

December 1, 2021

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, December 1, 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 Bill Rodnick
Councillor Richard Shalla

Staff- Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Carla Gatley, Deputy Clerk-Recording Secretary
Jennifer Baragar, Deputy Treasurer
Don Kruger, Fire Chief
Delegation-Robert Ogilvie

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Mayor Dumas read a memorial in acknowledgment of Desmond Quade, a fellow member of the Physician Recruitment Committee who passed away recently.

2. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- New resolutions pertaining to items in the CAO report were added to the agenda
- Add closed session-personnel matters

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Shalla Res. # 21-243

“**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 December 1, 2021.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS: Robert Ogilvie

Mr. Ogilvie spoke in opposition of proposed ward changes and changes to council composition.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Bongo Res # 21-244

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

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Shalla Seconded by: Councillor Harper Res # 21-245

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of November 18, 2021 as circulated.”

-Carried-

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

M&L Parks and Recreation

Provided Minutes from October 19, 2021 Meeting.

Councillor Florent reported that the Committee has applied for a community involvement L.E.A.F. grant through Commonwell. If successful the funds will be used for raised gardens to be placed between the Madawaska Complex and the ball field.

Fire Report

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

CAO Report

A written report was provided in the council package by B. Martin.

J. Baragar spoke of the RFP results and of the policy revisions:

- Banking RFP Report
- Insurance RFP Report

- Accounting for Tangible Capital Assets Policy Revision
- Property Tax and Collection Policy Revision

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items: None

11. CORRESPONDENCE -Information Items

Sixteen emails were received opposing any changes to the ward system and council composition.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

-Councillor Shalla requested the Public Works department check into the need of a School Bus Stopping sign and a Children Playing sign at south end of McKenzie Lake Road.

13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Harper Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 21-246

WHEREAS the Galeairy Lake Dam is a prominent and unique local feature that has become iconically tied to the local tourism industry and is a symbolic anchoring point for the town of Whitney’s identity itself; and

WHEREAS the recent reconstruction project has magnificently incorporated the existing natural rock landscape into the spill way that successfully blends natural hydraulics with controlled hydraulics; and

WHEREAS the Township of South Algonquin has an existing but out-dated dam lighting system that has served to feature this hydraulic structure as a benefit to the community for decades;

THEREFORE council of The Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin requests permission from the NDMNRF to install a new efficient LED accent lighting system on the dam structure that will provide an enhanced local benefit and to help celebrate the marvelous new natural design elements of this significant and important structure that the Province has made investment in.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Shalla Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res. # 21-247

WHEREAS the Township currently provides winter maintenance of local parking areas for residents with seasonal water access properties and/or winter recreation opportunities on Aylen Lake, Bark Lake, Hay Lake, Lyell Lake, McCauley Lake and McKenzie Lake; and

WHEREAS the Hay Lake Dock Association made request for additional winter parking space at the Hay Lake Boat Launch facility in October of 2019; and

WHEREAS Hay Lake has the second highest number of seasonal water access properties in South Algonquin;

THEREFORE the Council for of The Corporation of South Algonquin authorizes public works staff to expand the existing Hay Lake winter parking capacity by plowing the existing parking lot located within the facility instead of the smaller area located at the facility’s entrance for the 2021-22 winter season, and that the use of the parking area be monitored for reassessment prior to the following winter season.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Bongo Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 21-248

WHEREAS the KPMG Service Delivery Review from March 3, 2021 recommended that council should consider changing the composition of council to 5 members; and

WHEREAS based on the comparative analysis, the only comparator municipality with seven elected officials is the Municipality of Temagami; the balance of the comparative group have five member Councils; and

WHEREAS the majority of the comparators represent their communities at large, the average number of residents served by an elected official within the comparator group is 315 whereas it is approximately 145 for the Township;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of South Algonquin direct staff to transition the electoral process toward an at-large voting system that includes 4 Councillors and 1 Mayor.

Councillor Florent requested a recorded vote:

<i>Councillor Florent</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Councillor Rodnick</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Councillor Harper</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Councillor Collins</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Councillor Bongo</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Mayor Dumas</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Councillor Shalla</i>	<i>Against</i>		

-Defeated-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Shalla Res. # 21-249

THAT: That the council of the Township of South Algonquin accept the 5-year banking proposal received from the CIBC as recommended in the CAO's report to council.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Bongo Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res. # 21-250

THAT: That the council of the Township of South Algonquin accept the Insurance proposal received from Intact Public Entities in partnership with McDougall Insurance Brokers of Bancroft as recommended in the CAO's report to council.

-Carried-

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: None

15. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 21-251

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2021-676 Being a By-Law for Property Tax and Collection Policy;
- 2) By-Law 2021-677 Being a By-Law for Accounting for Tangible Capital Assets;
- 3) By-Law 2021-678 Being a By-Law for An Agreement with Product Care Association;
- 4) By-Law 2021-679 Being a By-Law for An Agreement with Automotive Materials Stewardship Inc.;
- 5) By-Law 2021-680 Being a By-Law to Establish and Regulate the Fire Department;
- 6) By-Law 2021-681 Being a By-Law for A Tiered Response Agreement with the Nipissing District Paramedic Services
- 7) By-Law 2021-682 Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council.

BE READ A FIRST TIME, BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME, BE DEEMED READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

-Carried-

16. CLOSED SESSION:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Shalla Res. # 21-252

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin moves into closed session of Council at 10:36 a.m. to consider subject matter regarding; Ontario Municipal Act, Part VI, S.239 (2) Ontario Municipal Act, Part VI, S.239

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Bongo Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 21-253

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the closed session of the Council Meeting of December 1, 2021 at 10:52 a.m.

-Carried-

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Harper Res. # 21-254

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the regular meeting of December 1, 2021, at 10:53 a.m.”

-Carried-

The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Jane Dumas

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin

Deputy Clerk Carla Gatley
Recording Secretary