

April 9th, 2014

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday April 9th, 2014 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Preliminary Budget Meeting.

Present – Councillor Joe Florent Staff- Harold Luckasavitch, Clerk Treasurer
 Councillor Dave Harper Dave Gatley, Roads Superintendent
 Councillor Sid James Sue Klatt, Deputy Clerk- Treasurer-Recording Secretary
 Councillor Bill Rodnick Tracy Cannon, Admin. Asst. - Public Works/Bldg. Dept.
 Councillor Richard Shalla
 Councillor Linda Thom

Regrets: Mayor Jane Dumas

Councillor Bill Rodnick, Chair of the Finance Committee called to order the Special Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin at 7:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: D. Harper Seconded by: S. James Res. # 14-084

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Special Council meeting of April 9, 2014, called for the purpose of reviewing departmental expenditures to establish the 2014 Municipal Budget for the Township.”

-Carried-

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

4. PRELIMINARY BUDGET-Package 1-DRAFT 1

Discussed and reviewed:

The Clerk Treasurer briefed Council on the enclosed documentation within the budget package and informed Council that the Municipal Facilities budget items have been incorporated within other departmental budgets for 2014. The Municipal Facilities budget sheet reflects last years budgeted and actual numbers but the allocated 2014 budgeted items were distributed within other budgets. The Clerk/Treasurer has prepared a balanced budget with no change to the tax rate taking into account an increase in assessment.

- Administration Department
- Ambulance Department
- Animal Control Department-
The Administrative Assistant Tracy Cannon briefed Council on her findings of a cost review between our costs and those of neighbouring municipalities and found that the agreement with Bonnechere Valley is very comparable and we are paying much less than other municipalities.
- Building Department
The Clerk Treasurer briefed Council on discussions with the part time Chief Building Official regarding his availability and willingness to extend his contract beyond June 2014. Council was in agreement that they would like the part time Chief Building Official to continue until October 31, 2014 at which time further discussions can take place.
- Public Works Department
The Roads Superintendent briefed Council on internal reviews, proposed changes and modifications done within the Roads Budget such as the inclusion of wages from other departments, and where attention is being focused on areas such as culverts, ditching, drainage and road patching. A discussion regarding the necessity and importance of including the Asset Management in the budgeting process was had. The importance of budgeting for aging infrastructure and doing betterments to the assets prior to the need was highlighted.
During discussions within this review, the Road Superintendent was asked to:
 - a) Review the repairs needed for Moore’s Creek Bridge as outlined in the Asset Management Plan.
 - b) Following a recent fire on Hwy 523, it is recommended options should be investigated to ensure accessible water supply for the Fire Department. Staff is asked to investigate the possibility of brushing Reid Road to the Boat Launch. It would be approximately 100m.

