

**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL**  
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

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

Delegation: Algoma Power-Peggy Lund, Andrea

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#17-44  
Moved by: Jean Robbins  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
  
2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
#17-45  
Moved by; Parker Brockelbank  
Seconded by: Jean Robbins  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on February 7, 2017 be accepted as presented.”
  
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
  
4. Delegations/Public Presentations  
  
7:00 p.m. Algoma Power  
Peggy Lund- Customer Relations Supervisor  
-looking for feedback on how to best get information out to the public  
Andrea-Corridors for Life  
-focusing on pollinator project-partnered with Algoma University  
Customer Service  
-priority accounts-a direct access phone #24/7  
-there will be a new trouble line that people can call-Peggy to send it to us to put in the next newsletter  
Energy Efficiency  
-small lighting program still going on  
-Save On Energy  
-Your Kilowatt Hour-would like to book Council Chamber for a day for people to come into a meeting so API can explain their bills to them-late April  
Operations Update  
-Vegetation Management for 2017, Bar River Rd. Parts 2 & 3-once this is done they will be out of our area for 6-8 years.  
Pole Replacement  
-nothing big in our area  
-Mayor Watson inquired about the agreement between Bell and API and how they can expedite Bell transferring their lines over to new poles-it takes them forever to do this-they are discussing this with Bell  
Regulatory-New Rates  
-8% rebate off of HST for most customers-Jan. 1 2017  
-.6% decrease for residential customers  
-1.5% decrease for small business  
-6.9% increase for industrial  
-2.7 increase seasonal
  
5. Staff & Committee Reports
  - a) Road Supervisor  
-Birch St. Sewer Repair  
Taking place Tuesday Feb. 22 & 23  
-Fire Hydrants  
Were cleaned on Feb. 17. Third time this year. A couple was buried-one at the school

-Roads

Winging banks and widening turn arounds taking place week of Feb. 12.  
All equipment working well

-Landfill

Dozer is repaired and back. Push was done on Feb. 15 & 16. Met on site today to see what plan we can put in place to deal with the non-compliance issues in the inspection report from the Ministry of Environment. Clerk to set up meeting with Inspector from Ministry.

-Update on Truck

Truck should be ready by end of week.

-Trotter Agreement

We need to look at updating our agreement with Ministry of Transportation for keeping a portion of Echo Lake Rd. plowed in the winter that is in the unincorporated Township of Kehoe. Clerk to contact MTO.

-1/2 Load Restrictions going on tomorrow on Ends Side Road & Wiers Road.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-North Channel Healthy Kids Community

Next meeting March 8 at 9:45 in Little Rapids

Art Contest ended Feb. 1 and was won by a Grade 1 student, Lukas Stocco from our municipality. He chose a trampoline and basketball. It was delivered to him on Feb. 17 with a presentation at the Echo Bay School. Looking into an arena sign to be up at the Sportsplex in conjunction with HKCC.

We need to order our water fountain and jugs before March 15.

We are looking at a scavenger hunt to launch our Theme 3 which starts in April "Choose to boost veggies and fruit."

#17-47

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

"RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to attend the Physical Literacy Workshop on February 25, 2017 from 9:30-12:30 at the Thessalon Public School. Registration is free."

CD.

-Echo Bay Sportsplex

Feb. 14 & 15 CDI was down to fix the large rollup door and the canteen rollup door. Have not been back.

Ice Resurfacer had a valve leaking on the propane tank. Dave from Resurface was here Thursday Feb. 16 to repair. We have another problem that was repaired today.

-Echo Bay School Ice Time

A letter was sent to Echo Bay School informing them of their free ice time. Have not booked anything yet.

-Skate Program

Starting on Feb. 26 with 5 sessions. They will be Sunday and Wednesday

-Hockey Program

Started Feb. 12 runs Sunday 9-11 and Thursday 6-7

We have had a request to run a Women's Hockey Program. Looking at Monday nights.

- Museum

Next meeting Thursday March 23 at 10:00 a.m.

-NEORA Teleconference Meeting

Meeting was held Wed. Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m. Minutes to come

-Canada 150-Loon Dollar Festival

Meeting scheduled for Thus. Feb. 23 at 3:30

-Slo Pitch & Soccer-North Shore Recreation Committee

Considering a late fee of \$5.00 for both programs. This will hopefully encourage people to sign up sooner. Forms go out after March Break and are due April 7

-2017 Summer Student's

Summer Experience grant is now out and due Feb. 28. We will apply for a Recreation Assistant at 100% coverage. Have not been able to find any other grants for our Parks & Horticulture Student. Keep Looking.

-Students from Japan

Darren Vaughan is requesting the opportunity for Japanese students who are studying at Algoma University an hour of ice time on Monday Feb. 27. They are going to the Fire Hall from 10:30-11:30 then to the Sportsplex for lunch and a skate.

