

**REGULAR MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL  
MONDAY JANUARY 16, 2017  
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

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

Delegations: PUC-Carla Buckner, Tyler

1. Call Meeting to Order  
#17-14  
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  
#17-15  
Moved by: Lynn Orchard  
Seconded by: Jean Robbins  
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on January 3, 2017 and Special Minutes of Council held on January 10, 2017 be accepted as presented.”  
CD.
  
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
  
4. Delegations/Public Presentations  
  
7:00 p.m. PUC-DWQMS Report to Owner -Annual & Summary Reports for 2016  
PUC did a presentation of their DWQMS Report To Owner and the Annual Summary Report. Everything is running at the plant very well. 2017 will require lead sampling again. Friday January 20 the water inspection by MOE will take place. Back Flow Preventers were tested on Jan. 5, 2017 and failed, they need to be replaced.  
#17-16  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Jean Robbins  
“RESOLVED that we accept the reports from PUC for the DWQMS Report To Owner and the Annual & Summary Reports for 2016 as presented.”  
CD.
  
5. Staff & Committee Reports
  - a) Road Supervisor  
-Winter Operations  
Snow clearing operations on going. Ice Blading of all roads have taken place once. Will continue to ice blade as time allows. Plow truck required repair of hoses and the harness for the wing needs repaired, just waiting for the part to come in.
  - b) Leisure Services Coordinator  
-North Channel Healthy Kids Community  
Next meeting Jan. 18, 2017. A request for 2 hours of ice skating and 70 hot drinks to promote Healthy Kids Community Challenge-North Channel was approved.  
-Echo Bay Sportsplex  
On January 10 we received a letter from Tulloch regarding a letter to CDI explaining that the standing seam metal roof has not been completed with an appropriate standard of care. CDI will remove the existing standing seam roof panels and replace with new standing seam metal roof in May 2017.  
Ice resurfacer is down and manufacturer is here to repair it. Turned out it was a wire off the computer.  
Ice building has been slow. Temperature is warming up this week and will slow things further.

Johnson Twp. is requesting the use of our edger and operator. We will provide an operator during overtime hours and at the overtime wage. Mileage at our rate and a rental fee for the equipment.

-Skate Program

Waiting for Kassidy Bailey-Henderson in regard to start time and day for the program. We may be running with two coaches.

-Hockey Program

Will be starting as soon as the ice is ready. Looking at Sunday mornings 9-11 and Thursdays 6-7 p.m.

- Museum

Next meeting Thursday January 19 at 10:00 a.m.

#17-17

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“RESOLVED that we accept the Minutes from the Ekoba Historical Society November 9, 2016 meeting as presented.”

CD.

-11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sylvan Valley Retro Ride

Councillor Orchard declared a conflict and left the room

#17-18

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

“RESOLVED that we authorize the use of the Sylvan Valley Hall on Saturday February 25, 2017 for the Retro Ride at no charge.”

CD.

Councillor Orchard returned to the meeting.

-North Shore Recreation Committee

Planning to meet on January 17 in Desbarats to discuss the slo pitch and soccer programs.

-2017 Summer Student's

Working on the Young Canada Works (due Jan. 16) grant for the 10 week Museum/Lending Library and Canada Summer Jobs (due Jan. 20) grant for the Municipal Office-10 week and Recreation Assistant-8 weeks.

-Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund 2017-2018

There is no capital component to this fund but we are looking at some other ideas.

-Decorative Sign

Working on a date to meet in February.

-Best Start Central Algoma Advisory Committee

January 10 meeting was cancelled, look to reschedule.

-Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre

Day Out Program that is held on Wed. at the Echo Bay Community Hall will have its last day on January 18. They have received permission from ADSSAB to hold it at the Hurley Haven Seniors Complex.

c) Fire Chief

-Information on Truck

Mayor Watson confirmed with Fire Chief that they will not be buying a brand new truck for transporting firefighters to a scene. They need to look for a used, possibly returning from a lease, crew cab ½ ton or ¾ ton 4x4 where they can put a tool box in the back to house light tools and room in the box for hoses. Mayor Watson also stated it did not have to come from a Fire Truck Dealership as they tend to be more expensive. Any dealership would this available and we would just have to put lights etc. on it. Fire Chief said she would start looking.

