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## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

### FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief Don Kruger has left the Township of South Algonquin to take on the role as a full-time Fire Chief with the Township of Manitowadge. Council and staff wish him well on all of his future endeavours.

We would like to congratulate Ian Collins on becoming the Township's new Fire Chief. Council formally made Ian the Fire Chief at the Council meeting on February 2.

Ian has been with the Township of South Algonquin Fire Department since 2008. Prior to Ian's appointment as Fire Chief, he was an officer at the Madawaska station and a training officer for the department.

We welcome Ian to our Senior Management Team and look forward to him leading our Fire Department.

## MADAWASKA RECREATION

### Happy New Year!

#### THE OUTDOOR RINK IS OPEN!

Howard and Hunter have worked very hard this year and have an amazing ice surface for everyone to use and enjoy for the season! The cold weather was phenomenal, when it finally came, to help them as well. Hours are posted at the rink and on Facebook. Come check it out!

### Angel Fundraiser

We would once again like to thank the generous donors who dedicated our Angels in remembrance of their loved ones. The total amount from our program was \$1345 this year! All funds donated went directly to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation and was earmarked for new equipment

### TAX BILLING

The interim tax bills will be mailed the first week of March. Installment due dates are March 31 and May 31. Payment options are:

- Telephone banking
- Internet banking
- Your financial institution
- E-Transfer
- Mail – cheque, money order
- In person – cash, cheque, money order or Interac Debit

E-transfers can be made by using the email deputy-clerk@southalgonquin.ca. Please indicate your property roll number in the message section. If paying another fee such as a fee for a building permit, indicate what the payment is for in the message section. A password is not required.

needed for the Medical Unit at St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Tax receipts will be issued by the Foundation.

Stay safe and healthy everyone!

## FIRE

### DAY BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED.

The Township of South Algonquin requires property owners to have a Burn Permit for all open-air fires within the Township. A free Burn Permit that is valid for one year may be obtained at [South Algonquin Burn Permits \(https://safd.burnpermits.com/\)](https://safd.burnpermits.com/) or by calling 1-833-610-2024.

Property owners who are having campfires only are not required to be registered, however by obtaining a permit you receive updates from the township when fire bans are implemented and other important fire related information.

## Winter Parking on Township Roads

Within South Algonquin plow truck routes are approximately 260 km per round trip, this means that our drivers do their best, often in terrible weather to clean roads as quickly as possible so that residents can get where they need to go.

Vehicles parked in the roadway not only impede their efficiency but also pose safety risks in navigating a large truck, plow and wing around the vehicles.

During the designated winter season, November 1 to April 15, any vehicle parked within the road allowance, including snow plow turn-arounds, will be towed by the nearest available towing company at the owner's expense.

Residents should make arrangements to have their driveways cleared of snow to ensure that parking in the roadway is not necessary and that emergency services can access the property.

## Waste/Disposal News

**Airy Landfill Site:** 462 Nipissing Road, Whitney

**Lyell Landfill Site:** 6319 Hwy 523, Madawaska

### HOURS OF OPERATION

**NOVEMBER 2021 to MARCH 2022**

WEDNESDAYS 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

SATURDAYS 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

NOTE: Roadside pick-up could be anytime between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm on your scheduled day.

Waste Collection Calendars for April 2022 to October 2022 will be mailed with Interim Tax bills. Calendars are also available at the township office or on our website at [www.southalgonquin.ca](http://www.southalgonquin.ca).

Woodstove ashes are not to be disposed of along any township road allowance.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

The municipal office is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

The office is closed on all statutory holidays upcoming include; February 21, April 15, April 18 and May 23.

**Municipal Office:** 613-637-2650

**Works Garage:** 613-637-5343

**Madawaska Complex:** 613-637-1109

**Lester B Smith Building:** 613-637-9963

To rent a facility for any event, including funerals, contact Carla: 613-637-2650, ext. 200

**MAYOR** Jane Dumas: 613-637-5261 (H), 613-332-8357 (C), [mayor@southalgonquin.ca](mailto:mayor@southalgonquin.ca)

### COUNCILLORS

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**Sabine Ward (05)**

Richard Shalla: 613-334-2162, [richard@southalgonquin.ca](mailto:richard@southalgonquin.ca)

## COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC



Nipissing District EMS has recently had a significant expansion of the Community Paramedic Program in 2021.

This program is aligned with traditional Emergency Medical Services, but with the perspective of helping keep patients in their home and reducing unnecessary 911 calls and emergency room visits. Community Paramedics do this by conducting home visits where they can perform physical assessments, monitor certain patients' vital signs remotely, providing vaccinations for homebound patients, hosting wellness

clinics and act as a patient advocate to help navigate the health care system.

Community paramedics strive to develop relationships with patients and their health care providers in order to identify problems before they become emergencies.

If you feel that you could benefit from a Community Paramedic in the South Algonquin Area, have your health care practitioner reach out via a referral to the Nipissing Community Paramedic Program. <https://dnsab.ca/emergency-medical-services/community/how-we-help/paramedicine-program/>

## A MESSAGE FROM WHITNEY SENIORS NEW OUTLOOK

The Seniors Centre is open to fully vaccinated members only at this time.

