

REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY MARCH 15, 2016
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

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

1. Call Meeting to Order
#16-88
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
#16-89
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on March 1, 2016 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
4. Delegations/Public Presentations
5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Load Reduction Period
Load reduction signs put up on Wed. March 9th.
 - Excavator Rental
Rd. super got two quotes for shovel rental for landfill work-36 ton Cat \$3,600.00 per week (Toromont) and 20 ton Hyundai, \$2,800.00 per week (Construction Equipment).
 - Roadside Brushing
Ordered same unit as last year. Will be delivered from Brampton mid April. We will do 60 hours again this year.
 - Hi-Cal
Quote to supply 1500 tonne to township yard.
 - 209 Echo Lake Road Culvert
Received a letter from property owner at 209 Echo Lake Rd. in regard to culvert replacement.
#16-90
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we send a letter to the property owner at 209 Echo Lake Rd. stating the agreement was for the property owner to change the culvert and the municipality expects that to still happen by May 31, 2016.”
CD.
 - Union Gas Request
Need more information before finalizing this request.
 - Broad Spectrum Equipment Rentals
Waiting to receive prices on equipment rental.
Council suggested the road crew could take down the municipal decorative signs. Clerk to contact MTO to see if there are any regulations to remove these signs and get the new regulations on putting up a new municipal decorative signs. Clerk to get information from Johnson, who did their sign.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - North Channel Healthy Kids Community
ADSSAB has agreed to assist with this program. A meeting has been scheduled for Wed. March 16 at 2:00 in Thessalon to present the budget that has been prepared and must be spent prior to March 31. Clerk will be attending in the LSC place.

-Grow Together-Promoting Central Algoma

#16-92

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we purchase a double space for advertisement in the Johnson Farmers Market placemat in the amount of \$120.00.”

CD.

-Poverty Network

Mayor Watson attended this meeting. An application has to be in by June 1 if they are going to take advantage of funding that is available. Not sure if this will take place or not. Does not seem to be very organized.

-North Shore Recreation Committee

Soccer & Slo-Pitch registration by April 8. A mini soccer group has been added this year for children going into JK.

-Picnic Table Request

Has a request from Sammy Evoy to use the picnic tables for a wedding. Council decided not to lend them out and offer the wooden tables instead.

-Summer Students

Extension to the Canada Summer Jobs Grant was until March 11. We applied for two more students, Horticulture & Landfill Assistant and Parks & Recreation. We will see if we are successful. The \$2.00 per hour through the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines is no longer available.

-Winter Carnival Play Day

Was held on Feb. 27 at the Sportsplex. We were able to get a skate in. About 50 participants. Those who came had a good time.

- Museum

Next meeting April 14 at 10:00 a.m. work bees are taking place Wednesday's from 9-noon. They are mudding the drywall this past week.

-Echo Bay Hall

Child Care Algoma Community Kitchens will be taking place at the day care now not the hall due to lack of separation space.

-Sportsplex

We had open skates on March 3, 4 & 5. Still waiting for quote from CDI for ramps for ice resurfacer. Superior Crane & Mechanical was in and serviced the jib lift for the hockey nets on March 3. Hand ice edger arrived on March 8, 2016. Spoke with Francois Bilodeau from Eco Ice.-LSC to make arrangements for him to come and speak to Council.

-Easter Craft Night

March 21 at the Echo Bay Community Hall from 3:30-6:00. Child Care Algoma will be partnering with us and there will be an Easter egg hunt as well.

-Best Start Hub Advisory Committee

Next meeting as CASS on April 4

-Fitness Update

More Yoga classes are being added at the Sylvan Valley Hall.

-NSCAN

In the process of setting up a meeting in last April or early May at the Ermatinger Heritage site in SSM. The chairperson has stepped down which is why no meetings have been scheduled for a while.

-Donation Request

#16-93

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we donate one hour of ice time for the 2016/2017 season as a prize for a fundraiser at the Echo Bay Elks for work to be done on the ball fields.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

-Air Brake Course

Two more firefighters will have finished their air brake course.

-Budget Meeting

Meeting with Councillor Robbins, Deputy and Captains about budget.

-March 10 Tour-Exchange Students
37 exchange students from Japan attended the tour at the Fire Hall.
Everything went well.
-Update on Truck #12-Fire Rescue Truck
Rad has to be changed
-Truck #10 Report
Johnson Fire Service was down and cleaned up the primer on #10. Also measured the piping that was leaking and will make arrangements for the repair.
#16-96
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
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
-next meeting March 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- g) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- h) Algoma District Municipal Association
-Saturday April 16 in Spanish
- i) Landfill/Recycling
-report on meeting with Roads Dept.
Discussed different ways to improve the landfill. Waiting for more information from the Ministry of Environment as well as Tulloch to see what we have to do and what we can do.
-post for part time landfill attendant on Saturday’s
#16-91
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we post for a part time landfill attendant for Saturday’s year round.”

CD.

- discuss fees for dump trailers
Clerk to put a by-law together to present to Council at the April 5 meeting.
-Landfill/Horticulture Summer Student
- j) Sewer and Water

6. By-Law

#16-1924 Tax Ratios for 2016
#16-97
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #16-1924 being a By-law for establishing Tax Ratios for 2016.”

CD.

#16-98
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOVLED that we give By-law #16-1924 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#16-99
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we give By-law #16-1924 its third and final reading.”

CD.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- a) 2016 LAS Town Hall Sessions
#16-100
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED we authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to attend a 2016 LAS Town Hall Session on May 19, 2016 in Espanola from 10:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. No registration fee.”

CD.

- #16-101
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED we authorize Councillor Robbins to attend a 2016 LAS Town Hall Session on May 11, 2016 in Timmins prior to the FONOM Conference. No registration fee.”

CD.

- b) Budget Meeting-Monday March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- c) North Channel Healthy Kids Community-Discussion
Clerk will be attending the meeting tomorrow in Thessalon.
- d) Municipal Plumber Applications
Received two applications. We will invite both to an interview.
- e) Algoma Public Health-Institute on Governance Meeting
March 31, 2016 1:00 p.m. Health Unit 294 Willow St.
Mayor and Clerk will be out of town. No one available to attend at this point in time.
- f) Ministry of Health & Long Term Care-resolution for rent for Nurse Practitioner Clinic-deferred
- g) Elected Officials Treasurer’s Statement
#16-102
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we accept the Treasurer’s Statement of Elected Officials as presented.”
- h) Local Poverty Reduction Fund-deferred
- i) Matthews Memorial Hospital Resolution

CD.

Resolution # 16-103
Moved By: Shelly Bailey
Seconded By: Jean Robbins

WHEREAS the Matthews memorial Hospital provides 24 Hour Emergency Services to a catchment area from Echo Bay through Bruce Mines and St. Joseph island and receives emergency patients from the travelling public and residents across central Algoma, including Sault Ste. Marie;

AND WHEREAS over 6,000 year round residents live in the Matthews Memorial Hospital catchment area and this number increases significantly during the summer months;

AND WHEREAS the Northeast Local Health integration Network (Northeast LHIN) placed the Matthews Memorial Hospital and Thessalon Hospital under the umbrella of the Blind River District Health Centre (BRDHC) with the promise that Blind River would better understand and provide for the needs of the rural communities serviced by them;

AND WHEREAS it has been rumoured that BRDHC is considering reducing the hours at the Matthews Memorial Hospital site to a 12-hour (daytime) service;

AND WHEREAS having 24 our emergency care at Matthew memorial Hospital has saved lives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional requests that the Blind River District Health Centre re-affirm its commitment to maintaining 24 hour Emergency Care at Matthews Memorial Hospital, and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Blind River District Health Centre begin a process to improve their understanding of the health care needs of central Algoma residents and work with the area communities to develop a comprehensive plan to better meet those needs

CD.

j) Blind River District Health Centre-March 29, 2016 Meeting will be hosted here at the Echo Bay Community Hall-**cancelled here** (meeting still taking place but will be held in Blind River)

k) Building Permits

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts
#16-94

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay the following bills for month of February 2016:

Invoices: \$140,437.93

Payroll: \$25,201.14

Total: \$165,639.07

CD.

Councillor Brockelbank declared a conflict on the next motion and left the room.

#16-95

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay Broad Spectrum (Ontario) Ltd. \$8,305.97 for winter sand for February 2016.”

CD.

Councillor Brockelbank returned to the meeting.

10. Closed Session

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

- a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

11. Correspondence

a) Township of Minden Hills-Request for Review of the New OPP Billing Model

#16-104

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Minden Hills in requesting that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services review and reconsider the New OPP Billing Model, reconsider assuming a larger portion of the overall OPP budget for all Ontario municipalities serviced by OPP and perform an in-depth review of the current expenditures in order to reduce the cost per household.”

CD.

- b) Michael Mantha MPP-City of Waukesha, Wisconsin’s plan to divert water from Lake Michigan
- c) Township of Burpee and Mills-Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Mayor and Clerk met with Lisa Krug from ADSSAB to discuss the Provincial Government announcement for funding for Affordable Housing and if we can start working on another 10 unit 2 bedroom seniors complex with a Nurse Practitioner Clinic attached to it. Lisa will bring this request to Keith Bell to discuss and present to the Board at their next meeting.

13. #16-105

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #16-1925 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 15, 2016.”

CD.

14. Adjournment

#16-106

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to April 5, 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