

**REGULAR MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY JULY 18, 2017
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Acting Mayor: Shelly Bailey (Lynn Watson-absent-vacation)
Council: Jean Robbins, Lynn Orchard, Parker Brockelbank
Delegation: Doug Clute-Royal Canadian Legion, Cameron Ross
Staff: Lynne Duguay, Donny Cameron, Janice Catling, Brenda Barbarie

1. Call Meeting to Order
#17-231
Moved by:
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
CD.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#17-232
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on July 4, 2017 be accepted as presented.”
CD.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations/Public Presentation

7:00 p.m. Doug Clute-Legion
Doug Clute presented a project called “Bridge of Heroes” that the Legion has taken on with the rehabilitation of the Bernt Gilbertson St. Joseph Island bridge they are requesting that the design for the railings accommodate brackets that would hold flags to commemorate the 56 Service men from WWI and WWII. These flags (56) would be put in place the 3rd week of October and stay there until after Remembrance Day. Council thought this was a great project and was very much in favour it.
#17-233
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
WHEREAS the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional endorse the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374 “Bridge of Heroes” project on the Bernt Gilbertson St. Joseph Island Bridge and directs the Clerk to forward a letter of support to the Corridor Management Officer Ministry of Transportation to advise of Council’s support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional correspond with the Ministry of Transportation’s consultant responsible for the Environmental Assessment Study for the rehabilitation of the bridge requesting that any new design for the bridge railings incorporate provision for placement of flags to meet the objective of the Legion’s Bridge of Heroes project.”
CD.

5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Roads Gravel
Stock pile finished July 12.
 - Roadside Grass Cutting
First cut completed July 11.
 - Garage Fuel Pumps
New pumps in service. Barricades and old pump removal completed.
 - Landfill Bulldozer
In process of disassemble to find what needs to be repaired.
 - Water & Sewer
Callout on Saturday July 8 to shut off water at 165 Hurley St.
Callout to return to turn back on.

-July 6th Thunderstorm

Approximately dozen trees down due to wind. All windfalls cleaned up that day with the exception to Lonely Lake Road due to downed power lines.

-2017 Surface Treatment

Met with Scott of DUNCOR and they are running about 2 weeks behind due to wet weather. He will be in touch once they have a better time frame to get started.

b) Leisure Services Coordinator

-North Channel Healthy Kids Community Challenge

Next meeting may be on July 19 9:45 a.m. in Little Rapids. Still waiting on numbers to meet quorum. There was no quorum.

- Museum

Next meeting is Tuesday August 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Extravaganza is on August 13.

-NEORA Teleconference

Have not heard anything about the next NEORA meeting.

-Canada 150-Loon Dollar Festival

This event was on June 30 and went well. Working on getting the time capsule back in the hole.

-Gencarelli Martial Arts

Have been in contact with John Gencarelli to see if we can find a spot for them now in the fall. Also looking into a female personal trainer to come and work with the women.

-2017 Summer Student's

Training for the Triple P Behaviour Management Technique's with children is on July 13 at 1:30 at Child Care Algoma-Echo Bay School.

-Old Fashion Strawberry Social

This event was on July 7 from 6-8 p.m. and went well. We had 70 people sign in but there were a few that did not sign the book.

-ECO Ice

Contacted Francois Bilodeau for an October installation. Requesting a meeting with him here on July 25 or 27. Waiting to hear from him.

-Three Phase Power-Algoma Power

Waiting to set up a meeting with Algoma Power and Eco Ice to discuss this in more depth.

-Down the Line Electrical

#17-236

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we accept a rate increase from Down The Line Electric of \$5.00 per hr. for a total of \$65.00 per hour.”

CD.

c) Fire Chief

-Update on Truck

Fire truck expenses are at \$43,000.00 so far. Fire Chief looking for permission to buy new tires. Council gave the ok on that.

There is one warranty issue with an air bag light-it will go to Highland Ford to be repaired.

-Thunder Bay Fire Conference

#17-234

Moved by: Jean Robbins

Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank

“RESOLVED that we authorize Kyle Hurley to attend the Thunder Bay Fire Conference on Sept. 7-10, 2017.”

CD.

