

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

Mayor: Lynn Watson

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

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

Observers: George Haldenby, Brad Henshaw, Kevin Maloney, Matt Jarrell

1. Call Meeting to Order
#17-74
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we open our Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.”
CD.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
#17-75
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that the Minutes of Council held on March 7, 2017 be accepted as presented.”
CD.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations/Public Presentations

5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - Birch St. Sewer Flushing
Flushing took place on March 7 with a lot of grease found in the sewer line. Seems to be working a lot better now. We did receive 2 complaints from property owners that there was a strong sewer smell in the house and water splattered out of the toilet. Next time we will give proper notice.
 - Landfill
Push was done on March 8 and they will try to keep it up every 2 weeks or as needed.
 - Side Mower
We will need to replace this in this year’s budget-\$10,000.00 quote. We may be able to trade in our old one.
 - Road Side Brushing
Boom mower should be in the area in April. We will do 60 hours again this year and hopefully that will do the whole township.
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - North Channel Healthy Kids Community
Next meeting will be second or third Wed. in April at 9:45 Little Rapids. We held a Healthy Kids Community Challenge Family Skate on Tuesday March 14 from 4-6. There was infusion water and spot prizes-good turn out. Water fountain has been ordered. Looking at a scavenger hunt to launch Theme 3-Choose to Boost veggies and fruit-which starts in April.
 - Echo Bay Sportsplex
Ice has been good. Mach Break schedule was well attended. Rentals are still low. Open skates and shinny’s have been well attended other than the older shinny.
 - Algoma University-Cultural Exchange Day-Darren Vaughan
March 20 had a group of 20 Japanese students again and they had a great time.
 - Skate Program
Program was completed on March 12
 - Hockey Program
Had 14 participants in the hockey program ranging from 3 years old to 13 years old. Inter squad game on March 12 went well.
 - Museum
Next meeting Thursday March 23 at 10:00 a.m.

-NEORA Teleconference Meeting

The Wednesday March 15 teleconference was postponed.

-Canada 150-Loon Dollar Festival

The Science North Exhibit is booked for 10-4 on June 30. Their theme this year is Super Science. The children can build their own superhero, test their strength and discover nature's finest superheroes.

It is also the Townships 125 Birthday. This will be celebrated along with a Strawberry Social.

-Easter Craft Night

On April 3, 2017 from 3:30-6:00 at the Echo Bay Hall. Child Care Algoma will be partnering once again and volunteers are always welcome.

-Slo Pitch & Soccer-North Shore Recreation Committee

The forms have been made available at the arena and have already started to come in. They will be sent out through the Echo Bay School on after March 21 and due on April 7.

-2017 Summer Student's

Waiting to hear from the grants. We applied for 3 Federally (Canada Summer Jobs-Office & rec and Canada Young Works-museum/lending library) and one Provincial-Summer Experience Program-Rec.

Have not had any luck with the \$2.00 per hour grant for the Horticulture/Parks position.

-Decorative Sign

The Feb. 21 meeting went well. Tim to e-mail amended picture of sign so Clerk can forward for quotes.

-Winter Carnival Play Day

Had a larger crowd than last year, approximately 100 people. The curling challenge was a hit this year. Skating, Nail pounding and hockey shoot out went well. Also had sliding and ice fishing. This year some families did not bring skates but did all the activities off the ice and seemed to have fun and enough to do.

-Promoting Central Algoma Together Placemats

#17-78

Moved by: Lynn Orchard

Seconded by: Jean Robbins

"RESOLVED that we purchase two spots in the placemat for "Promoting Central Algoma Together" in the amount of \$120.00"

CD.

-Funders Forum-hosted by Sault Ste. Marie & Volunteer Resource Group

#17-77

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank

Seconded by: Lynn Orchard

"RESOLVED that we authorize the Leisure Services Coordinator to attend a Funders Forum hosted by Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie & Volunteer Resource Group on Wed. April 12 in Sault Ste. Marie from 9:00-1:00. Registration is free."

CD.

-Krafty Kreators & North Shore Health Network

Mary Ellen Luukkonen & Janet McLeod will be meeting with the Krafty Kreators on Tuesday April 11 at 3:30 to discuss their project with the Ministry of Health.

