

August 18, 2022

SPECIAL OFFICIAL PLAN PUBLIC MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, August 18th, 2022 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Special In-Person Official Plan Public Meeting at the Madawaska Complex.

Present- Mayor Dumas
Councillor Bongo Bongo
Councillor Sandra Collins
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Bill Rodnick
Absent-
Councillor Dave Harper
Councillor Richard Shalla

Staff- Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Tracy Cannon, Planning & Bldg, Admin, *Recording Secretary*

Township Planner- Anthony Hommik MCIP, RPP Senior Planner, Jp2g Consultants Inc.

Guests:

Gabriela Hairabedian	Dai Evans
Ethel LaValley	Stan Manel
Sharon Connors	David Brown
Jack Connors	Jonathan Brown
Heather Gates	Maureen Costello
Tom Taylor	Rosemary Young
John Pollak	Sharon Florent
Alex Nicholas	Jayne Munro-Ouimet
Dave Dupuis	Neil Ouimet
Kate Rogers	Joanne Healy
Theresa Kramer	John McRae
Hunter Florent	Andreas Hill
Jerry Pigeon	Lucien Lacombe

1. **OPEN REMARKS** – 6:00 p.m.

T. Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator introduced Anthony Hommik, MCIP, RPP Senior Planner, Jp2g Consultants Inc. that has been retained by the township to assist with the review and update of the Official Plan.

Anthony Hommik, MCIP, RPP Senior Planner, Jp2g Consultants Inc. presented a slide show presentation for the Official Plan Review and Update. The presentation included information on what an Official Plan is, why the Official Plan needs to be updated and how the Official Plan is required to be in conformity with the provincial regulations, such as the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), Bill 108 (More Homes, More Choice Act) and Bill 109 (More Homes for Everyone Act).

New key requirements coming from the PPS that will need to be included in the Official Plan are Indigenous recognition & engagement, climate change, growth management, housing, especially affordable housing, emergency management.

Other issues that will need to be addressed in the Official Plan are economic diversification, waterfront development/redevelopment, open space/parks/recreation, hazard lands, natural heritage resources, resource mapping, and general housekeeping.

With assistance from various ministries mapping will also be updated.

The presentation also included the processes to update the Official Plan, next steps and staff contacts.

Following the presentation Council and members of the public were able to provide comments or ask questions. Comments are accepted up until the passing of the Official Plan and comments received from this meeting and up until August 26th will be included in the “Issues and Options Report” scheduled to be included in the council package of September 7th.

The Special Official Plan Public Meeting concluded at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Tracy Cannon, Recording Secretary