudbury.”

CD.

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
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
- a) AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Workshop
#16-78
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Workshop on May 4-6, 2016 in Sundridge. Registration fee \$95.00.”

CD.
 - b) Budget Meeting-Monday March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Clerk and Treasurer to meet with all department heads prior to meeting.
 - c) North Channel Healthy Kids Community-Discussion
ADSSAB is looking into if they can oversee this program. Hopefully Thessalon will be hosting a meeting soon to discuss. More information to follow.
 - d) Senior Engagement Conference
#16-79
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we donate the Echo Bay Community Hall to the O.P.P. for their Senior Engagement Conference on Thursday May 5, 2016. No charge.”

CD.
 - e) Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection & Emergency Management
#16-80
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to attend “Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection & emergency Management-A Decision Makers Guide” seminar on March 30, 2016 in Wawa. Registration Fee \$25.00.”

CD.
 - f) Elected Officials Treasurer’s Statement-deferred
 - g) Black Bear Management in Ontario
Ministry of Natural Resources have extended the spring bear hunt for five years and opened it up to all WMU as well as non residents.
 - h) Elk Advisory Committee
#16-81
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by; Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we authorize Councillor Orchard and the Clerk to attend an Elk Municipal Presentation on March 23, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 at the Laird Community Hall.”

CD.

- i) Blind River District Health Centre-March 29, 2016 Meeting will be hosted here at the Echo Bay Community Hall
#16-82
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOVLED that we authorize the use of the Echo Bay Community Hall on March 29, 2016 for the Blind River District Health Centre Board Meeting at no charge.”

CD.

- j) Building Permits
#16-83
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we acknowledge CBO approved a building permit to Birch lake Holdings (Chris Gordon) for a camp.”

CD.

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts

10. Closed Session

11. Correspondence

- a) Township of Wellington North & Township of Southgate-Bill 36
#16-84
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Wellington North & Township of Southgate in requesting that the Minister of the Attorney General support the provisions in Bill 36 to discourage trespassing on private property.”

CD.

- b) Municipality of Callander-Gas Price Variance in Northern Ontario

- c) Municipality of Bluewater-Physician Incentives

#16-85

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the Municipality of Bluewater in requesting that the Minister of Health and Long Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario and that 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 families deserve.”

CD.

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Mayor Watson received a request to set up a meeting of the Health Steering Committee. He will let us know when it is scheduled.

Clerk to contact Municipal Plumber to inspect Lucy Loo’s grease trap to confirm that it is functioning properly.

13. #16-86

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #16-1923 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 1, 2016.”

CD.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 16, 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