

August 6, 2015

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, August 6, 2015 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Council Meeting.

Present- Mayor Dumas
Councillor John Brown
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Dave Harper
Councillor Bill Rodnick
Councillor Richard Shalla
Councillor Linda Thom

Staff- Carla Gatley, Deputy Clerk
Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent
Tracy Cannon, Municipal Operations Clerk-Recording Secretary

2. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Delegation Andrew Michel, Dream Catcher Motel

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: D. Harper

Seconded by: B. Rodnick

Res. # 15-183

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the regular Council meeting of August 6, 2015.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS:

Andrew Michel, Dream Catcher Motel verbally requested Council waive or reduce the commercial tipping fees for a large amount of brush that has been accumulating on his property for approximately three years as Mr. Michel was not aware of the new commercial tipping fees that were implemented in the Schedule of Fees By-Law 15-490.

Council expressed the reasons for the implementation of the fees and that the fees are waived only if the property owner takes their own waste to the landfill sites.

It was determined that council needed to discuss this request further and staff would get back to Mr. Michel with the decision.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: J. Brown

Seconded by: R. Shalla

Res. # 15-184

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 16, 2015 as circulated and amended.”

-Carried-

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Staff to order and install a new civic sign and post for a resident on McKenzie Lake Road that was damaged during the brushing operations.
- Staff to contact Ian Collins regarding the delivery of a surplus travel trailer donated by All Star Resort to the fire department to be placed at the works garage for confined space training.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The portion of the wall in the furnace room at the Mervin Dupuis Building does not need to be replaced. It was determined the water damage came from a faulty furnace back flow preventer which has been replaced. It was suggested that during the 2016 budget process a ventilation system for the building be considered.

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

Administration

A written report was provided in the council package by CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer S. Klatt.

Discussions included:

- Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and at that time council will discuss the Deputy Treasurer’s proposal to change the installment due date for 2016 for tax bills.

- Currently there are seven children confirmed for Whitney and one for Madawaska for the annual swimming lessons, which is much lower than other years. Council instructed staff to contact the one registered child in Madawaska and offer to waive the registration fee in lieu of travel expenses to drive to Whitney.
- As per the session of July 16th with Jamie Robinson, Project Planner of MHBC; Staff has requested that Council have any “hot topics” as it pertains to planning to the Municipal Operations Clerk before August 19th so Mr. Robinson can prepare for the August 25th “Planning 101 Session”.
- Verbal complaint regarding a hobby farm located in a residential area. Staff to research situation further.
- A letter was circulated from a concerned resident about the lack of children programming available at the libraries. Staff has responded to the resident and will forward the letter to the Library Board.

Roads

A written report was provided in the council package by Works Superintendent D. Gatley.

Discussions included:

- It was discovered that the Airy Trestle Pedestrian Bridge has deteriorated more than expected. Repairs are estimated at \$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00 to complete the necessary repairs. A decision will need to be made soon whether to close the bridge. It is hoped that other parties that utilize the bridge will offer some financial support for the repairs.
- Letter circulated and approved to be sent to the concerned resident regarding access to Poverty Lake.
- Discussion regarding Backhoe Training through Ground Force Training for two Works Department Employees. Resolution to follow.
- The site plan for the revitalization of the Ayles Lake Docking Facility will be circulated to council and available for public input.
- The barbeque for Tom & Mick Murray Park has been located. Two barbeques are now available.

Recreation-Madawaska

- J.R. Booth Park requires signs to indicate “No Camping”, “No Bathing”, “No Dogs” and “No Smoking”.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- Bancroft Area Stewardship Council, Re: Donation - resolution
- AMO, RE: Risk Management Symposium - filed
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, RE: Cottage Lot Development - staff will be notified with more information.
- Algonquins of Ontario, RE: Potential Transfer of MTO Aggregate Permits - staff & council to visit sites.
- Forest Ontario, RE: Donation - resolution

11. CORRESPONDENCE -Information Items

- Reviewed and filed.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion whether to make the Brusher/Grader a surplus item. It will be further discussed at the upcoming Roads Meeting on August 19th.
- Grass along Galeairy Lake Road by Whitney Public School needs to be cut. Staff will write a letter to Renfrew County School Board as the property is owned by the school.

There was a five minute break.

13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res. # 15-185

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports educational programs provided by the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council and sustainable projects to provide educational programs involving local schools and make a donation of \$200.00.

-Carried-

