

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN**  
**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

On Wednesday, January 20, 2021 the Emergency Services Committee held a Zoom Meeting broadcasted to You Tube

**Council Present:**

Mayor Dumas, Chair

Councillor Sandra Collins- Lost internet connection at 9:30, returned at 9:45 a.m.

Councillor Dave Harper

Councillor Joe Florent

Councillor Bongo

Councillor Richard Shalla

Councillor Joey Vermaire

**Township Staff Present:**

Holly Hayes, CAO/Clerk Treasurer

Don Kruger, Fire Chief

Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator, *Recording Secretary*

Chair of the Emergency Services Committee, Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Mayor Dumas read the January 14, 2021 Media Release; Local Response to Provincial Lockdown

**ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

#5 New Business: Fire Service to Water Access Properties

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: D. Harper**

To adopt the agenda as prepared for the Emergency Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 20, 2021 as circulated and amended.

-Carried-

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Fire Permit System:** Further discussion and review of Fire Chief, Don Kruger's report of November 25, 2020; Current Burning By-Law 2018-567 and the inclusion of campfires and the definition of Open-Air Fire and the relation to campfires should be reviewed.

The purposed permit system is a communication tool to get important information out to residents.

The system would not include crownland fires, that would be governed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The system would only include only open-air fires within the jurisdiction of the township.

Next steps;

- Resolution will be presented at the next Regular Council Meeting and if approved, staff will include permit information with Interim Tax Notices.
- Review Burning By-Law 2018-567.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Changes to pay for firefighters:** Fire Chief, Don Kruger provided a written report for the package.

This proposed pay structure would provide the volunteers with an incentive to attend training.

No proposed changes to the District Fire Chief's pay structure.

Next steps;

- Resolution will be presented at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Dry Hydrants:** Fire Chief, Don Kruger provided a written report for the package.  
Discussion on location and natural water sources and mapping.

Next steps:

- Staff to provide a detailed map with proposed locations. Locations to have four seasons accessibility.

**Extraction Tools:** Fire Chief, Don Kruger provided a written report for the package.

Next steps:

- Proceed with recommended actions outlined in the report.

**Madawaska Water Tank:** Fire Chief, Don Kruger provided a written report for the package.

Next steps:

- Proceed with recommended actions outlined in the report.

**Fire Services to Water Access Properties:** Councillor Vermaire presented to the committee for discussion fire protection to water access properties.

Next Steps:

- Fire Chief, Don Kruger will discuss with Fire Fighters how they feel about the additional training and additional duties required of them should this service be provided.
- Staff to provide a report for the next Emergency Services Committee Meeting.

Next meeting date to be determined.

**Moved by: J. Vermaire**

**Seconded by: J. Florent**

To adjourn the Emergency Services Committee meeting of January 20, 2021 at 10:10 a.m.

-Carried-

Next meeting date, to be determined.

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Mayor Jane A.E. Dumas,  
Committee Chairperson

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Holly Hayes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Admin.  
Recording Secretary