

March 3, 2021

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, March 3, 2021 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Council Meeting via Zoom Meeting which was streamed to YouTube.

Present- Mayor Dumas
Councillor Sandra Collins
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Dave Harper
Councillor Bongo Bongo
Councillor Richard Shalla
Councillor Joey Vermaire

Staff- Holly Hayes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Carla Gatley, Deputy Clerk-Recording Secretary
Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent
Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator
Jennifer Baragar, Deputy Treasurer
Guests- Tiffany Cecchetto/KPMG
Chas Anselmo/KPMG
Robert Howe/Howe & Bradley Professional Corp.

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Add a motion to endorse a resolution from Town of Mattawa.
- Mayor Dumas will provide an EMS Health Services Committee update regarding Covid vaccine in South Algonquin.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: B. Bongo

Seconded by: J. Florent

Res. # 21-030

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the Regular Council Meeting of March 3, 2021.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

5. PUBLIC MEETING: ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT ZBA2020-02

A public meeting was held pursuant to provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act for Zoning By-Law Amendment ZBA2020-02 for lands locally known as 903 McRae Hay Lake Road.

The Zoning By-Law Amendment was a condition for provisional consent.

A Planning Report was provided in the package and T. Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator provided a brief explanation of the proposed amendment;

Currently the lands are zoned Tourist Commercial Zone Exception Two (C4-2).

The Zoning By-Law Amendment will rezone the proposed retained lands to Tourist Commercial Zone Exception Three (C4-3) to recognize the existing commercial use and an existing accessory structure within the minimum interior side yard and reduce the minimum lot area.

The proposed severed lands will be rezoned to Tourist Commercial Zone Exception Four (C4-4) to recognize the existing commercial use and reduce the minimum lot area.

Mr. Howe, Solicitor for the applicant provided comments that included reasoning for the minimum interior yard provision.

No further comments from the public were received.

The By-Law to amend Zoning By-Law 2017-527 is included in the By-Law portion of the package.

Mr. Howe left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

6. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS:

-Tiffany Cecchetto and Chas Anselmo from KPMG

Ms. Cecchetto and Mr. Anselmo provided a presentation that reviewed findings of the Municipal Modernization Study.

Ms. Cecchetto and Mr. Anselmo left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: J. Vermaire

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res. # 21-031

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 3, 2021 as circulated.”

-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: J. Florent

Res. # 21-032

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin

adopts the minutes of the Asset Management Committee Meeting of February 17, 2021 as circulated and amended.”

-Carried-

Moved by: D. Harper

Seconded by: J. Vermaire

Res. # 21-033

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Waste Management Committee Meeting of February 17, 2021 as circulated.”

-Carried-

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

Mayor Dumas

-Received information yesterday pertaining to the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine. Jim Etmanski and Glory Peplinskie represent South Algonquin at the Barry’s Bay & Area Covid Vaccine Planning Committee. Health Care workers have been provided the vaccine. A preliminary list of Fire Dept. members and others that are eligible, have been given to reserve vaccines. After that those aged eighty and over will be eligible. Community halls in Whitney and Madawaska will be utilized; the Team may be looking for helpers. Clinics will be by appointment only.

Fire

A written report was provided in the council package by Fire Chief D. Kruger

Library

A written report was provided in the council package by CEO/Head Librarian Charlene Alexander

Planning and Building

A written report was provided in the council package by Planning & Building Administrator T. Cannon.

Administration

A written report was provided in the council package by CAO/Clerk-Treasurer H. Hayes.
Verbally reported:

- Verified Health Unit report that South Algonquin is included in the count of Covid cases of Barry’s Bay and area. Local people are still using the rinks. We are slowly allowing people to rent halls, following new protocols.
- Scheduled Economic Development meeting for March 17th following the Committee of Adjustment meeting.
- Scheduled Emergency Services meeting and Human Resources/Administration/Public Relations meeting for March 25th.
- Council to forward any comments pertaining to the wayfinding maps to H. Hayes soon.

Public Works/Operations

Works Superintendent D. Gatley verbally reported:

- The recent warm weather has caused a rather significant leak at the EMS building in Whitney. Investigation revealed construction deficiencies in the roof area above the Fire meeting room. Performed remedial repairs but it will require reassessment once the snow has melted.
- The gazebo in Whitney is another potential project that requires a priority condition assessment.
- Completed McCauley Lake Rd. brushing operation. There is a logger currently in the area that could remove poplar trees, net zero cost to the township as the timber is marketable; consensus of council was to go ahead.
- There are three UV systems that are no longer being used that could be sold as surplus. Consensus of council was to sell as surplus.
- Bulk snow removal operation currently happening; benching of snow banks, sight lines at corners.
- Looking at putting half load limits on next week; have been in touch with loggers that have operations going on.
- Have regular contact with the engineers working on the dam job who have advised that half of the spill way will be ready by freshet. All of the chutes are operational and they are on track.
- Discussion regarding marking hibachis at Galeairy Lake Memorial Park to make them visible for snowmobilers.