LSC interested in submitting a bid for the Time Clock and Skate Sharpener from Township of Plummer.

c) Fire Chief

-Info on Truck

Provided information on a used 2015 one ton flatbed approximately \$37,000.00. Would have to build compartments for each side, have it painted red, transfer lights and radio. Get concrete prices on having everything done to bring back to April 4 meeting. Also get quote on what it would cost to buy brand new truck with chassis and have the flat bed and everything else put onto it. More information required.

-New Firefighter
#17-76
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we appoint Cameron Elgie to the Echo Bay Volunteer Fire Department based on Fire Chief recommendation and conditional to all requirements being met including probationary period.

CD.

-Tour of Fire Hall-March 20-Darren Vaughan & Japanese Students
Everything went well. About 20 students were there.

#17-79

Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“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
-Next meeting. March 27 7:00 p.m.
- g) Algoma District Services Administration Board
- h) Algoma District Municipal Association
April 22 next meeting in Richards Landing. Mayor Watson will be looking to represent our area again on the FONOM Board.
- i) Landfill/Recycling
-March 22- meeting with Ministry of E and CC-2:00 p.m.
-Letter of Resignation
#17-81
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we accept Luigi Fontano’s Letter of Resignation for Part Time Landfill Caretaker (Saturday’s) with regret.”
- j) Sewer and Water
-OCWA Agreement-joint meeting-March 9
Meeting went well. Just finalizing some amendments to the agreement and it will be ready to sign.

CD.

6. By-Law

#17-1959 Tax Ratio By-law

#17-82

Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to draft By-law #17-1959 being a by-law for establishing Tax Ratios for 2017.”

CD.

#17-83

Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we give By-law #17-1959 its first and second reading.”

CD.

#17-84

Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
“RESOLVED that we give By-law #17-1959 its third and final reading.”

CD.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- a) AMO Conference-August 13-16 in Ottawa
#17-85
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we authorize Mayor Watson to attend the AMO Conference in Ottawa from August 13-16, 2017. Registration fee \$875.00 + taxes.”

CD.

- b) Community Accessibility Forum 2017
#17-86
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Clerk to attend a Community Accessibility Forum in Sault Ste. Marie on May 10, 2017. Registration is free.”

CD.

- c) Central Algoma Food For Everyone-CAFFE Update-Scheduled Workshops and Survey
Information provided.
- d) North Shore Health Network Focus Group Meeting-Tuesday April 11, 2017 3:30 p.m. Echo Bay Hall-Krafty Kreators
- e) Inspection of Approved 2017-2018 Annual Work Schedules Algoma Forest
- f) Dr. Trefry Centre Request for Contribution Letter
Will be discussed at March 29 Budget Meeting.
- g) Budget Meeting Wednesday March 29 7:00 p.m.

9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts

- #17-80
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for February 2017”
Invoices: \$198,078.52
Payroll: \$27,535.79
Total: \$225,614.31

CD.

10. Closed Session

- #17-87
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Parker Brockelbank
RESOLVED that this Council proceed into Closed Session at 9:00 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 Equipment Operator Position.

- #17-88
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we come out of committee at 9:45 p.m. and continue our Regular Council Meeting.”

CD.

11. Correspondence

12. Mayor & Councillors Comments
Mayor Watson reported on the Economic Development Initiative Meeting that he attended on March 8 in Iron Bridge. Sounds like a good concept but area might be too large. Wait and see if anything comes of it.
Mayor Watson brought up the condition on Hwy 17 B and the fact that it is not scheduled to be redone until 2018 at the earliest. Requested the Clerk to contact Garden River to set up a meeting to discuss this and try and put pressure on Government to do the repair earlier.

13. Confirming By-law
#17-89
Moved by: Parker Brockelbank
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that we pass By-law #17-1960 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 21, 2017.”
CD.

14. Adjournment
#17-90
Moved by: Jean Robbins
Seconded by: Lynn Orchard
“RESOLVED that this Council shall now adjourn to April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.”
CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted the _____ day of _____ 2017

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR