

April 3, 2014

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, April 3, 2014 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Council Meeting.

Present- Mayor Jane Dumas
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Dave Harper
Councillor Sid James
Councillor Linda Thom
Councillor Bill Rodnick
Councillor Richard Shalla

Staff- Harold Luckasavitch Clerk Treasurer
Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent
Carla Gatley, Administrative Assistant-Recording Secretary

Mayor Dumas called to order the April 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Notice of Motion- Funding from Ontario Parks for the docking system in Whitney

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: D. Harper

Seconded by: J. Florent

Res. # 14-077

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the agenda as circulated for the regular Council meeting of April 3, 2014.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS: None

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res. # 14-078

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2014 as circulated.”

-Carried-

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Councillor James spoke to Terry Mole regarding problem with the Roads department being able to hear the Fire Department’s transmissions on two-way radios.
- Res. # 14-074- regarding the Municipality of East Ferris’ Mayor Vrebosch declaring a conflict of interest on resolution requesting the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board to consider permanent sustainable funding for Low Income People Involvement (LIPI). Mayor Vrebosch declared a conflict because he is on the LIPI Board and his daughter works for LIPI.
- Councillor James informed council that Algonquin College is offering a DZ training course in May.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS, STAFF AND/OR COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Library Report:

Councillor Harper verbally reported:

- Asked Chief Librarian to combine statistic numbers for both libraries on one report.

Council Report:

Councillor James verbally reported:

- Overview of Asset Management Symposium attended March 26th.
- Working on a report regarding confirming by-laws; will email report to council when completed.

Fire Report- Madawaska:

Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- He has had a lot of reports of non-working street lights; will investigate and email the municipal office with the details.

Administration Report:

Clerk-Treasurer provided a written report:

- Received costs from David Holbrook for DZ licence training.
- Was advised from Paul Shalla that a work permit is required for the proposed work on the beach in Madawaska. Attended the site and took measurements. Councillor Florent, the Clerk- Treasurer and the Works Superintendent will meet at the location tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.
- Draft copies of the budget will be presented to Council at the meeting of April 9th; Auditor is hoping to have a surplus amount to us by Wednesday. Municipal facilities budget has been totally re-vamped which will help with performance measures.
- Both outdoor rinks have been closed for the season. Suggested storing the Whitney nets in the old Fire Hall in Madawaska. There are other, lighter nets available for ball hockey. Councillor Shalla will email the individuals that run ball hockey and will send a copy of the email to the Clerk.

Roads Report

Works Superintendent, D. Gatley provided a written report:

Progress:

- Review Works Department Budgets for costing accuracy and General Ledger representation.

Winter Service:

- Temperatures fluctuating above and below freezing have caused numerous frozen culverts in the township. Drainage paths have been opened and frozen culverts have been steamed open.

Equipment:

- Truck #7 – An axle was broken during plowing/sanding operation March 22 and has been repaired. The annual Safety Inspection has been done.
- Volvo Grader – A faulty solenoid coil in the transmission was replaced.
- Brusher Grader – Some progress has been made to begin maintenance and service work.
- Truck #8 – A major fault in the engine's electrical system was corrected.
- Truck #20 – The annual safety inspection has been done.
- Service of spreaders and plow equipment will be done at the end of the winter service season to make ready for the 2014-15 season.

Facility:

- Lester B. Smith Building – The furnace oil tank ran out. The system was bled and the boiler restarted.
- Multi Use Building – A quote to supply a pot sink that will fit the counter and meet requirements is on its way.

Health and Safety:

- Compliance – One employee has completed the new mandatory "Safety Awareness" training. The training was completed on- line at no external cost to the township. Others will follow shortly.
- Hazards – One verbal warning was given with verbal instruction for the corrective actions. The details are recorded in the Superintendents daily diary.

Waste Collection and Disposal:

- Review of the proposed Waste Collection and Disposal Calendar. Final changes to be made and brought to the meeting of April 9th.

There was a break from 8:32 p.m. to 8:40 p.m.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items- reviewed and filed

- Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration- Lincoln M. Alexander Award-filed.
- Ontario Parks-Approved 2014/2015 Annual Work Schedule/Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit-filed.

11. CORRESPONDENCE Information Items- reviewed and filed

- G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc. - Rental of Lester B. Smith-letter to be sent stating okay for recommencement of rental to start May 20, 2014.

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. # 14-079**

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin endorses the resolution received from the Regional Municipality of Niagara passed on January 16, 2014, regarding petitioning Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario for affordable hydro for all residents and businesses in Ontario.”

-Carried-

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: S. James** **Res. # 14-080**

“Whereas the Whitney Boat Launch that is located on Galeairy Lake off of Second Ave., is owned and operated by the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin, and

Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Ontario has designated the Whitney Boat Launch as a Public Access Point to Algonquin Park without any consultation with Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin, and

Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Ontario charges a permit fee for day use, also for camping in Algonquin Park from this Access Point, and

Whereas the maintenance of lights, docks, parking lot and outdoor privies is the sole responsibility of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin and funded through taxation from the residents in Township of South Algonquin, without any compensation received from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Ontario, and

Whereas the Access Point and Parking Lot is predominantly used by permit holders issued by Parks Ontario, and

Whereas the parking lot is often congested and the local residents have limited access for personal use of the Boat Launch,

Therefore be it resolved, that Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin requests that a representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Ontario meet with Council to negotiate a formal agreement to address aging infrastructure, the park issues and compensation to the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin.”

-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla **Seconded by: B. Rodnick** **Res. # 14-081**

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin agrees to extending the Chief Building Inspector’s contract employment agreement to June 2014.”

-Carried-

Moved by: B. Rodnick **Seconded by: L. Thom** **Res. # 14-082**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the payment of all bills as recorded and presented for the meeting of April 3, 2014, Batch number 2014-

00020 to 2014-0022 in the amount \$23,235.89.”

-Carried-

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: None

15. BY-LAWS: None

Moved by: S. James **Seconded by: L. Thom** **Res. #14-083**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the regular meeting of April 3, 2014 at 9:02 p.m.”

-Carried-

Mayor Jane Dumas

Clerk- Harold Luckasavitch