-Decorative Sign

Committee met this morning and Tim Harris presented a design for a new sign. Clerk to send to laird Sign for a quote.

-Best Start Central Algoma Advisory Committee

Meeting scheduled for Feb. 21 which took place today. Danika and Steve from the Innovation Centre presented their EDI results for Central Algoma.

-Winter Play Day

Scheduled for March 4 from 12-4. Looking at doing some curling, skating, nail pounding, sliding and ice fishing. Also looking at doing a grand opening for the Sportsplex.

-Exercise Equipment from Bruce Mines Arena

LSC went and took a look at the exercise equipment that is being sold from Twp. Of Plummer. It looks to be in good condition. Clerk to contact Twp. to see if they have an asking price for the whole package.

c) Fire Chief

-Info on Truck

Fire Chief got a couple prices-2011 Ford ¾ ton \$22,500.00. She heard back from Bob Lock and he has nothing right now. Asked if they could not find a used one could they look at a new one. Brad Henshaw told her they needed a one ton in order to carry 4 firefighters and equipment. To be discussed at budget meeting.

-Letter of Resignation

#17-46

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the Letter of Resignation from Bryce Hurley with regret and thank him for his years of service.”

CD.

-Calls to Date

2 calls to date

-Tour of Fire Hall-Feb. 27

Darren Vaughan with Japanese students from Algoma University will be coming for a tour from 10:30-11:30

#17-48

Moved by; Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“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

-Joint Meeting Date-4 Clerk’s are meeting on Feb. 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting went very well. Had 2 GIS presentations. Clerk of Tarbutt will be bringing a recommendation to the Planning Board Meeting on Feb. 28.

Discussed Official Plan consolidation as well as more shared services with minor variances and zoning amendments being done at the Planning Board for all 4 municipalities.

f) Police Services Board

-Next meeting. March 27 7:00 p.m.

g) Algoma District Services Administration Board

h) Algoma District Municipal Association

i) Landfill/Recycling

-Inspection Report from Ministry of Environment and Climate Change-Discuss requirements

j) Sewer and Water

-Sewer Repair on Birch St.

-OCWA Agreement

6. By-Law

#17-1955 OCWA Agreement

#17-50

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we draft By-law #17-1955 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency for providing management operations and maintenance services for the water and wastewater facilities.”

CD

#17-51

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #17-1955 its first and second reading.”

CD.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- a) Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation-Application of Intern  
-we are now applying for a 2 year Economic Development Intern
- b) Algoma Power-Letter of Request  
Clerk to set up a meeting with Algoma Power & Property Owner-Richard Latour and ourselves to discuss the agreement for his private power line.
- c) Budget Meeting-Monday February 27, 2017-7:00 p.m.
- d) Algoma District School Board-Notification Arthur Henderson Public School  
Received confirmation that the public school in Bruce Mines will be closing and the children will be moved to the Central Algoma Public School.
- e) North Shore Economic Development Initiative-March 8, 2016  
Mayor and Clerk to attend. Just waiting for more information.
- f) Ministry of Transportation-Hwy 638 Railway Crossing  
Received letter that the crossing at Hwy 638 will be repaired in spring of 2017 and the asphalt will be done in 2018. Clerk to send letter stating that we should not have to wait until 2018 for the asphalt to be completed.
- g) North Shore Rural Health Hub  
Mike Mantha Letter & Jennifer McKenzie-Algoma Outreach Officer Letter

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts

#17-49

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we accept the Treasurer’s report for January 2017”

Invoices: \$62,766.66

Payroll: \$26,362.26

Total: \$89,128.91

CD.

10. Closed Session

11. Correspondence
- a) Algoma Family Services Foundation-The Great Escape Draw”  
#17-52  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Jean Robbins  
“RESOLVED that we authorize the sale of tickets in our township for the  
“Great Escape Draw” by Algoma Family Services Foundation. To be  
drawn on May 27, 2017.”  
CD.
  - b) Alzheimer Society
  - c) Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association
12. Mayor & Councillors Comments  
Mayor Watson invited Council to a meeting at the Sportsplex on Saturday  
March 4 at 10:00 where Andrea Horwath will be present to discuss the high  
hydro rates in the Province. Mayors from surrounding municipalities have  
been invited also.
- Central Algoma Fresh Water Coalition Annual General Membership Meeting  
Wed. February 23, 2017 7:00 at the office in Bruce Mines.
13. Confirming By-law  
#17-53  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank  
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #17-1956 being a by-law to confirm the  
proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 21, 2017.”  
CD.
14. Adjournment  
#17-54  
Moved by: Jean Robbins  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to March 7, 2017 at 7:00  
p.m. or until the call of the chair.”  
CD.

**THAT** these minutes be accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK ADMINISTRATOR**