-Resignation Letter-deferred

-First Monday of Month Meeting Night

Fire Chief confirmed they will continue have their meetings on the first Monday of the month and training will take place every Monday night starting at 7:00 p.m.

-Inspections

Everything going well.

#17-19

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

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

CD.

- d) Treasurer’s Report  
-audit has begun-Anthony coming on Feb. 6 for interim audit.
- e) Planning Board  
-Joint Meeting Date  
Four Clerks are looking at dates in early February to get together and start discussing GIS Mapping, Shared Services etc.
- f) Police Services Board  
-next meeting January 30, 2017 7:00 p.m.  
Mayor Watson to attend on behalf of Councillor Robbins who will be at the ROMA Conference.  
-Push for Change Event-January 31  
Event has been planned for this day to support Joe Roberts and his “Push For Change” Fundraising. He will arrive in Echo Bay at 1:45, children from the school will meet him at the Post Office and walk with him to the Echo Bay Public School. He will speak at an assembly there at 2:00. There will be a food drive there.
- g) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- h) Algoma District Municipal Association
- i) Landfill/Recycling
- j) Sewer and Water

6. By-Law

#17-1952

Interim Tax Bill By-Law

#17-21

Moved by: Shelly Bailey

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #17-1952 being a By-law to levy certain interim rates, taxes and charges for the Year 2017.”

CD.

#17-22

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Shelly Bailey

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

CD.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- a) Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation-Application of Intern  
#17-23  
Moved by: Jean Robbins  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk Administrator to apply to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for an Intern to begin spring of 2017 for one year.”  
CD.
- b) FONOM Conference-May 10-12, 2017 City of North Bay  
Mayor Watson, Councillors Bailey and Robbins will be attending.  
Clerk to book three rooms at the Hampton Inn. Conference being held at Nipissing University.
- c) Rural Health Hubs Framework for Ontario-Nurse Practitioner Clinic  
January 11 Meeting  
This meeting was cancelled and has been rescheduled for Wednesday January 18 at 7:00 at the Echo Bay Clinic. Mayor Watson and Councillor Robbins to attend.

d) Dates for Budget Meetings  
Budget Meetings have been scheduled for Monday February 27,  
Wednesday March 29, Monday April 24 and Wednesday May 31. These  
will be advertised in next newsletter.

e) AMCTO Annual Conference-June 11-14, 2017-Huntsville  
#17-24  
Moved by: Lynn Orchard  
Seconded by: Jean Robbins  
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to attend the AMCTO Annual  
Conference on June 11-14, 2017 in Deerhurst Huntsville Ontario.  
Registration fee \$763.00 + tax.”

CD.

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts  
#17-20  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Jean Robbins  
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for December 2016  
Invoices: \$366,547.33  
Payroll: \$51,876.77  
Total: \$418,424.10  
And all remaining bills for 2016.”

CD.

10. Closed Session

11. Correspondence  
a) Town of Bancroft-Municipal Lotteries  
b) Fort Frances-Rail Way Right-of-Way's  
#17-25  
Moved by: Jean Robbins  
Seconded by: Shelly Bailey  
“RESOLVED that we support the Town of Fort Frances in requesting the  
Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to implement a new system of  
municipal property taxation for rail road right of way properties based on  
utilizing a per ton-mile concept and it be reviewed by MPAC with their 4 year  
assessment cycle.”

CD.

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments  
Mayor Watson made everyone aware there is a Mathews Memorial Annual  
Meeting scheduled for January 28 at the Desbarats Arena at 11:00 a.m. A  
Pancake Breakfast is happening prior to the meeting.  
Mayor Watson also commented that he has had a lot of compliments about  
how well are roads are kept and how well our municipality is run in general.  
Councillor Robbins suggested that the municipal 911 signs need some  
straightening and possible repairs.

13. Confirming By-law  
#17-26  
Moved by: Jean Robbins  
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard  
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #17-1953 being a by-law to confirm the  
proceedings of the meeting of Council held on January 16, 2017.”

CD.

14. Adjournment  
#17-27  
Moved by: Shelly Bailey  
Seconded by: Jean Robbins  
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to February 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**