

April 21, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, April 21, 2016 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- Suzanne Klatt, CAO/ Clerk –Treasurer
Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent
Carla Gatley, Deputy Clerk-Recording Secretary
Natasha Hinze, Deputy Treasurer

Guests- Rick Eustace/Welch LLP
Fire Chief John Stubbs
Fire Chief Aurel Thom

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Delegation - Presentation from Auditor
Staff Reports - Budget Presentation

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: D. Harper

Seconded by: J. Florent

Res. # 16-088

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the regular Council meeting of April 21, 2016.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Harper-Item #18 Payment of Accounts.

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS:

Municipal Auditor Rick Eustace/Welch LLP- Provided presentation of 2015 end year audit.

Mr. Eustace left and there was a ten minute break at 7:24 p.m.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: J. Brown

Res. # 16-089

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 7, 2016 as circulated.”

-Carried-

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Mayor Dumas commended council for sending the gift of flowers to Mary Bordowitz’s 100th birthday celebration last weekend; the gift was very well received. The CAO recommended implementing a donation policy.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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

Whitney Recreation

Councillor Shalla verbally reported:

- There will be a dinner held at the Lester Smith Building the long weekend in May; tickets will be sold in advance.
- The recreation committee have been discussing Canada Day events and various activities.
- Discussion on Canada Day Grant and grant allocations.

Madawaska Recreation

Councillor Thom verbally reported:

- Trivia night is April 25th
- Sharon Florent is making velcro curtains for the bottom of the stage.
- S. Klatt mentioned that a recreation member inquired about a bike rack.

Whitney Fire Department

Chief Stubbs provided a written report.

Verbally reported:

- The Fire tab on the township website has been updated to include a copy of the by-law Prescribing the Time for Setting Fires as well as the laws on smoke and CO2 alarms.

Madawaska Fire Department

Chief Thom provided a written report.

Verbally reported:

- There was a fire at the landfill site on Saturday.

S. Klatt verbally reported:

- She and Fire Chief Stubbs visited the fire department communications building; repairs to be made soon. Discussed action items from the Fire Officer's meeting of April 13, 2016:
- Standard Operating Procedures, revisions will be made and put on flash drives for the fire chiefs. One hardcopy will be printed.
- Standard Operating Guidelines, fire chiefs will provide staff with any guidelines they have on file and an electronic copy will be forwarded to both fire chiefs. Hardcopies and the sign off sheets will be provided to Chief Thom.
- Fire Chiefs and the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer should develop a "timeline" spreadsheet prioritizing the needs of each fire station in a 5 year timeline plan. It could include equipment upgrades, training requirements, interchangeable systems etc. It was determined that one priority for Madawaska should be to train more volunteers for their DZ licence and Whitney should prioritize their training records.
- Confidentiality Policy specific to the "Fire Department Volunteers" should be developed and included with the municipal HR Policy. This should be included in the recruitment package and sign off sheet included with their records.
- A Social Media policy should be developed for the Fire Department. It should outline who should be speaking to the media to ensure consistency in messages and avoid misinformation or damaging information from being released to the public.

Both Fire Chiefs left at 8:34 p.m.

Administration

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

Verbally discussed:

-Received an email from Fednor indicating that our application for a Records Management/Archive Internship has been moved to the next stage.

Roads

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

Verbally discussed:

-Winter clean-up has begun. Street sweeping is finished in Madawaska and half of the streets are done in Whitney.

-There was a fire at the Lyell landfill site on Saturday in the construction and demolition pile. The fire was completely out by Sunday.

-Discussion on sun shelter drawings.

Budget

Deputy-Treasurer N. Hinze provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2016 budget.

N. Hinze left at 9:50 p.m.

School Closure

Mayor Dumas discussed the meeting with the Renfrew County School Board regarding the possible closure of the Madawaska Public School. She will make a presentation to the Board prior to May 9th.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- Al Schutt/Queenswood Real Estate and Merv Carrol/ReMax, RE: Commissions and Fees-Old Madawaska Fire Hall, resolution
- Cassellholme, RE: Consultant Selection, resolution
- Laurie Scott, MPP, RE: Support of Bill 158, resolution
- Madawaska Public School Parent Council, RE: Use of Hall for Graduation, resolution
- CEMC Brian Ackney, RE: Emergency Preparedness Week, resolution
- Application for Damage or Danger Permit, staff to submit application
- Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, RE: Support of Resolution to Expand Natural Gas Services to all of Eastern Ontario rural areas, filed
- 2016 PSAB/Full Accrual Operating Budget, resolution
- MFIPPA Request, resolution

11. CORRESPONDENCE -Information Items

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: L. Thom

Res. # 16-090

“WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin declares the property at 25231 Highway 60 as Surplus;

AND WHEREAS Council deems the funds from the sale of this land would be dedicated to the purchase of a generator and/or updates to the Madawaska Complex;

AND WHEREAS staff has obtained two (2) appraisals from realtors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin directs staff to enter into an agreement to list the property with Queenswood National Real Estate Ltd. Brokerage (Agent-Al Schutt).”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: L. Thom

Res. # 16-091

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the request received from the Madawaska Public School to waive the rental fee for the Madawaska Complex for their graduation night on June 22, 2016.”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: L. Thom

Res. # 16-092

“**WHEREAS** the Haliburton Trail Riders will be hosting a 2 day off road motorcycle event based out of Madawaska and they expect in excess of 200 riders;

AND WHEREAS their presence has a positive economic impact on campgrounds and local businesses and they have rented the Madawaska Complex for Friday and Saturday;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the request received from the Haliburton Trail Riders to waive the rental fee for Sunday June 19th, 2016 for the Madawaska Complex which will be used for 1 hour for coffee and a riders meeting.”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: J. Brown

Res. # 16-093

“**WHEREAS** human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery;

AND WHEREAS traffickers recruit, transport, harbor and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labour;

AND WHEREAS it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims-90 percent of which are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Council of the Township of South Algonquin support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*, support MPP Laurie Scott’s motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims’ services and frontline agencies;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP Laurie Scott for distribution, and our local MPP John Yakabuski.”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res. # 16-094

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin proclaims May 1 to May 7 as Emergency Preparedness Week.”

-Carried-

Moved by: D. Harper

Seconded by: B. Rodnick

Res. # 16-095

“**WHEREAS** the Whitney Fire Chief identified the need and budgeted for the purchase of a fire truck (with seating capacity for 4-6) for 2016;

AND WHEREAS the Whitney Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief have found a truck that meets the needs identified by the Whitney Fire Department and it is below the budgeted amount;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the recommendation from the Whitney Fire Chief to move forward with negotiations on the purchase a 1995 Spartan Baron VIN@4S7FT9G00SC017716;