-Ladder Testing-August 12

#17-237

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

“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
 - Sept. 25, 2017 next meeting
 - g) Algoma District Services Administration Board
 - h) Algoma District Municipal Association
 - i) Landfill/Recycling
 - Improvements-Updates-Bulldozer
 - Repairs not as bad as anticipated. Hope to have it back soon.
 - Thomas Young Builders Request Letter
 - #17-238
 - Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
 - Seconded by: Jean Robbins
 - "RESOLVED that we enter into an agreement with Thomas Young Builders Ltd. for disposal of 12 tandem loads of debris."
 - CD.
 - j) Sewer and Water
6. By-Law
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
- a) Resignation Letter
 - #17-239
 - Moved by: Lynn Orchard
 - Seconded by: Jean Robbins
 - "RESOLVED that we accept Crossing Guard, Melody Vaughan's resignation with regret and wish her all the best in her future endeavors."
 - CD.
 - #17-240
 - Moved by: Jean Robbins
 - Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
 - "RESOLVED that we post for a Crossing Guard position due August 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m."
 - CD.
 - b) Ministry of Infrastructure & Ministry of Agriculture Food & Rural Affairs-OCIF Top –Up Application-Sept. 27, 2017 Deadline
 - Need to be prepared to make a decision on what we are applying for at the August 22 meeting so we can have our application prior to deadline.
 - c) Tower Lake Cabin
 - more discussion required.
 - d) Aggregate Resources Act-Changes to Aggregate Fees & Royalties Information only.

e) Proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation-Resolution
Resolution # 17-241
Moved By: Jean Robbins
Seconded By: Lynn Orchard

WHEREAS municipalities are a responsible, mature order of government in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional promotes, supports and encourages strong and effective rural and northern rural governments;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional supports the responsible and fiscally accountable development of municipal Asset Management Plans;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Economic Development, employment and Infrastructure has developed a proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation has been posted on the Environmental Registry as 013-0551;

AND WHEREAS the Township has reviewed the submission on the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation submitted by the rural Ontario Municipal Association;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional agrees that the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation:

1. Is overly prescriptive;
2. Does not reflect the principle that municipalities are responsible, mature governments;
3. Will create a resource and fiscal strain on our municipality and others, more specifically, the small rural and northern rural communities that have limited staffing capacity, being the most vulnerable and sensitive to an increasingly burdensome regulatory environment.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this motion be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure, AMO and our local MPP Mike Mantha.

CD.

- f) AECOM-Hwy 17B Rehabilitation and Improvements
Clerk to send a letter requesting they lower the catch basin at the intersection of Hwy 17 B and Church St. West to capture the run off during rain events, request they re-pave Watson Rd. from Hwy 17B to the railway tracks, ensure Fire Hall entrance will be asphalted and possible do more into the yard.
- g) Labourer/Equipment Operator Position/Arena Caretaker-In Closed Resolution
- h) Part Time Landfill Caretaker-In Closed Resolution
- i) Building Permits
- j) Donation to Laird Agricultural Fair Request
#17-242
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we donate \$100.00 to the North Shore Agricultural Society for the Annual Laird Fair.”

CD.

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts
#17-235
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for the month of June:
Invoices: \$287,081.17
Payroll: \$25,091.47
Total: \$312,172.64

CD.

Councillor Orchard declared a conflict and left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

10. Closed Session
#17-245
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 8:05 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;**

CD.

Discussed the interviews for the Labourer/Equipment Operator/Arena Caretaker position.

Discussed the interviews for the Part Time Landfill Caretaker position.

- #17-246
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we come out of closed session at 8:33 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

- #17-247
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we hire Macgregor Alcock as the Labourer/Equipment Operator/Arena Caretaker to begin as soon as possible. There will be a six month probation period.”

CD.

- #17-248
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we hire Kodi Kahtava for our Part Time Landfill Caretaker to begin immediately with a six month probation period.”

CD.

11. Correspondence
a) Township of North Stormont-Conservation Authorities Act
#17-243
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we support the Township of North Stormont in opposing the amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act.”

CD.

- b) Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal-Property Standards Downloading
#17-244
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we support the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal to call on the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7 in light of the significant fiscal challenges each municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner.”

CD.

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments
13. Confirming By-law
#17-249
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #17-1974 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 18, 2017.”
CD.
14. Adjournment
#17-250
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”
CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2017

ACTING MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR