

**REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2015
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay

1. Call Meeting to Order
#15-391
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
#15-392
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on November 17, 2015 and Special Minutes of Council held on November 24, 2015 be accepted as presented.”
CD.
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
4. Delegations/Public Presentations
5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Christmas Lights
Mounted November 18.
 - King Lane
Timbers in rail way crossing changed on Nov. 19. Township backhoe was used along with Huron Central crew so there is no cost to the township for these repairs.
 - Iron River Rd.
Bank of the creek approximately half way from Echo Lake Rd. and Birch Lake Rd. has slumped into Creek on the side of the road. Installing blasted rock to firm up bank and to stop further slumping.
 - Maple Leaf Cemetery
Installed decorative chain on fence posts Nov. 25th.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - North Channel Healthy Kids Community
A tentative meeting is scheduled for Monday November 30 at 6:00-8:30 p.m. this is to be held in the Thessalon Municipal Office Meeting Room & Webex. We have craft night that night so nobody attending.
 - Echo Bay Hall
A senior backed into the drainage hole at the hall during the Senior Day Out Program on Nov. 4. The abutment was put in place on Nov. 18.
 - North Shore Recreation Committee
Will be waiting until the New Year to discuss the slo-pitch and soccer programs
 - Tower Lake
ADSB Outdoor Ed Program from White Pines Collegiate and Vocation School were there November 18, 19 & 20. Everything went well considering the weather.
 - New Swings at Milligan Gazebo
Sand will have to wait until the spring. The sand being used at the arena is water holding sand and we need drainage sand for the swings.
 - Sylvan Valley Hall
Waiting on Vaughan Construction for a quote on the side stairs and platform in the front.

-OFSC Snowmobile Course

Snowmobile course was held at the Echo Bay Community Hall on November 21, 9-4 p.m. The instructor is from Elliot Lake and this year it was sponsored by the Echo Bay Snow Falcons. We had 24 participants.

-Electrical Work

Has not been successful contact an electrical with his master license. Any suggestions? Councillor Brockelbank suggested Graham Pateman and Councillor Bailey suggested contacting Jim Vaughan to see who he uses. Councillor Robbins said she would get the name of the person who did work at the Elks. We will get an hourly rate from them.

- Museum

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

-Parade of Lights

Meeting was scheduled for Nov. 17 at 10:30. Encroachment permit was approved by MTO on November 17. Crime Stoppers will be taking care of the barricades. Road closures will be taken care of by the OPP.

-Echo Bay Hall

#15-393

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we authorize the use of the Echo Bay Community Hall on Thursday December 17, 2015 for the Annual School Turkey Dinner at no charge.”

CD.

-Child Care Algoma

#15-394

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we authorize the use of the Echo Bay Community Hall the first and third Wednesday’s of every month to the Community Action Program for Children/Best Start Hub, for learning activities such as Family Community Kitchen, Kids in Kitchen, Simple Sewing for Kids & Music & Movement sessions at no charge.”

CD.

-Sportsplex

Spoke with Garr from Tulloch and requested that the gates be installed in front of both roll up doors as was previously there.

Arena tender went out due Nov. 13 at 4:00 p.m. We received 4 applications. Need to set up interviews-Thursday December 3 starting at 4:00 p.m.

-Algoma Kinniwabi Tourism Book

In the process of talking with the representative to see how out area can be developed for printing.

-Boardwalk & Building Upkeep

Look at into the New Year-budget item.

-Trillium Report

Update their criteria. When the information is verified we will receive an email from OTF to confirm whether our registration has been accepted and eligible to apply. Can take up to 10 days.

c) Fire Chief

-Update on calls

-Update on training

-recommendation to accept two new firefighters

#15-395

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we accept Fire Chief’s recommendation and appoint Kyle Hurley and Mark Whitmell to the Echo Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. conditional to all requirements being met.”

CD.

-Tea & Bake Sale Nov. 29 11-2

Everything went well.

