

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Rehabilitation of the Airy Pedestrian Bridge. D. Gatley provided a cost benefit analysis on using a more durable wood than hemlock. After discussion Council has agreed to go ahead with option 2. Reconstruct the bridge using #1 Douglas Fir and #1/2 SPF with all features designed by the engineer.

-Discussion on the addition of twenty hours a week by-law enforcement to ensure adequate by-law enforcement in the township. A resolution will be brought to the October council meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items:

-Councillor Bongo, RE: Letter to Premier of Ontario/Climate Change- *resolution*

11. CORRESPONDENCE -Information Items

12. NEW BUSINESS:

-Discussion on vacant Council position Dickens Ward. B. Martin will forward applications received to councillors. Scheduled a closed session meeting for September 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Councillor Collins will Chair the meeting. The meeting will be a Committee of the Whole.

-Confirmed September 15th meetings will be Committee of Adjustment followed by Emergency Services followed by Asset Management.

-Councillor Shalla will chair the Asset Management meeting on September 15th.

13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: B. Bongo

Seconded by: S. Collins

Res. # 21-168

“**WHEREAS** it has been clear for decades that the Earth’s climate is changing, and the role of human influence on the climate system is undisputed; and

WHEREAS the 6th and latest report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concludes that climate change is widespread, rapid, and intensifying; and

WHEREAS the negative effects of climate change include: damage to property and rising insurance premiums, extreme rainfalls that flood and destroy infrastructure, disruption to agriculture and erosion of food security, higher frequency of mosquito and tickborne diseases (Lyme and West Nile disease), algal blooms that threaten fresh water, loss of ice fishing due to receding cold seasons, more dangerous wildlife seasons; and

WHEREAS the younger generations, who will bear the most negative effects of climate change, have been constantly protesting and demanding that current leaders take more bold action to mitigate climate change;

NOW THEREFORE the Council for the Corporation of South Algonquin resolves as follows:

THAT the provincial government use the same method of science-based policy making that fueled the urgent response to deal with the COVID-19 crisis be applied to the ongoing climate emergency.

THAT the provincial government accelerate the end of our economy’s reliance on climate change inducing fossil fuels; and

THAT the provincial government embrace the development of a green economy that is guided by sustainable environmental policy.”

CC: Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy

CC: Hon. David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks,

CC: Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry / Indigenous Affairs

CC: Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

CC: Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

Councillor Bongo requested a recorded vote:

Councillor Bongo For Councillor Florent Against

Councillor Shalla For Councillor Harper For

Councillor Collins For Mayor Dumas For

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res. # 21-169

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to include the 2012 Ford 1 Ton Plow Truck (Unit #20) as surplus.”

-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res. # 21-170

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Township of South Algonquin supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming resolution passed on August 11th 2021, in support of the Council of the City of Kitchener’s motion, requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments review actions that could be taken to help mitigate or offset the impacts related to the rising cost of building materials.”

