

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

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

Staff: Lynne Duguay

Delegations: Algoma Public Health: Dr. Spruyt, Justin Pino, Lee Mason

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#17-28  
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  
#17-29  
Moved by: Lynn Orchard  
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on January 17, 2017 be accepted as presented.”  
CD.
  
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
  
4. Delegations/Public Presentations  
  
7:00 p.m. Algoma Public Health-Dr. Spruyt  
  
Dr Marlene Spruyt, Medical Officer of Health for the Algoma Public Health Unit did a presentation what our municipal dollars are spent on. They focus on public health as opposed to the health care system itself. Public Health programs and education reduce the demand on the healthcare system. The revenue is made up of 25% municipal levies and 75% Ministry funded. They do deliver other programs that they receive other funding for from the LHIN & other Ministries. The Twp. of MMAA portion of the municipal levy is 1.38%. Funding from the Province has been flat lined so they are trying to keep their overall budget down. 2017 municipal cost per person for public health services is \$32.81 per person. Our 2017 levy is \$48,030.00.
  
5. Staff & Committee Reports
  - a) Road Supervisor
    - 2017 Surface Treatment  
Double ST on McCarrel Lake Road from Cloudy Lake Rd. east to Road End. Double ST on Government Road from Watson Road south to King Lane.
    - 2017 Calcium Order  
1/2 the order from the past years will suffice (24 tonne on stock presently)
    - 2017 Culverts  
Tendered Plastic culverts fills stock that was used last season. One steel 1800mm needed to replace culvert on Echo Lake Road between machine shop and Charron’s.
    - Spring Amalgamated Tender Order  
#17-30  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Jean Robbins  
“RESOLVED that we submit the amalgamated tender as set out by the Road Super. See Attached.”  
CD.
    - Winter Sand  
338 tonne used to date  
2016 used 256 tonnes (same time period)  
2 years before 657 tonnes

-Landfill

Bulldozer sent out for repairs on Jan. 26, repaired on Jan. 31. Mike Case of Goulais River did the floating.

-Birch St. Sewer Backup

January 29 lateral was plugged. 6 Birch St. had a backup and plumber was called to determine the problem was beyond the property line. Got a camera and the sewer pipe had collapsed at the manhole.

#17-31

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we authorize Avery Construction to complete a sewer repair on Birch St. estimated at \$8,597.45 + taxes.”

CD.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-North Channel Healthy Kids Community

Next meeting Feb. 15 at 9:45 a.m. in Little Rapids. Art contest ended on Feb. 1. Our township had 134 entries for the competition. The prizes for this program will be known and handed out before Family Day Weekend.

#17-32

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we waive the rental fee for a Healthy Kids Community Challenge sign to be installed at the Sportsplex and commit to do the installation of the sign.”

CD.

Ideas for the next theme are “Choose to boot veggies and fruit”. Looking for gaps in the communities and ideas for intervention. Free public events to promote the themes and a table top sign for exposure.

-Echo Bay Sportsplex

On Jan. 30 Tulloch was emailed regarding the large rollup door-it does not come down all the way and wouldn't go up once already. Also the motor in the canteen rollup door. CDI is sending someone down to look at it on Tuesday. Ice resurfacers are up and running. There was loose ground wire. We are skating and hoping to be renting on Monday Feb. 6. We have been getting between 25-30 skaters each night.

-Echo Bay School Ice Time

#17-33

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize 3 free hours of ice time to the Echo Bay Public School to enhance their physical fitness program. More time can be allocated if requested.”

CD.

-Skate Program

Waiting for coaches to confirm times.

-Hockey Program

Will be starting on Feb. 12. Looking at Sun. 9-11 and Thurs. 6-7 p.m.

- Museum

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

-NEORA Teleconference Meeting

Minutes attached.

-North Shore Recreation Committee

Talked about a late fee of \$5.00 for registrations. Always difficult to do schedule and create teams.

-2017 Summer Student's

Young Canada Works grant was submitted Jan. 27. Canada Summer Jobs Grant for Office and Rec. Assistant submitted Jan. 18.

-Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund 2017-2018

We were unable to apply for this grant because we did not have some policies in place.

-Decorative Sign

Meeting scheduled for Feb. 8 10:00 a.m.

-Best Start Central Algoma Advisory Committee

Waiting for date for meeting.

-Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre

They are now having the day out program at the Seniors Complex rather than at the hall. Hoping for better attendance.

-Winter Play Day

Scheduled for Saturday March 4 from 12-4. Looking at doing some curling, skating, nail pounding, sliding and ice fishing. Welcome to new ideas. This can also be the grand opening for the Sportsplex since the explosion.

-Exercise Equipment from Bruce Mines Arena

Twp. Plummer has exercise equipment that will be auctioned off in the spring. Get the LSC to go take a look at it and see if it would be worth purchasing.

#17-34

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from Road Super and Leisure Services Coordinator as presented.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

d) Treasurer’s Report

e) Planning Board

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

f) Police Services Board

-January 30, 2017 7:00 p.m.-Report

Good Meeting. Push for Change Event was great with the school participating and Joe Roberts did a great presentation to the children, parents and community.

g) Algoma District Services Administration Board

h) Algoma District Municipal Association

Saturday April 22 in Richards Landing.

i) Landfill/Recycling

-received the Inspection Report from Ministry of Environment and Climate Change

-Meeting Scheduled for Feb. 8 at 11:00 with Tulloch to go over requirements in Inspection Report

j) Sewer and Water

-Sewer Repair on Birch St.

See above resolution.

-OCWA Agreement

Agreement was sent to Kresin Engineering to go through. Clerk has gone through it and will be send it to legal for final perusal.

6. By-Law

#17-1952

Interim Tax Bill By-Law

#17-35

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we give By-law #17-1952 its third and final reading.”

CD.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a) Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation-Application of Intern  
Received confirmation that we have proceeded to the next level for approval. Should know if we are successful in 6-8 weeks.

- b) FONOM Conference-May 10-12, 2017 City of North Bay  
3 Rooms Have Been Booked  
#17-38  
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we authorize Mayor Watson, Councillor Brockelbank & Robbins to attend the FONOM Conference May 10-12, 2017 in North Bay.”  
CD.
- c) Rural Health Hubs Framework for Ontario-Nurse Practitioner Clinic  
January 11 Meeting  
Mayor Watson and Councillor Robbins attended this meeting. We will not be supporting the resolution that was sent to us from Algoma Manor and North Channel Nurse Practitioner Clinic at this time.
- d) Election 2018  
Watched a short video on Ranked Ballots. Consensus was we will not be holding a ranked ballot election. We will continue with a traditional election.
- e) Ontario 150 Celebration Letter  
Received a letter that we were not successful in getting funding for our Loon Dollar Festival/Canada Day Celebration under the Ontario 150 Celebration Grant process. We will move forward with our event it will just be down scaled a bit.
- f) Algoma Power-Letter of Request  
Clerk to confirm information with Road Super.
- g) Seniors Community Grant Program  
#17-36  
Moved by: Jean Robbins  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we apply to the Seniors Community Grant Program for funding to develop an Age/Senior Friendly Plan for our community.”  
CD.
- h) AMCTO Spring Zone-May 3-4 2017 Little Current  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Jean Robbins  
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to attend the AMCTO Spring Zone Workshop and the Strategic Communications Planning for Municipal Leaders Workshop on May 3-5, 2017 in Little Current. Registration fee \$295.00.”  
CD.
- i) North Shore Economic Development Initiative-March 8, 2016  
Waiting for details on this event.
- j) Treasurer’s Statement of Elected Officials Expenses  
Council was presented with this statement for 2016.
- k) Central Algoma Rural Health Care Steering Committee  
NELHIN presentation RE: Rural Hubs-February 23, 2017 7:00 p.m.  
MacLennan Community Hall  
Mayor Watson and Councillor Bailey to attend.

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts

10. Closed Session

#17-40

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 9:40 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239(2) :

- b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

Discussed an incident at the Roads Department.

#17-41

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOVLED that we come out of committee at 9:50 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

11. Correspondence

- a) Algoma Public Health Letter-Reject Tobacco Industries Motions  
Resolution # 17-39

Moved By: Jean Robbins

Seconded By: Shelly Bailey

**WHEREAS** information referenced from a 2012 slide deck by Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd. (ITCL) demonstrates that the National Coalition Against Contraband Tobacco (NCACT) and the Ontario Convenience Store Association (OCSA) have worked on behalf of ITCL to convince Ontario municipalities of the importance of the contraband tobacco problem;

**AND WHEREAS** this referenced information makes clear that the anti-contraband campaign pursued by the NCACT and the OCSA in Ontario is designed in part to block tobacco excise tax increases and regulation of tobacco products generally;

**AND WHEREAS** contrary to tobacco industry messaging, impartial research by the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit at the University of Toronto has shown that tobacco excise tax increases do not lead to large increases in contraband;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional explicitly rejects motions from tobacco industry and/or its front groups and calls on the Ontario Ministry of Finance to; (a) raise tobacco excise taxes and (b) enhance enforcement activities designed to reduce the presence of contraband tobacco in Ontario communities.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to ADMA, FONOM, Ministry of Finance, MP, MPP, Association of Local Public Health Units, Ontario Public Health Units and the Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco.

CD.

- b) Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre-Letter
- c) The County-Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline
- d) The County-Stay of Execution of the Accommodation Review Process
- e) Owen Sound-Gas Tax Funding Formula
- f) Municipality of Bluewater-Funding Fire Department Infrastructure
- g) Municipality of Bluewater-Bill 7 Amendments to Residential Tenancies Act, 2006
- h) Township of Zorra & Thames Centre-Cost of Hydro

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments

Mayor Watson would like to Clerk to create a by-law with set fines to not allow the pushing of snow across roads.

Councillor Robbins gave a report from the ROMA Conference. Excellent conference. This conference will remain independent from the OGRA Conference and the OGRA Conference will now be more technical.

13. Confirming By-law  
#17-42  
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #17-1954 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 7, 2017.”  
CD.

14. Adjournment  
#17-43  
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to February 21, 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**