### ACTIVITIES OFFERED:

#### Darts and Cards

Monday and Thursdays at 1 pm.

#### Euchre

Tuesdays at 7 pm.

#### Mild Aerobic Exercise

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 am.

To preserve the future of Whitney Seniors, the organization is still asking for more interest from the members, or community at large, to fill positions on the executive.

If you are 50 or older and would like to see the organization continue, please come forward. Otherwise, if the requirements of being a corporation are not met, the future may be in jeopardy.

Please call Elaine Szczygiel, secretary, 613-637-2193 for more information. Thank you, stay safe, come out and have fun. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

## PROTECT OUR ANIMALS

When an animal needs help, call:

**1-833-9-ANIMAL**  
(264625)

Don't stay silent.



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### SERVICES AND COLLECTIONS

- Print materials in fiction and non-fiction
- Kobo Reader lending
- Overdrive E-book subscription
- Audio books
- Virtual reality equipment
- Tackle Share program (seasonal)
- Free public Wi-Fi 24/7
- Public computers
- Printing and copying services (fee)
- DVD movies
- Inter-library loans
- Photo and document scanner
- Used book sale shelf (fee)
- Local history collection
- Indigenous knowledge collection
- Ontario Parks passes

### Do you need help accessing and/or printing your vaccination receipt? We can help!

We will need your health card and postal code.  
Laminated vaccine passport \$1.00 each.

#### MADAWASKA BRANCH Wi-Fi 24/7

[madawaskalibrary@southalgonquin.ca](mailto:madawaskalibrary@southalgonquin.ca)  
613-637-1099

Open Tuesdays 10 am to 3 pm,  
and Thursdays 12 noon to 7 pm

#### WHITNEY BRANCH Wi-Fi 24/7

[whitneylibrary@southalgonquin.ca](mailto:whitneylibrary@southalgonquin.ca)  
613-637-5471

Open Wednesdays 10 am to 3 pm,  
and Thursdays 12 noon to 7 pm

To stay up to date, please follow our pages  
<https://www.facebook.com/TownshipofSouthAlgonquinPublicLibrary>  
and <https://www.southalgonquin.ca/library/>.

Curbside pickup, staffing, phone, hours and other services may change at any time. Updates will be posted locally and on social media platforms as developments occur.

## Emergency Preparedness

Be prepared for 72 hours.

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#### Before a Storm

- Create a family emergency plan. Identify a safe meeting place, and ensure everyone knows it.
- Prepare a 72-hour emergency kit. Make sure everyone knows where it's kept.
- Fill out the emergency contact details on this checklist, and make extra copies.
- Fully charge all mobile phones.
- Plug your electronics into a surge protector.
- Don't touch electrical equipment that may have been exposed to water.
- Lower your fridge to 40°F/4°C and your freezer to 0°F/-18°C.
- Download our Outage App to your mobile phone.
- Sign up to receive Outage Alerts by text or email.
- Make sure we have your contact details in myAccount.



#### During a Storm

- Report a power outage to 1-800-434-1235 – but use a mobile phone.
- Don't use a landline telephone. You can get an electromagnetic shock.
- Locate your emergency kit. Ensure your flashlights are working.
- Get access to our Outage Map. We update it every 10 minutes.
- Unplug all TVs, electronics and appliances at home.
- Turn off all light switches except one – so you know when power is restored.
- Bring outdoor items such as patio furniture inside.
- Avoid opening the fridge and freezer to retain the cold.
- Stay inside and away from windows and doors.
- Check the local news for weather updates.



#### After a Storm

- Replenish your emergency kit.
- Inspect your property for any damage, and document it.
- If you see a downed power line, stay at least 10 metres back and report it to 1-800-434-1235.
- Don't wade through a flooded basement to reach the electrical panel.
- Check your electrical panel and contact a master electrician if damaged.
- Turn on appliances and electronics one at a time to avoid a power surge.
- Check in on neighbours and friends in your area.
- Dispose of any spoiled food in your fridge and freezer.
- Sign up for Outage Alerts and download the Outage App – if you haven't already.
- Confirm your contact details in myAccount.

### Be prepared. Create a storm checklist.



#### 72-hour Emergency Kit

- Windup or battery-powered flashlight
- Windup or battery-powered radio
- Portable external battery charger for smart devices
- Water (2 litres per person per day)
- Canned or dried food that won't spoil
- Manual can opener
- Batteries for your flashlight and radio
- Cash on hand
- Blankets
- Candles and matches
- Emergency contact list
- First aid kit
- Prescriptions and medical items



#### Emergency Contact List

Hydro One's province-wide, 24/7 emergency number: 1-800-434-1235

Closest Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Fire Services: \_\_\_\_\_  
Police: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meeting Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Map it. App it.  
Download now

[HydroOne.com/OutageMap](http://HydroOne.com/OutageMap)

