

November 18, 2015

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, November 18, 2015 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Special Council Meeting.

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

Staff- Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk Treasurer
Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent
Tracy Cannon, Municipal Operations Clerk;
Recording Secretary

Guests: Lise Roy, Planner MMAH; Alejandra Gonzalez; Planner MMAH; Sydne Taggart, Negotiator, MNRF; John Hanna, Land Technician, MNRF; Jamie Robinson, Township Planner, MHBC Planning Ltd.

Mayor Dumas called to order the November 18, 2015 Special Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin at 7:05 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: J. Brown

Res. # 15-261

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin agreed to meet as Council of the whole for the Special Council meeting of November 18, 2015.”

-Carried-

Round Table Introductions

The committee was provided with mapping and documentation which included preliminary planning analysis spreadsheets of the selected land parcels to be transferred.

Sydne Taggart, Negotiator for the Algonquin Land Claim updated Council on the status of the Algonquin Land Claim and next steps in the process as it pertains to the Algonquin ratification vote, approval of the proposed Agreement-in-Principle by Ontario and Canada. Further detailed negotiations will be required to reach a Final Agreement.

It is anticipated that the first transfer of lands will be in approximately eight years and the last transfer of land in approximately twenty-eight years.

Once transferred the Algonquins of Ontario lands in the Township of South Algonquin will:

- Be patented land and will be subject to normal property taxes with the exception of one parcel (91G) which will be exempt from property taxes as long as there are no improvements on the parcel. The Algonquins of Ontario will be required to make arrangements with the municipality to pay the costs of services such as road maintenance, fire service, O.P.P coverage etc. Council will have access to sample service agreements to consider what service agreements would have to be included.
- Be subject to provincial laws and municipal by-laws and policies with respect to land uses and consents.

- Not create any new obligations of the municipality to establish or maintain public roads, or to provide services to the settlement lands that are not otherwise required to be provided by law.
- Not include transfers of any public roads or road allowances that are owned by the municipality including shoreline road allowances. The Algonquins of Ontario may seek municipal agreement to close and transfer certain unopen municipal road allowances or shoreline road allowances. (The Algonquins of Ontario will be required to adhere to the municipality’s shoreline/road allowance purchasing process.)
- Not interfere with access to private properties as a result of the transfer of Crown land parcels to the Algonquins of Ontario.
- Will provide continued access through legal instrument for private landowners who rely on privately maintained roads that cross proposed settlement lands. For example an easement for a right-of-way may be issued.

Lise Roy, Planner MMAH presented the Ontario’s preliminary maps of the Algonquin Land Claim. Each parcel identified was discussed and reviewed to determine land use planning designations and zoning, land use permits and existing legal interest, access to private lands, environmental regulations and ongoing public consultation.

A future meeting will be scheduled when more information is available.

Moved by: J. Brown Seconded by: J. Florent Res. # 15-262
 “That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Special Council meeting of November 18, 2015 at 10:00 p.m.”
-Carried-

Mayor Jane Dumas

Suzanne Klatt,
 CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Tracy Cannon, Municipal Operations Clerk
 Recording Secretary