Budget Presentation

- H. Hayes provided a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed 2021 Budget.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councillor Bongo inquired if letters to McCauley Lake and Lyell Lake residents were being worked on. T. Cannon stated no letters were required for the McCauley Lake resident; recommendation was given verbally at a meeting. A letter has been sent to the Lyell Lake resident.

11. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items: None

12. CORRESPONDENCE -Information Items

13. NEW BUSINESS: None

14. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: J. Vermaire Seconded by: J. Florent Res. # 21-034

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to include an additional \$10,000 in the 2021 Transportation Services Capital Budget for a project on Shields Road. The project will include the construction of a snowplow turn around and making road and drainage improvements to the first 200 metres of the road that will allow for more efficient municipal winter maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin amends By-law 16-512, Being a By-law to adopt a Level of Service for Municipal Highways as follows:

-The length of Shields Road be changed from 0.3 kilometres to 0.2 kilometres under Dickens Ward in Section 02.

-Shields Road be removed from the Winter Road Closures list in Schedule “E”.”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent Seconded by: J. Vermaire Res. # 21-035

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin endorses the Town of Mattawa’s Resolution Number 21-06 and supports and strongly advocates the province of Ontario to implement the Amber Eight Light System on all school buses for the safety of all students utilizing school buses as safe access to and from schools.”

-Carried-

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

-Councillor Bongo- Economic Development Committee to develop a Terms of Reference for Economic Development Committee meetings.

16. BY-LAWS:

FIRST AND SECOND READING

Moved by: S. Collins Seconded by: D. Harper Res. # 21-036

“**BEING A BY-LAW** to provide for the stopping up and closing part of the shore road allowance along Lyell Lake in front of Lot 17 Concession 3 abutting Lot 19 on Plan M382, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 36R-12466 in the Geographic Township of Lyell, within the Township of South Algonquin, in the District of Nipissing.

AND THAT it be read a first and second time and be referred to a committee of the whole council.”

-Carried-

THIRD READING

Moved by: J. Florent Seconded by: B. Bongo Res. # 21-037

“**BEING A BY-LAW** to provide for the stopping up and closing part of the shore road allowance along Lyell Lake in front of Lot 17 Concession 3 abutting Lot 19 on Plan M382, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 36R-12466 in the Geographic Township of Lyell, within the Township of South Algonquin, in the District of Nipissing, as referred by the committee of the whole council.

AND THAT it be read a third time and passed and numbered **21-631** and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO/Clerk Treasurer-sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be entered in the By-Law Book.”

-Carried-

FIRST AND SECOND READING

Moved by: R. Shalla Seconded by: J. Florent Res. # 21-038

“BEING A BY-LAW pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, c.P.12 to amend Map 19 of 44 of By-law No. 2017-527 by rezoning the properties locally known as 903 McRae-Hay Lake Road from the Tourist Commercial Exception Two (C4-2) Zone, to the Tourist Commercial Three (C4-3) Zone and the Tourist Commercial Four (C4-4) Zone, as supported by the Planners Report dated February 11, 2021;
AND THAT any public/agency comments received have been considered;
AND THAT it be read a first and second time and be referred to a committee of the whole council.”

-Carried-

THIRD READING

Moved by: J. Vermaire **Seconded by: S. Collins** **Res. # 21-039**

“BEING A BY-LAW pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, c.P.12 to amend Map 19 of 44 of By-law No. 2017-527 by rezoning the properties locally known as 903 McRae-Hay Lake Road from the Tourist Commercial Exception Two (C4-2) Zone, to the Tourist Commercial Three (C4-3) Zone and the Tourist Commercial Four (C4-4) Zone, as supported by the Planners Report dated February 11, 2021, as referred by the committee of the whole council.

AND THAT any public/agency comments received have been considered;
AND THAT it be read a third time and passed and numbered **21-632** and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO/Clerk Treasurer-sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be entered in the By-Law Book.”

-Carried-

17. CLOSED SESSION: None

18. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. # 21-040**

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the payment of all bills as recorded for the meeting March 3, 2021: Batch 2021-00006 \$138,900.13, Batch 2021-00008 \$69,931.18.”

-Carried-

19. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: J. Vermaire **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. # 21-041**

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the regular meeting of March 3, 2021, at 10:37 a.m.”

-Carried-

The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Jane Dumas

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Holly Hayes

Deputy Clerk Carla Gatley
 Recording Secretary