-Request from Nancy & Jeff Howson
#15-396

Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Fire Chief to provide a copy of the Fire Report to Jeff & Nancy Howson for their garage fire that occurred on November 22, 2015.”

CD.

-Off on Dec. 21 & 28 unless needed
#15-397

Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“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

Monday November 23-Report

Good Meeting. Staff Sgt. Esposto will be leaving for a position in Sudbury. Recruitment for new Staff Sgt. To begin soon.

g) Algoma District Services Administration Board

h) Algoma District Municipal Association

i) Landfill/Recycling

Landfill hours over the Christmas Holidays will be-Closed Saturday December 26-open Tuesday Dec. 29 12-5-Open Thursday Dec.31 12-5. No commercial recycling on Thursday morning Dec. 21 and open Saturday January 2 9-5.

Bag Tags are being delivered tomorrow in the village and Thursday to the rural area.

j) Sewer and Water

6. By-Law

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a) New Movie “The Void”-will not be filming here now

b) Hwy 17 Interchange Notice of Study Completion-Preliminary Design-Council Comments-Nov. 24 meeting with MTO

Had meeting with MTO staff on November 24. It was a good meeting. We will not see any construction for a number of years. Final design still has to be done.

#15-398

Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we support the MTO Preliminary Design for the Hwy 17 4-lane interchange conditional on continued discussion with the property owners who are affected.”

CD.

c) Sportsplex Restoration Project Update

-still waiting for ESA approval for the new pole in order to hook up lights in the building

-siding almost done

-rest of steel work happening this week

-everything is here for the roofing work and will be done soon

-role up window on canteen opening

-dasher board people to be here this week

-hope to be done next Friday

d) Staff Meeting Tuesday December 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

- e) Photo Monitoring System-Councillor Robbins
 - provided information on pricing for trail cams to be put on the Sportsplex
 - council asked for pricing on actual security cameras
- f) Emergency Management Training-November 25, 2015-Report
 - Had Colin Tucker from Huron Central attend the emergency management training and he did a presentation on their emergency management plan and provided information of the types of materials that are transported on the railway through our area. There are no hazardous materials that are transported between SSM and Sudbury. We then did a table top exercise with the Community Control Group on a train derailment. It was a good training exercise with good discussion.

- g) Extension of Spring Bear Hunt
 - #15-399
 - Moved by: Jean Robbins
 - Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
 - “RESOVLED that we provide full support for the proposed extension and expansion of the black bear pilot project to address safety concerns in Northern Ontario and bring much needed economic and tourism activity to the region and we send a letter in response to EBR Registry No. 012-5485, Black Bear Pilot Project.”

CD.

- h) Building Permits
 - #15-400
 - Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
 - Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
 - “RESOLVED that we acknowledge CBO approved Building Permits to Andrew Lapish-shingles, Fred & Lori Hurley-shingles, Janice Omond-remove existing and deck and build new one, Mark Laakso-garage, and a demolition permit to Richard Beaton-old garage.”

CD.

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts

10. Closed Session

#15-401

Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins

RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2) :

- d) **labour relations or employee negotiations;**

CD.

Mayor Watson & Clerk reported on the Employee Informal Performance Appraisals that were conducted on November 26. All full time employees were given an opportunity to discuss their individual jobs, what they enjoyed, what could be improved etc.

Council discussed potential wage increases for staff for 2016.

Discussed setting up a separate Roads Staff Meeting in the New Year.

#15-402

Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we come out of Closed Session at 10:10 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

11. Correspondence

- a) Municipality of Neebing-Police Services Act
- b) CN-Snow Removal Operations

- 12. Mayor & Councillors Comments
- 13. #15-403
 Moved by: Shelly Bailey
 Seconded by: Jean Robbins
 “RESOLVED that we pass By-law #15-1915 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on December 1, 2015.”
 CD.
- 14. Adjournment
 #15-404
 Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
 Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
 “RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”
 CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2015

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR