

**REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2017
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Glen Irwin-CBO

1. Call Meeting to Order
#17-381
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
#17-382
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on November 21, 2017 be
accepted as presented.”
CD.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations/Public Presentation

5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Maple Leaf Cemetery Sign
Has been taken down and stored behind the vault. Cemetery Board to
decide in the spring if they want to put it back up or not.
 - Arena
Electrical line trench from arena to condenser was backfilled Nov. 29.
 - Landfill Bulldozer
One of the top track rollers is wore out, will replace it in spring. The dozer
will work without it.
 - Culverts (Entrance’s)
Cemetery Rd and End’s Side Rd have been taken care of. Watson Rd.
culvert to be installed by Karhi. Roberta Blvd. has a construction culvert
in there right now while the house is still being built and heavy deliveries
are taking place. A permanent culvert to be installed in spring.
 - Cat Backhoe
Expecting delivery end of this week or first of next week.
 - 2018 Surface Treatment
Requesting Council to start thinking about this for the 2018 budget.
Suggesting single treatment on Maple Leaf Rd. East Hwy 17B to cul de
sac and a single on Watson Rd. from Government Rd. to Landfill
entrance.
 - 2018 Hot Mix Paving
Old Sylvan Valley Hill and Elizabeth St. More discussion at the 2018
Budget meetings.
Councillor Orchard suggested we need to look at Mitchell Hill before we
do an overlay there. Pretty rough might consider Hot Mix on that Hill as
well as the hill on Cemetery Rd. from Hwy 638 to the top. Also, need to
consider surface treating Cloudy Lake Rd.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - North Channel Healthy Kids Community Challenge
Next meeting Dec. 12 9:45 a.m. Little Rapids. Good Food Box order due
Dec. 15 and pick up on December 22
 - Museum

Next meeting is on Feb. 13 at 10:00 a.m.

#17-383

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we accept the Minutes from the Sept. 19, 2017 Ekoba Historical Society as presented.”

CD.

Luncheon with four older members of the community to talk and get their information on key factors of our township before we lose the history is on December 6 at Vivian & Don Hall’s home.

-Christmas Pole Lights

Algoma Power put them up on November 24 and they are on.

Lights are looking pretty worn. Need to start budgeting for new ones.

-25th Annual Parade of Lights-25 Years of Memories

Waiting for encroachment permit from MTO. Finalizing drivers for floats.

-Children’s Christmas Craft Night

Monday Nov. 27. Had 10 children. It was a PD Day this year and that hurt the numbers.

-Sportsplex

Received one application for Part time Arena Caretaker so far. Down The Line Electric have been asked to install a door bell on the front door and look at the large roll up door. A 2000 watt wall heater with thermostat installed on Nov. 29, just waiting for power to turn on. Reel removed from wall.

-ECO Ice-Update

Arrived Monday November 27 and finished installation on Tuesday December 5. Laurent will arrive tomorrow for the start up. Hopefully by the end of the weekend we can start making ice.

-OFSC Snowmobile Drivers Training Course

Took place Sunday December 3 with 15 participant’s 6-MMAA, 2-Laird, 6-SSM, 1-Hilton Beach.

-Skate Program

Shamrocks would like to run a skating program here. Need more details.

-Echo Bay School Annual Turkey Dinner

#17-384

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we donate the Echo Bay Hall to the Echo Bay School for their Annual School turkey Dinner on Wednesday December 20, 2017.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

-Tires for 2 Fire Trucks

JT Auto is installing the tires today on the new one ton.

-Resignation Letter

#17-385

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the Resignation Letter from Tyler Hurley with regret and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.”

CD.

-One Application for Approval

#17-386

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we accept Fire Chief’s recommendation to appoint MacGregor Alcock to the Echo Bay Volunteer Fire Department conditional to all requirements being met.”

CD.

- d) Huron North Community Economic Alliance-Tourism Summit
Mayor Watson attended this meeting and felt it was a very good meeting. Well attended. Discussed how do we bring people to our area? We have some of the best kept secrets, just need to figure out how to promote it.
 - e) Huron North Community Economic Alliance-Business Summit-Thursday Nov. 30th-5:30-9:30 p.m. Blind River Marina Lounge-report
This meeting was very well attended, the marina was crowded. Promoting all municipalities to do a Strategic Plan and get your community involved and engaged. Next summit is Agriculture on January 22.
 - f) Food Bank Update-Nov. 30 Meeting at United Church
Clerk attended the Board Meeting at the United Church and did a presentation in regard to the Echo Bay & Area Food Bank. They are in favour of moving forward with the Church as the lead agency with the Township, Child Care Algoma, Women's Institute, Home & School, Echo Bay Public School, Churches etc. as partners. We will get working on the policies and procedures in January and hope to get off the ground starting in the spring.
 - g) December 12, 2017-7:00 p.m.-Staff Meeting
 - h) Quote for Fence at Sportsplex & Ice Deflectors
#17-392
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey
"RESOLVED that we accept the quote from MacLeod Building Contractors to supply & install a fence around the compressor at the Sportsplex as well as 3 steel ice guards on the west roof."
CD.
 - i) Building Permits
-Outstanding Alloi Permit
CBO is not prepared to accept the drawings unless they have been stamped by an engineer for the cement slab. Clerk to provide information to property owner in regard to local engineers.
9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts
10. Closed Session
11. Correspondence
- a) Matthew's Memorial Hospital Association-
 - b) Notice of Study Completion for Hydro One SSM
 - c) Ministry of Finance-2018 OMPF Funding
We are down \$9,800 from 2016.
12. Mayor & Councillors Comments
Mayor Watson said he would be attending a Rural Health Care Steering Committee Meeting on Dec. 7, 2017 at the McLennan Hall at 7:00.
13. Confirming By-law
#17-393
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
"RESOLVED that we pass By-law #17-1987 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on December 5, 2017."
CD.

14. Adjournment
#17-394
Moved by: Shelly Bailey
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to December 19, 2017 at
7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”

CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2017

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR