The Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin

Regular Council Meeting November 1, 2023

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN AGENDA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers Municipal Office 7 Third Avenue Whitney, Ontario

And ZOOM and You Tube Channel: South Algonquin Council

- 1. Open Meeting/Call to order -9:00 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the unceded Traditional Territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people, specifically the Matouweskarini (people of the Madawaska River). We further acknowledge that the Algonquin People have been stewards of this land since time immemorial and we strive to treat the land along with the flora and fauna it supports, the people, their customs and traditions, with honour and respect. Today, this area is home to people of all walks of life, and we acknowledge the shared opportunities and responsibilities to live, work and survive within this beautiful territory. Chi-miigwetch, All my relations

- 4. Additions / Amendments to the Agenda
- 5. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Seconded by: Res. # 23-

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of November 1, 2023.

Carried

Defeated

- 6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
- 7. Petitions, Delegations and/or Presentations
 - Integrity Commissioner Tony Fleming, Cunningham Swan Lawyers
- 8. Minutes of Previous Meetings (s)
 - Adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 4, 2023

Moved by: Seconded by: Res. # 23-

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 4, 2023 as circulated.

Carried

Defeated

• Adopt the Minutes of the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Committee Meeting of October 23, 2023.

Moved by: Seconded by: Res. # 23-

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Committee Meeting of October 23, 2023 as circulated. Carried

Defeated

- 9. Committee, Staff and/or Councillor Reports
- 10. Business Arising from the Minutes
- 11. Unfinished Business
- 12. Correspondence Action Items
- 13. Correspondence Information Items
- 14. New Business
- 15. Motions of Council
- 16. Notice of Motions
- 17. By-Laws
- 18. Closed Session
- 19. Adjournment

Moved by: Seconded by: Res. # 23-

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of November 1, 2023 at p.m.

Defeated

Carried

October 4th, 2023

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, October 4, 2023, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Hybrid Council Meeting via Zoom Meeting and in Chambers, which was streamed to YouTube.

In Chambers: Staff:

Mayor LaValley

Councillor Sandra Collins Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Councillor Joe Florent Steven Ronholm – Public Works Superintendent

Councillor Joan Kuiack Ian Collins- Fire Chief

Councillor Shawn Pigeon Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator

Councillor Bill Rodnick Charlene Alexander- CEO/Head Librarian

Councillor Laurie Siydock- Regrets

Guests: Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner Cunningham Swan Lawyers

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Ethel LaValley called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDEMENT

4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Florent

Res. # 23-257

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of October 4, 2023.

-Carried-

6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

7. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS:

Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner Cunningham Swan Lawyers presented the Conflict of Interest Complaint Report.

Mr. Fleming also provided council with procedures and resolutions required to proceed.

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 23-258 THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the report presented by Tony Fleming, Cunningham Swan Lawyers.

Mayor LaValley requested a recorded vote.

Mayor LaValley - for

Councillor Collins – for

Councillor Kuiack - for

Councillor Pigeon – for

Councillor Rodnick - for

Councillor Florent did not participate in voting.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 23-259

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the recommendations in the report provided by Tony Fleming, Cunningham Swan Lawyers.

Mayor LaValley requested a recorded vote.

Mayor LaValley - for

Councillor Collins – for

Councillor Kuiack – for

Councillor Pigeon – for

Councillor Rodnick – for

Councillor Florent did not participate in voting.

-Carried-

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 23-260 THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 6, 2023 as circulated.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 23-261 THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Committee Meeting of September 13, 2023 as circulated and amended.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 23-262 THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee Meeting of September 20, 2023 as circulated.

-Carried-

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

Library Report

September 2023, Strategic Doings, Feedback and Program Plans and the June 20, 2023 Library Board Minutes were provided in the council package by CEO/Head Librarian Charlene Alexander.

<u>Public Works Reports</u> A written report was provided in the council package by Public Works Superintendent Steven Ronholm.

Fire Report

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

Whitney Recreation Committee

Minutes of September 12, $\overline{2023}$ were provided in the council package.

M&L

Minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting were provided in the council package.

Council Reports

Councillor Florent will fulfill the recommendation in the Integrity Commissioner's Conflict of Interest Report at a November meeting.

Councillor Kuiack attended a Whitney Recreation meeting last night, the committee has requested that any additions to playground, equipment and infrastructure not be funded by recreation dollars and that these items be purchased using township dollars. Proposed plan under the Revitalization Grant could include playground equipment. Would like council to consider allocating funds for parks, similar to what other townships do. Request funds again this year for the Santa Clause Parade as past years.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- Resolution of support for Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM). Resolution included in Motions of Council.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations staff to respond and advise recommendations are not applicable for the rural areas.

13. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items

- Conflict of Interest Report; Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner; Cunningham Swan Lawyers
- Office of the Fire Marshal; Interpretation of s.6(3) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act
- NOMA/FONOM/NOSDA; Mental Health Addictions Housing AMO Delegation Package
- FONOM; Recommendation to Address Ontario's Mental Health & Addiction Crisis
- FONOM; Provincial Grant Provided to Northern Ontario Health Units
- FONOM; School Board Trustee Elections in 2026
- Ontario Provincial Police; Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities

14. NEW BUSINESS:

Former Councillor Bob Ogilvie's wife recently passed away. A donation will be forwarded to the Palliative Care in Barry's Bay per the family's request.

Mayor LaValley advised Council that the Executive Director of the District of Nipissing Social Service Administration Board (DNSSAB) has resigned.

15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Pigeon Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res. # 23-263 THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution and draft letter from Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM).

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 23-264 THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin award the Tender received from Winslow Gerolamy for the purchase of New Tandem Axle Plow Truck in the amount of \$342,913.00 +HST.

-Carried-

16. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: None

17. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res. # 23-265 THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2023-767, Routine Disclosure and Active Dissemination Policy
- 2) By-Law 2023-768, Establishment of Schedule of Fees
- 3) By-Law 2023-769, Confirm the Proceedings of Council

BE READ A FIRST TIME AND BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 23-266 THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2023-767, Routine Disclosure and Active Dissemination Policy
- 2) By-Law 2023-768, Establishment of Schedule of Fees
- 3) By-Law 2023-769, Confirm the Proceedings of Council

BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED

-Carried-

18. CLOSED SESSION:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 23-267 THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin move into a closed session in accordance with Ontario Municipal Act, Part VI, S.239 (2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; And Ontario Municipal Act, Part VI, S.239 (2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees at 10.17 a.m.

Steven Ronholm, Works Superintendent will proceed with council direction given during the closed session of Council.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res. # 23-268
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of October 4, 2023 at 11:12 a.m.
-Carried-

The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Ethel LaValley

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin

October 23, 2023

HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS MEETING – MINUTES On Monday, October 23, 2023, the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Committee held a hybrid meeting.

Council Present:

Mayor Ethel LaValley

Councillor Sandra Collins, Chair

Councillor Joe Florent

Councillor Joan Kuiack

Councillor Shawn Pigeon

Councillor Bill Rodnick

Councillor Laurie Siydock

Township Staff Present:

Bryan Martin, CAO, Clerk-Treasurer

Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator

OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Councillor Collins called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack

To adopt the agenda of October 23, 2023 as circulated.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

During the discussion Short-Term Rental licencing was discussed – Councillor Kuiack and Councillor Pigeon did not participate in discussions due to pecuniary interest.

PRESENTATION/DELEGATION:

Michael Wildman & David Reid, Municipal Government Wayfinders presented the Strategic Plan Preliminary Findings Summary. The presentation included the research taken to gain evidence-based background information, results from the circulated survey, and common themes that helped inform key priorities and action items.

Discussion pertaining to the Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values of the township. M. Wildman and D. Reid will make the revisions per discussed. It was emphasized if council thought of anything after today to reach out to them.

A draft Strategic Plan, including "At-a-Glance" summary table will be presented to council in late November.

Councillor Kuiack left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Statutory Holiday Policy – Currently the Human Resource Policy states that staff will receive a day off in lieu of a holiday when the holiday is not on a normal workday. Discussion around revising the policy to include that when Remembrance Day and Truth and Reconciliation Day falls on a weekend, staff would not receive a substituted day off. Consensus was to leave the policy as is and review the policy in the new year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Siydock
To adjourn the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Meeting of October 23, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Councillor S. Collins

Tracy Cannon, Planning & Bldg. Admin.

Recording Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING November 1, 2023

COMMITTEE/STAFF/COUNCIL REPORTS:

- 1) September Library Minutes; Charlene Alexander CEO/Head Librarian
- 2) Public Works & Roads Department Report; Steven Ronholm, Works Superintendent
- 3) Monthly Fire Report; Ian Collins, Fire Chief
- 4) Councillor Florent Report
- 5) M&L Parks and Recreation Agenda, RE: October 10, 2023
- 6) M&L Parks and Recreation Minutes, RE: September 12, 2023

Township of South Algonquin Public Library Minutes of the Meeting Held September 19th 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Attendees: Vicki Forward, Elaine Hare, Rose Jessup, Jeff Bowman, Sarah Ennor, and Councillor Laurie Siydock. **Staff:** Charlene Alexander & Cynthia Haskin (Please note Charlene left the meeting early due to illness.)

Land Acknowledgement: Rose Jessup

We acknowledge this land which has been the traditional home of the Anishnaabe peoples and home of many generations of our ancestors for scores of years. May we share it, protect its waterways, wildlife, and flora and fauna and defend it and honour it and live in harmony with it for many generations to come.

Call to Order: 7:06pm 1. Motion # 2023-32

Moved by – Elaine Hare Seconded by – Sarah Ennor /To approve the agenda/Carried

2. Motion # 2023-33

Moved by – Jeff Bowman Seconded by – Rose Jessup /To approve the minutes of **June 20**th **2023**/ Carried

- 3. Report of the Chair: no report4. Business Arising From the Minutes
- **4.1 Little Free Libraries:** Discussed moving the libraries to the community centres for the winter season. Discussed the possibility of establishing free little libraries in the park, Further discussion is needed.
- **5.1 Budget:** Discussed that the Saturday pilot project will be ending in May 2024 and proposed to add to the budget as regular hours going forward. Statistics from the last 1 ½ years support this. Increase Whitney hours to 20 per week to better support school visits and staff. Increase Cynthia's hours by 4 per week, so that she may work with Charlene on Wednesday's.

Discussed that the Multi Function Printer in Whitney is due to be replaced, Charlene reported that the equipment is in good working order and recommended holding off until 2025. Increase Equipment budget line by \$200 to \$600. Charlene will inquire if the Township leases or purchases their printing equipment.

Increase conferences/training lines by \$500 to \$750. Capital expenditure \$1200 for two new chairs for librarians and a new phone for Whitney branch.

- **5.2 School Visits:** I had two classes start bi-weekly library visits on September 6th. Coding club is held during one of these visits.
- 5.3 **Ongoing Water Issues in Whitney:** Waiting to have the well fractured, if that does not work the Township will need to put in a new well. Vicki will talk to Bryan about providing drinking & toilet water.
- **6.1 Finance:** Approval of draft budget
- **6.2 Librarians Report:** Discussed programming. Remaining agenda items moved to the next meeting.

Next Meeting October 17th 2023 @ 7:00 PM Madawaska

Motion # 2023-34

Moved by – Sarah Ennor Seconded by – Jeff Bowman/To adjourn Carried



<u>Council Report for November 2023 Meeting – Public Works & Roads</u> Department

Date: Wednesday November 1st, 2023

Submitted by: Steven Ronholm, Public Works Superintendent

- Grading Operations Final Grading operations are ongoing.
 - o All township roads were graded between September 11th & October 6th
 - Grader broke down on October 13th, 2023 and radiator needs to be replaced. Volvo no longer builds the required Radiator but has found a good used radiator which has been purchased since then and shipped to Valley Radiator in Beachburg to be re-cored. Hoping to have grader repaired by the end of the month (October 31st) and if weather permits we are going to try to grade the roads one more pass before winter freezeup.
- <u>Grass-Cutting Operations</u> All areas of Township in good condition including the Whitney Dam Cenotaph in preparation for Remembrance Day. Mower has been winterized and has been put in storage for the winter.
- Pothole maintenance Ongoing throughout township.
- <u>Landfill Operations</u>
 - Waste collection material currently going to Airy Landfill and cover material being applied as required. Regular site cleanup of C&D Material ongoing at both landfills as required
 - o Annual Capacity Surveys by JP2G to occur this mid-November
 - Demolition on Hay Creek Road in September 2023 generated over \$7k of revenue from tipping fee's
 - o Demolition on Ottawa Street in Mid-October generated \$9k of revenue for tipping fee's
 - Final Annual pickups for scrap steel, tires & electronics were all completed the week of October 16th – October 20th for both landfill sites.
 - Burning of Brush to be planned anytime after November 1st. Notification will be provided to lan (fire chief) prior to any burning taking place
 - o Battery Operated Fans have been supplied to each landfill attendant
 - Permanent Septic Pump Tanks fabricated, delivered, Installed & backfilled at both landfill sites Wednesday October 18th, 2023. Permanent outdoor washrooms to be built when manpower is available throughout the month of November 2023.

 <u>Drainage & Road Improvements</u> – Work is ongoing and advance notification of any traffic restrictions facilitating culvert installations will be provided to residents well in advance.

The work completed this season to date on Road & Drainage improvements are as follows:

- 16 out of 20 planned Culvert Replacements completed this season to date. 4 Remaining to be completed down at Aylen Lake
- Ditching in multiple areas including McKenzie Lake, Hay Lake, & Old 127, Whitney, Aylen Lake
- Additional order of culverts was made and delivered to the yard in October 2023 so that
 we have a good inventory of different size culverts stocked at the yard prior to next
 Spring in preparation of any potential washouts.

Upcoming Schedule for Culvert & Road Improvements Crew:

- Install remaining 4 culverts at Aylen Lake
- o Snowplow Turnaround Improvements on Gaffney Road
- If time permits, brushing at Aylen Lake Boat Launch to provide more single vehicle parking spots for next season
- Brushing on Moonlight Bay & North Aylen Lake Road with Promac Brusher Head
- Winter Sand Update 2900t of sand delivered and installed into sand dome at the works yard in Madawaska the week of August 14th, 2023. Ready to go for winter.
- Roadside Mowing Update All Roadside Mowing operations throughout Township limits were been completed as of August 28th, 2023 & completed on budget.
- Medical Center Well Update Well Casing was fixed on August 23rd, 2023. Fracturing completed on Tuesday September 19th, 2023. Well recovery rate after fracturing was found to be over 7 gallons per minute. No issues with water supply since work was completed.

• Capital Projects Update

- M&L Hall Interior Painting Completed
- Madawaska Seacan Container Completed
- JR Booth Storyboard Replacement Completed
- Roads Drainage Project Ongoing
- Heat & AC unit at works garage Completed in October 2023
- Tom & Mick Murray Park Story Boards Still waiting on acceptance from MNRF. Story boards have been fabricated and are currently stored at the yard in Madawaska ready for installation once we receive final approvals from MNRF. MNRF requires letters of support, or, records of engagement indicating support for the storyboards from

both <u>Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation</u> and the <u>Algonquins of Ontario</u> consultation office.

- <u>Bi-Annual OSIM'S</u> Jewell Engineering completed Bi-Annual Inspections on all Township structures on July 20th, 2023. Reports forthcoming in the Fall. No major concerns after inspection was completed.
 - Multi-Plate Culvert Structure on McCauley Lake Road will need to be replaced in the next season or 2
 - o Truss Bridge in Whitney will require work on the Expansion Joints next season
 - Box Culvert at end of Poverty in decent shape structurally other than some erosion beginning under the center support.
 - McKenzie Lake Bridge in good shape
- <u>Sign Retro-Reflectivity Inspections</u> Advantage Data Collection have been arranged to complete
 the annual sign inspections this fall. Inspections have been completed in September 2023 and
 report was received in October 2023. Quotations are currently being collected for supply of
 signage that failed the minimum standards for retro-reflectivity testing. Once quotes are
 reviewed, replacement of the signage that failed will be included in the 2024 budget.

Playground Inspection Reporting

- o 2023 Annual Inspections completed May 8th May 10th, 2023
- All Category A Hazards have been addressed.
- Compacted surfaces were tilled in September 2023

Equipment Maintenance / Notes

- Annual Safety Inspections:
 - Tandem #7 completed in July 2023. Repairs completed on the truck suspension hanger brackets in October 2023.
 - Tandem #27 booked for October 2nd, 2023. Safety Completed and tandem is currently getting its main sander chain rebuilt in preparation for winter.
 - Tandem #33 currently being safetied and expected to have back at yard by the end of the month.
 - All tandem safeties will be done prior to winter / snow season
 - F-550 (#34) Annual Safety due in November 2023.
- Garbage Compactor One of the main hydraulic cylinders for the compactor had a hydraulic leak repaired in October 2023. The front set of leaf springs for the truck were also repaired in October 2023.
- Promac Mulching Head Hydraulic Motor was repaired in July 2023 and ready for brushing operations this coming Fall. Toplift mechanic set hydraulic pressures and RPM of brusher head to manufacturer specifications.

- New 3/4t Pickup Truck was delivered to Summer Brothers September 27th, 2023 and is ready to be picked up anyday. New truck side wiring harness and plow harness was installed & truck undercoated.
- Routine Oil Changes Pickups ongoing as required, Linkbelt Excavator, Loader, Grader and garbage compactor all recently completed prior to 250hr mark.
- Undercoating Undercoating of all 3 Tandems, Float, F-550 have all been completed in September 2023. Garbage Compactor and remaining Pickups to be completed week of October 2nd. All Township vehicles have been undercoated including the new 3/4t pickup.
- o <u>Float Trailer</u> Currently at Murray Brothers having work completed on the brakes.
- O Grader Grader broke down on October 13th, 2023 and radiator needs to be replaced. Volvo no longer builds the required Radiator but has found a good used radiator which has been purchased since then and shipped to Valley Radiator in Beachburg to be recored. Hoping to have grader repaired by the end of the month (October 31st) and if weather permits we are going to try to grade the roads one more pass before winter freezeup.

Winter Snowplow Preparation

- Replacement Wear Parts for one-way plows, wings all ordered and dropped off to shop week of September 25th, 2023. This includes pins, bolts, quick connects, cutting edges. Annual maintenance on one-ways was completed at Perry's Pit Stop in October 2023 and all plows have since then been picked up and are ready to go at the yard in Madawaska. Plows have also been re-painted to extend the lifespan on all plow parts which were rusting.
- Rebuild Kit for main sander chain on Tandem#27 ordered delivered in October. Tandem
 is currently at Murray's Mill having the main chain being rebuild which was completed
 October 25th, 2023.
- Additional inventory of wear parts was ordered so we have onhand at yard in Madawaska
- Annual Maintenance on One-Way Plows was completed and plows are all sitting ready to go at the yard when required.
- o 10 & 1/2ft Western V-Plow prepped and ready to go for F-550
- 8 & 1/2ft Western V-Plow will be tested on new 3/4t pickup week of Oct. 25th to ensure its ready to go and functioning properly

Tender / Quotations

- o 3/4t Replacement New Pickup has been added onto our Insurance Policy, been undercoated and ready for pickup tentatively October 27th.
- Currently working on gathering quotations from different subcontractors to assist with budgeting for next years proposed capital projects

Safety Update:

- o Incidents No new incidents to report since the last Council Meeting
- Implementation of new Worker Safety Program for Works Department is ongoing
 - Setup of new Safety Board at the Works Garage in Madawaska which will have on it all mandatory workplace safety documentation (nearly complete)
 - Grab & Go Package for workplace incidents (complete)
 - Safety Talks, Safe Work Procedures (SWP's), Safe Job Procedures (SJP's) & JHA's have been all drafted up, printed off and put in a safety binder at the yard.
 Documentation review commenced with crew in October 2023
 - Daily PSI (Pre-Job Safety Instruction)
 - Weekly Safety Talk
 - Monthly SJP & SWP
- Training Reached out to Ground Force Training & Loyalist College (Bancroft) for a
 quotation on setting up training courses for the Public Works Employee's. Waiting on
 quotations and once received training will be booked prior to end of October 2023.
 Training quotations to be received by the end of the month and setup right afterwards.
- Additional PPE was ordered and delivered to the yard in August 2023. Currently have sufficient inventory for employees (gloves, safety glasses, Hi-Vis Vests, hard hats etc.).
 Additional insulated work gloves and other PPE was ordered in the month of October 2023 for the works department crew.
- Monthly JHSC Meetings have been arranged in the works department for the last
 Wednesday of every month and include a H&S representative, worker representatives
 and management representatives.
 - 3rd JHSC Meeting was held on Wednesday October 25th
 - Meeting Notes posted on Safety Board in Madawaska

Other Business

- Job Posting put out in October 2023 for an additional DZ operator for running Tandem
 Snowplow this coming winter
- Job Posting put out for rink attendants
- Brushing along Lakeshore Drive in Whitney was completed the week of October 24th –
 25th
- Pole Installed at Whitney Dam Cenotaph in the month of October 2023 for Veteran
 Memorial Flag



MONTHLY FIRE REPORT TO COUNCIL

Reporting Date: 25th October 2023

Training / Courses

- 10th October. Madawaska. De-brief Hwy 523 call. All equipment removed from vehicles checked and run up. Hydraulic pump requires service. Wajax pump strip down procedure demonstrated.
- 17th October. Whitney. All equipment removed from vehicles checked and run up. Training session on hydraulic pump. Wajax pump strip down procedure demonstrated.

Calls / Responses

- 28th September. Whitney. Hwy 127. Private residential smell of propane
- 7th October. Madawaska. Hwy 523, Medical assist, vehicle on side of road, male occupant VSA.
- 10th October. Whitney. Hwy 60, Algonquin Park, Hydro pole on fire. NB I am in contact with MNRF to see if we can reclaim our costs for attending this type of incident.

Complaints / Concerns

• 17th October. Checked with Kidz Kastle that they were completing regulated fire drills, they are, a small miscommunication over being notified.

Upcoming Events

- Daytime burning will commence 1st November as we close the 2023 wildfire season.
- Whitney vehicles Safety checks November.

Correspondence / Other

- 12th October. Zoomed into the PAC 7 Chiefs meeting.
- 13th October. Correspondence received from local reporter wishing to interview female firefighters for a future article. Request passed to our 7 ladies.
- 17th October. Witnessed Whitney Schools fire drill.
- 18th October. Emergency Management tabletop exercise.
- Madawaska vehicle safeties completed this month.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN

AGENDA

Murchison & Lyell Parks and Recreation Committee

Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm. At the Madawaska Community Hall

- 1. Call meeting to order.
- 2. Reading & approval of the Agenda plus any additions.
- 3. Approval of September 12, 2023 minutes and any amendments.
- 4. Business arising from minutes.
 - a) Councillor's Report.
 - b) Reports: i) Sharon Florent: Fall Fun Fair Report.
- 5. Financial Report Balance at the end of September 2023 \$ xxxxxx.

New Business.

- 6. Performance measurement Event tracking sheet for September 2023.
- 7. Resolutions.
- 8. Kerri McIlmoyle: Would like to join the committee.
- 9. Nicole Dupuis: October events, family and adult dance and hall pictures.
- 10. Christmas Kids' Party.
- 11. Fall Sell Your Wares.
- 12. Purchase of a wireless microphone set and looking into our existing system.
- 13. Adjournment.

Next meeting Tuesday November 14th, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Madawaska Community Hall.

Members present: Terry Levean, Sharon Florent, Brendia Drew, Nicole Dupuis, Rosemary Shalla, and Fiona Girouard.

Regrets: Susan Dupuis.

Council Representative: Councillor Joe Florent.

- 1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Reading and Approval of the Agenda plus any additions.

Motion #22-2023

Moved by: Nicole Dupuis. Seconded by: Brendia Drew.

"To accept the agenda and any amendments or additions."

Carried

3. Approval and Adoption of August 8, 2023 minutes and any amendments.

Motion #23-2023

Moved by: Rosemary Shalla. Seconded by: Brendia Drew.

- 4. Edward Lentz Presentation: Mr. Lentz did not attend as there was nothing new to report.
- **5.** Business arising from minutes: a) Councillor Florent informed us that the investigation into his conflict of interest complaint is now closed. Also, Council is in the midst of changing the schedule of fees by-law which will effect community owned facilities. b) i) Nicole Dupuis: The memorial lunch for Marie (Towns)Breau was attended by approximately 55 people. A donation was presented to the committee following the event.
- 6. Financial Report: Total balance at the end of July was \$13,438.24.
- 7. Performance Measurement: Reports were done.
- 8. Resolutions: None.
- **9. Nicole Dupuis: Fall Fun Day:** Waddles and Wags had to cancel for our event due to a family death. Two ponies to offer free rides for the children, has been hired instead and Nicole is currently finalizing those arrangements. All other events and plans are coming along well. Joe Florent will offer archery for those that are interested.
- **10. Nicole Dupuis: October Events:** October 21st is set for the Kids' Halloween Party starting at 9 am for breakfast. October 28th is the date for the Adult Halloween Dance starting at 8pm with live music. Both are happening at the Madawaska Hall. She is still working on pictures for hanging in the hall.
- **11. Christmas Kids' Party:** This party will happen in the Madawaska Hall on December 10th at 9 am. Pancake breakfast will be served and Santa has planned on a visit as well!
- **12. Fall Sell Your Wares:** Sunday, November 5th from 10:30am to 2pm is our Sell Your Wares event this year. Vendors will be offering their goods for sale and our soup and sandwich special will also be offered at lunch.
- **13. Community Potlucks:** Fiona Girouard requested a closer look at our potluck events to see if something different could be offered or added to this event. Further discussion will happen in the future.
- **14. Outstanding Items for 2023 budget:** It was decided to look a bit closer at the sound system in our hall and purchase the equipment to make it better for all events that may happen here.
- 15. Budget for 2024: Sharon Florent will draw up our requests for 2024 and send them off to council.
- 16. Bouncy Castle Usage: It was agreed that we will not be renting/lending out the bouncy castle in the future.
- 17. Fall Newsletter Info: Sharon Florent will compile all our upcoming events information and submit them to the office.

18. Adjournment:

Motion #24-2023

Moved by: Fiona Girouard Seconded by: Brendia Drew.

"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm."

Next meeting – Tuesday October 10th, 2023, at 7pm at the Community Hall.

COUNCIL MEETING November 1, 2023

ACTION:

- 1) Resolution, Amendment to Schedule of Fees By-Law 2023-768
- 2) Resolution, Proposed Rogers Communication Tower C8505, 831 McGuey Road-Request for Concurrence
- 3) Resolution of Support; The Corporation of the Town of Midland Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario
- 4) Resolution of Support; Town of Wasaga Beach Re: Illegal Car Rally Provincial Task Force
- 5) Resolution of Support; The Corporation of the Township of the Archipelago Re: Request to Province to declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic in Ontario
- 6) Ontario Volunteer Service Awards
- 7) Physician Recruitment and Retention for Barry's Bay and Area
- 8) Letter of Information Interactive Webinar- Examination of School Closures

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN

BY-LAW NO. 2023-768

Being a By-Law to establish a Schedule of Fees for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin.

WHEREAS Section 390 and Section 391 of the Municipal Act 2001 authorizes the Council and Local Boards to pass by-laws imposing fees or charges for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality or the Local Board and for the use of its property;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin deems it advisable to update the Schedule of Fees for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin enacts as follows:

- 1. THAT attached hereto as **Schedule 'A'** to this by-law is an updated Schedule of Fees hereby ratified and imposed for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin from the effective date and ensuing years and will remain in effect until such time as it is amended in part by resolution or By-Law.
- 2. THAT all fees and charges set out in this by-law shall be payable prior to the provision of the service unless an agreement is made to the contrary and approved by the municipality.
- 3. THAT in the event any fee or charge imposed herein remains unpaid after provision of the service or is otherwise in arrears, such fees or charges may be added to the Tax Rolls for the properties in arrears (when possible) for any real property in the municipality, the owner of which is responsible for paying the fee or charge and shall be collected in like manner as municipal taxes.
- 4. THAT the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer or designate is hereby delegated as the authority to administer such fees and charges and approve such forms and procedures as may be required for the efficient administration of the fees and charges.
- 5. Any other By-Law relative to fees that is inconsistent with or antedating this by-law is hereby repealed.
- 6. THAT this By-Law will come into force and take effect as of the date of passing.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND T	FIME on October 4, 2023
MAYOR – Ethel LaValley	Bryan Martin - CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
READ A THIRD TIME PASSED	AND ENACTED on October 4, 2023
MAYOR – Ethel LaValley	Bryan Martin - CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Type of Service	FEE
Animal Shelter	
Township Collection Fee	\$250.00
Plus all impound fees and additional sums charged by Animal Shelter	Cost recovery
Building Permit Fees:	
Residential	
New Buildings (habitable)	\$1.00/sq./ft
Additions, renovations, alterations or repairs (minimum \$150.00)	\$.50/sq./ft
Garage, carport, or accessory building, shipping containers (minimum \$150.00)	\$.50/sq./ft
Installation of a building unit fabricated or moved (minimum \$150.00)	\$.1.00/sq./ft
from elsewhere (e.g. mobile home-factory built home)	
Commercial & Industrial	
New buildings or structure	\$1.00/sq./ft
Additions, renovations, alterations or repairs (minimum \$150.00)	\$.50/sq./ft
Any tower not falling under federal/provincial jurisdiction or structure exceeding one hun \$1,000.00 for the first one hundred (100) feet; and \$6.00 per foot for every foot over one Any temporary structure or tower not falling under federal/provincial jurisdiction will req	hundred (100) feet
Other	
Swimming Pool & Fence Enclosure	\$100.00
Prefabicated truss arch structures & decks (minimum \$150.00)	\$.50/sq./ft
Residential Demolition Permit	\$150.00
Commercial Demolition Permit under 6000 sq. ft.	\$150.00
Commercial Demolition Permit over 6000 sq. ft.	\$250.00
Requested site inspections prior to applying for permit	\$100.00 (if permit issued, fee to be included in permit fee)
Construction commencing before permit is applied for or issued.	Equal to permit fee or a minimum \$150.00
Change of Use Permit	\$150.00
Transfer of Permit	\$75.00
Occupancy Permit/Completion Permit	\$50.00
On site visit/inspections and or re-inspections over and above what is required	\$100.00 per inspection
Inspection of lands pertaining to septic, wells, severance purchasing or selling	\$200.00
Solar Panels (Roof mounts only)	\$.50/sq./ft
Water access-any inspections – if adequate, safe transportation is not provided by permit holder	\$100.00 per inspection
Administration Fees for Plan Review for Compliance to the OBC and Applicable Law	\$150.00
Research permit archives and distribute information	\$50.00
Any extra costs pertaining to any of the preceding shall be borne by the property owner	Cost recovery
Refunds	
Status of Permit - Application	Percentage of Fee
	Eligible for Refund
Application filed. No process or Review of Plans submitted	80%
Application filed. Plan reviewed and Permit issued	50%
Permit valued at \$100.00 or lesse (No Refund)	0%
Any temporary structure or tower not falling under federal/provincial jurisdiction will req which 80% will be refundable when the tower or structure is dismantled and removed to the structure is dismantled.	
Business Licenses	T
Transient Trader Type 1 –(door-to-door, chip truck on someone else's property)	\$150.00
Dog License (Lifetime)	
All Dogs	\$10.00
Replacement Tag	\$5.00

Type of Service	FEE
Entrance Permit	
New	\$200.00
Paving of existing driveway	\$100.00
Administration Fees	
Research Files 2 years and prior	\$50.00
Fax Transmissions (Outgoing) Every 4 Pages (includes cover page)	\$2.00
Civic Addressing	
Replacement Civic Address Sign	\$50.00
Replacement Civic Address Post	\$50.00
New or Replacement of Civic Address Sign and Post	\$100.00
Commissioner of Oaths	
Resident	NO CHARGE
Non Resident	\$10.00
Council Chambers Rental (Day Time Rentals Only)	\$75.00
Damage to Municipal Property	Replacement Cost
Fire Department Fees	•
For apparatus, firefighters wages, mileage	
(Per the current Ministry of Transportation Rates)	Cost Recovery
Minimum charge of 1 hour for equipment and firefighters.	•
Cost Recovery billed to insurance company - if no insurance flat rate of \$100.00	
Letters to Lawyers/Insurance Companies,administration fee etc.	\$50.00/hour
Hall Rentals (plus H.S.T)	
Funerals/Memorials (Residents only)	NO CHARGE
2 hours-Madawaska Complex -Non Alcohol Event Only	\$85.00
2 hours-Madawaska Complex - Non Alcohol Event Only (Non-Resident)	\$175.00
Full Day and Evening – Madawaska Complex Non-Alcohol Event	\$200.00
Full Day and Evening – Madawaska Complex Non-Alcohol Event (Non Resident)	\$350.00
Full Day and Evening –Madawaska Complex Alcohol Event	\$600.00
Full Day and Evening -Madawaska Complex Alcohol Event (Non Resident)	\$800.00
2 hours - Lester Smith - Non Alcohol Event Only	\$50.00
2 hours - Lester Smith - Non Alcohol Event Only (Non-Resident)	\$100.00
Full Day and Evening –Lester Smith Non-Alcohol Event	\$150.00
Full Day and Evening –Lester Smith Non-Alcohol Event (Non Resident)	\$200.00
Full Day and Evening –Lester Smith Alcohol Event	\$400.00
Full Day and Evening –Lester Smith Alcohol Event (Non Resident)	\$500.00
2 hours -Mervin Dupuis (Rink) Madawaska-Non Alcohol Event Only	\$25.00
2 hours -Mervin Dupuis (Rink) Madawaska-Non Alcohol Event Only (Non-Resident)	\$50.00
Mervin Dupuis (Rink) Madawaska-Non Alcohol Event	\$75.00
Mervin Dupuis (Rink) Madawaska-Non Alcohol Event (Non Resident)	\$100.00
Mervin Dupuis (Rink) Madawaska-Alcohol Event	\$200.00
Mervin Dupuis (Rink) Madawaska-Alcohol Event (Non Resident)	\$275.00
Damage Deposit – Non-Alcohol Event (Including 2 hour rental)	\$200.00
Damage Deposit – Alcohol Event	\$500.00
Interest Charges (on the balance owing on invoices, taxes)	1.25%/ month
Lottery Licenses	
Ringo or Poffle Licenses	\$10.00 up to a draw prize of \$1500.00, 3% for draw prizes exceeding \$1500.00
Bingo or Raffle Licenses	
Nevada License Extension Letter	\$10.00

Type of Service	FEE
Mapping	
8 ½" x 11"	\$4.00 each
8 ½" x 14"	\$5.00 each
8 ½" x 11" laminated	\$5.00 each
8 ½" x 14" laminated	\$6.00 each
11" x 17"	\$6.00 each
Binder of all Municipal Street Maps	\$30.00 each
Shipping	Cost Recovery
Marriage License	
Marriage License	\$100.00
Marriage License (Non Resident)	\$125.00
NSF Cheque	\$35.00 plus bank fees
Photocopies (per page)	•
Black and White	\$0.50
Colour	\$1.25
Colour 11"x17"	\$2.25
Planning	•
Pre-Consultation Application Fee	\$100.00
Pre-Consultation with the Township Planner	Cost Recovery
Planning Application Deposit	\$1,000.00
Consent Application Fees	\$550.00
Minor Variance	\$450.00
Site Plan Application	\$500.00
Zoning By-Law Amendment	\$700.00
Official Plan Amendment	\$800.00
Amendment to Zoning By-Law and Official Plan	\$1,400.00
Temporary Use By-Law	\$250.00
Part-Lot Control or Deeming By-Law	\$250.00
Lifting Holding Symbol	\$250.00
Planning Agreements (i.e. Development Agreement or Road Allowance Agreement)	\$250.00
Plan of Subdivision/ condominium	\$1,500.00
Site Inspection Water access-any inspections – if adequate, safe transportation is not	\$100.00
provided by permit holder	
Advertisement	Cost of ad
Administration Fees	\$50.00/hr
Official Plan, Zoning, Building, Subdivision Compliance Report	\$50.00
Copy of Official Plan	\$25.00
Copy of Zoning By-Law	\$25.00
Any extra costs, including but not limited to registration of title pertaining to any oborne by the property owner/applicant.	f the preceding shall be
Septic System Permits and Inspections	
Certificate of Approval for a Class 2 sewage system (grey water system)	\$350.00
Certificate of Approval for a Class 3 sewage system (grey water system) Certificate of Approval for a Class 3 sewage system (receive from Class 1 system)	\$350.00
Certificate of Approval for a Class 3 sewage system (leaching bed)	\$600.00
Certificate of Approval for a Class 4 sewage system (feaching bed) Certificate of Approval for a Class 4 sewage system (filter media)	\$600.00
Certificate of Approval for a Class 4 sewage system (filter filedia) Certificate of Approval for a Class 5 sewage system (holding tank)	\$475.00
Replacement of tank	\$350.00
Replacement of leaching bed	\$350.00
File Search (per file)	\$100.00
Subsequent File Search/Additional Information Requested	\$50.00
Permit Renewal	\$100.00
Status of Permit – Application	Percentage of Fee Eligible for Refund
Application filed. No process or Review of Plans submitted	80%
Application filed. Plans reviewed and Permit issued	50%

Type of Service	FEE
Shoreline Road Allowance	
Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$1,000.00
Deposit (non-refundable)	\$100.00
Patent fee (if applicable)	\$750.00
Purchase of frontage costs – per lineal foot	\$10.00
Purchase of frontage costs – per metre	\$33.00
All other fees associated therewith, advertising, title search, etc.	Cost recovery
Tax Certification and Statements	1.
Certificate	\$50.00
Statement	\$5.00
Tax Sales	1
Administrative Costs –Engage Professional Services	\$500.00
Preparation and Registration of a Tax Arrears Certificate	Cost recovery
Preparation and Registration of Statutory Declarations	Cost recovery
Preparation and Registration of a Cancellation Certificate	Cost recovery
Preparation and Registration of a Tax Arrears Extension Agreement	Cost recovery
Survey Costs (if applicable) SALE:	Cost recovery
	Cost magaziani
Tender Costs Adventising Costs, Level Pener	Cost recovery
Advertising Costs: Local Paper	Cost recovery
Preparation and Registration of the Tax Deed	Cost recovery
Waste Disposal Fees (Proof of demoliton permit or proof of civic address number	r must be provided)
Brush, Wood Chips from within the geographic boundaries of the Township. Half Ton Truck/Van with /without Small Trailer if brought in by resident.	NO CHARGE
Tires on or off rims	NO CHARGE
Mattresses, box springs and fabric covered furniture with metal frames or springs e.g. couches, loveseats, sofa chairs	\$10.00 per piece
Fibre Glass/Wood boats. Aluminum boat exempt. Please place aluminum boats in steel pile.	\$5.00/foot
Each entry into Landfill Site during non-operational hours (Applies to contractor or resident)	\$100.00
If more than one after-hours entry is required, arrangements can be made to have the Landfill Attendant remain on site for the initial entry fee plus per hour rate (Applies to contractor or resident)	\$50.00/hr
Construction/Demolition Waste, including shingles and Brush - delete	
Passenger Vehicles - Car, Van, SUV, ½ ton truck, small trailers **Residents are exempt from this fee if brought in by resident**	Sorted \$5 Unsorted \$20
Utility Trailer-single axle	Sorted \$20 Unsorted \$80
Utility Trailer-tandem axle	Sorted \$25 Unsorted \$100
Commercial trailer (including dump trailers) - single axle	Sorted \$30 Unsorted \$120
Commercial trailer (including dump trailers) - tandem axle	Sorted \$35 Unsorted \$140
Single axle Dump Truck	Sorted \$50
Tandem Dump Truck	Unsorted \$200 Sorted \$80
Tandem Dump Truck	Unsorted \$320 Sorted \$120
Tri-axle Dump Truck	Unsorted \$500
Contaminated Soil	
	\$30.00/tonne Plus Cost
	Recovery of Required
	Equipment
Township Services Rendered	\$75.00 per hour



910-5 Brockley Drive Toronto, ON M1P 3J2 Saja Elshaikh T: 647-447-8548

email: saja@spectrapoint.ca

October 13th, 2023

Attention: Tracy Cannon
Planning & Building Administrator
7 Third Avenue, P.O. Box 217
Whitney, ON
KOJ 2M0

RE: Proposed Rogers Communications Inc Tower C8508 at 831 Mcguey Rd, Whitney

Summary of Public Consultation

We are pleased to provide the following summary of public consultation for Rogers proposed telecommunications tower at 831 McGuey Rd, Whitney, ON KOJ 2CO. Public consultation began September 5th, 2023, when an ad was placed in the Haliburton County Echo and the Valley Gazette. Information packages were also mailed to all property owners within 345 meters of the tower base. We did not receive any inquiries from the public regarding the proposed tower. Public Consultation was closed on October 6th, 2023.

Request for Concurrence

At this time, we respectfully request the Township of South Algonquin to endorse this application and provide letter of concurrence for the proposed tower installation to Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED). The letter of concurrence should confirm the applicant has completed township consultation, public consultation and address all relevant concerns to the satisfaction of the Township. We look forward to receiving a copy of the staff report for this application. At your convenience, please confirm which upcoming Council meeting our application will be considered for endorsement. It has been a pleasure working with the Township of South Algonquin staff to complete consultation for Rogers new tower installation.

Best Regards,

Saja Elshaikh

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND



575 Bôminion Avenue Midland, ON L4R 1R2 Phone: 705-526-4275 Fax: 705-526-9971 info@midland.ca

September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada Ottawa, ON K1A 0A4

Premier Doug Ford Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and

That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherrí Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT Municipal Clerk Ext. 2210



TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

30 Lewis Street, Wasaga Beach Ontario, Canada L9Z 1A1

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mayor@wasagabeach.com

September 28, 2023

Premier of Ontario Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto ON M7A 1A1

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Illegal Car Rally - Provincial Task Force

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their September 14, 2023 Council meeting adopted the following resolution regarding illegal car rallies:

WHEREAS the prevalence of unsanctioned car rally events has grown in recent years throughout North America:

AND WHEREAS the Town of Wasaga Beach has been the target of unsanctioned car rallies over the past four years resulting in property damage, threats to public order, and significant risk to people's safety and enjoyment of their property;

AND WHEREAS the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are being violated by unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants, thereby infringing on the rights of others and undermined the response of enforcement personnel;

AND WHEREAS unsanctioned car rally activity crosses multiple jurisdictions requiring a province wide coordinated response framework to protect all communities from the same disruption and risk to public safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach requests that a provincial task force be assembled to create a municipal response framework to protect communities from unsanctioned car rallies with a mandate to include, but not limited to:

- Investigate legislative enhancements and tools to assist municipalities in responding and enforcing unsanctioned car rallies.
- Investigate expanded powers for municipal law enforcement officers.
- Develop a proactive approach to awareness, prevention, enforcement and collaboration across all enforcement personnel, including police, municipal law enforcement officers and other provincial offences officers.
- Investigate harsher penalties and increased fines for unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province provide funding to municipalities to assist with the cost in enforcing unsanctioned car rallies;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Brian Saunderson, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, County of Simcoe, FCM, and AMO;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities requesting a letter of support be sent to senior levels of government.

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844.

Respectfully yours,

Brian Smith, Mayor Town of Wasaga Beach

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solictor General of Ontario

Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario

Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation

Brian Saunderson, MPP – Simcoe-Grey

Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police

County of Simcoe Council

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.4. Resolution Number 23-169

Title: Request to Province to declare gender-based violence and intimate partner

violence an epidemic in Ontario - Resolution to Support

Date: Friday, October 13, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Lundy

Seconded by: Councillor Cade Fraser

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of The Archipelago receives and supports the Town of Aurora's resolution declaring gender-based and intimate partner violence an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada (Hon. Justin Trudeau), the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), Leaders of Opposition Parties, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP (Hon. Scott Aitchison), Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP (Hon. Graydon Smith), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried





Town of Aurora 100 John West Way, Box 1000 Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

September 28, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Premier's Office, Room 281 Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1 **Delivered by email** premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023

Motion 10.2 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence

Epidemic

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas 42 municipalities and regions including OBCM (Ontario Big City Mayors) and MARCO (Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario) members Ajax, Brampton, Burlington, Clarington, Hamilton, London, Oakville, Ottawa, Pickering, Whitby, Toronto, and Windsor, along with Peel, Durham and Halton Regions as well as Lanark County, Essex County and Renfrew County across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic (as of August 18, 2023); and

Whereas on August 16, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as "an epidemic" in the federal government's formal response to a coroner's inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic "in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response"; and

Whereas by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the Town of Aurora can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic; and

Whereas the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support

for victims and survivors of intimate partner and gender-based violence has not kept pace;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora declare genderbased violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic; and
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora recommend that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country; and
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide; and
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the federal government starts this enactment by adding the word Femicide as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada; and
- 6. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic.

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023 Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic September 28, 2023

3 of 3

Copy: Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



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Town of Aurora

Council Meeting Extract

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

10. Motions

10.2 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Moved by Councillor Gilliland Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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- 6. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

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Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

This award recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization. Adults are recognized by the length of time they've volunteered with one organization,



ranging from five to 65 years of continuous service. Youth (24 years old and under) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service.

Eligibility

Organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of five years may submit a nomination.

Each organization may nominate up to nine volunteers (of which a maximum of 6 nominees may be adults).

The nominee(s) must:

- be living persons residing and volunteering in Ontario
- not have received payment for their volunteer work
- be active beyond simple membership in an organization
- not have performed the services as part of their regular business or professional duties

A youth nominee must:

- be under 24 years old and under
- have volunteered with one organization for at least two consecutive years

An adult nominee must have volunteered with one organization for at least five consecutive years.

Organizations with more than one branch can submit separate nominations for up to nine volunteers for each branch.

Required information

- Nominating organization name, address, email, phone number and year established
- Volunteer first name, last name, address, email, and phone number

 Head of organization (if applicable) first name, last name, email, phone number and position title.

How to nominate someone

- 1. Gather the required information:
- 2. Create an account (or sign in for returning users) on the Ontario Honours and Awards Portal.
- 3. Submit your nomination through the portal.

Go to nomination portal

If you don't want to apply online, you can download the <u>Ontario Volunteer Service</u> <u>Award nomination form</u> and submit it by mail to:

Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat

Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism 1075 Bay Street, 7th Floor Toronto, Ontario M5S 2B1

Deadline

The deadline to nominate someone is November 15 of each year. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered in the following year.

Selection process

If the nomination criteria are met, a notification is sent to the organization confirming that the nomination has been accepted.

Award presentation

Recipients receive a personalized certificate and lapel pin acknowledging their years of service at a local award recognition ceremony.



October 2023

RE: Physician Recruitment and Retention for Barry's Bay and Area

At the meeting in the spring of 2023 at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Jason Malinowski and Greg McLeod presented to local municipal officials, there was a request from the municipalities to submit a plan to support the recruitment and retention of physician resources for local health services. Please find said plan attached.

The importance of community supported recruitment for physicians cannot be understated. The competition for limited health human resources has intensified, with even larger urban municipalities entering the competitive market.

Since the dissolution of the Joint Municipal Recruitment and Retention Committee, the prospect for future local recruitment has diminished greatly. Our local physicians are overstretched, and retention is a concern.

Simply put, without municipal funding, our community is not competitive for future recruitment and current retention.

The following proposal explains the request for municipal funding for four effective recruitment and retention strategies. They are: (a) recruitment fairs; (b) resident accommodation; (c) travel expenses for Emergency Department physicians; and, (d) return of service stipends.

We hope to create a fund supported by the municipalities and administered by St. Francis Memorial Hospital to help address this disparity.

We would like to meet with you as a group once more to discuss your support of this plan and then to determine the next steps required.

Greg McLeod

Chief Operating Officer

St. Francis Memorial Hospital

Rainbow Valley Community Health Centre

Dr. Jason Malinowski Chief of Staff

St. Francis Memorial Hospital



September 2023:

Physician Recruitment and Retention for Barry' Bay and Area

With the risk for Emergency Department closure at an all-time high, worsening access to local primary health care services, and the need for primary care involvement to maintain our hospital's programs and services; physician recruitment and retention efforts are essential for our community.

Long-term care, Hospice and Palliative Services, the Family Health Team, the emergency department, the hospital inpatient unit, and most of all primary care access for the community, depend on the presence of local family physicians. Unfortunately, none of these agencies are funded for recruitment and retention of physicians.

Locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally, many factors, including changes in the provision of health care have impacted the supply of practitioners. Competition for limited human resources has increased the offerings from other communities to secure health care providers. Incentives and remuneration have increased, skewing the competitive landscape, and increasing the expectation for incentivization. While our area is deemed remote and rural, we do not qualify for Ministry of Health "Northern" incentives for physician recruitment and retention.

Demand for physicians is at an all-time high and physicians are harder to come by. An example of this is the drop in the number of visiting locum emergency physicians, resulting in our local physicians having to take on more shifts in the emergency department. Local physicians have been working hard to reach out to their colleagues and friends to come work in our community. They have taken on residents and students with a future objective of recruiting them. In the end, however, we cannot offer a competitive package that would potentially win them over.

The following is a proposal for our catchment area and communities to dedicate a municipal investment to support the highly competitive recruitment and retention landscape.

1) RETURN OF SERVICE (One-time fund):

We no longer have a package to offer any prospective physician interested in moving to our community. An average offering is \$150,000 for a return of service agreement of five (5) years. This fund will allow for a competitive level of offering to a potential recruit.

We have fewer physicians and less access to primary care than we have seen for many years. There is also a risk of current local physicians departing the community for multiple reasons. Adding to this risk, several of our recruited physicians are nearing the end of their return of service requirements agreements. There is always the possibility of choosing another community to live in.



Proposal: Municipalities combine to fund a one-time reserve fund of **\$150,000** for return of service agreement. This would be used for recruitment of future family medicine practitioners. The return of service agreement would be administered through St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

Recruitment/Retention

Recruitment is not only limited to securing a future local primary care provider. Recruitment extends to engaging ER physicians, residents, and locum coverage.

Recruitment activities are advertising, recruitment fairs, hosting local tours, minor giveaways.

2) RESIDENCY ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES:

Medical residents choose a rural placement as an elective. Fewer residents have been choosing family medicine and even fewer rural settings. It has been noted that a medical resident that does a placement on site is much more likely to return to practice there.

Presently, medical residents are only partially funded for accommodation. There is no stipend for other expenses either. The resident will weigh whether they come to Barry's Bay to do a residency placement-based cost, as well as experience. Residents often live close to their university and so the easiest thing to do for them is a placement within the proximity of the university. Those medical residents who do come here do so with intent and purpose. Accurate expenses are difficult to determine. A stipend of \$1,000 per month for the resident is recommended.

Solution: Provide stipend for lodging, travel, and other expenses

COST per annum: \$12,000 per annum

3) RECRUITMENT FAIRS:

Recruitment fairs are one opportunity to meet potential candidates in person. There are several recruitment fairs that, based on experience, have been noted as worthwhile.

- -The University of Ottawa residency fair.
- -The Quebec Out of Province (careers) Recruitment Fair/ Federation des Médecins Residents du Quebec
- -The Rural and Remote Medicine Course



Recruitment Fair attendance will be comprised of hospital personnel and possibly physicians. The hospital will contribute the travel expenses and per diem for such events.

Booth rental and material expenses are variable. This includes giveaways, prize draws and other promotional material. The residency fairs are annual. The estimated cost to attend two of the aforementioned events per annum with promotional material would be approximately \$7,000.

4) TRAVEL STIPEND:

The locum physicians who come to SFMH to work emergency shifts are paid a stipend of \$150 for travel. We have been informed that this compensation is far less than many communities. With a Canada Revenue Agency rate of \$0.60 per kilometer, a 188 km trip to and from Ottawa would equate to \$225.60.

We a requesting an annualized fund of \$20,000 to subsidize physician locum travel.

Summary:

RETURN OF SERVICE	\$150,000 (one time)
RESIDENCY ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES	\$12,000
RECRUITMENT FAIRS	\$7,000
TRAVEL STIPEND	\$20,000
SUBTOTAL (annual costs)	\$39,000
TOTAL (incl. one-time)	\$189,000



Letter of Information Interactive Webinar



Communities left behind?

A timely examination of school closure controversies for justice-informed decision-making on the fate of Ontario public schools

Who are we?

This research is being conducted by a team of researchers from across Ontario. The lead investigator is Dr. Patricia Collins, Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Planning at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and the team's five co-investigators are from the Universities of Waterloo, Guelph, Victoria, and Western Ontario. This project is funded by an Insight Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. **This study has been reviewed for ethical compliance by the Queen's University General Research Ethics Board (GREB).**

What is this study about?

The purpose of this study is to examine the decision-making processes and consequences of public school closures in Ontario for the development of justice-informed decision-making guidelines on the fate of Ontario's public schools. Our study uses a mixed methods approach that is guided by three objectives: (1) To verify the dynamics and shortcomings of Pupil Accommodation Review processes as employed by school boards in Ontario; (2) To expose the consequences of these processes and resulting school closures at the community-level in Ontario; and (3) To draw from these sources of evidence to collaboratively conceive of a justice-informed decision-making model.

To date, we have completed our first two objectives and are actively recruiting participants to address our third objective. Specifically, you are invited to attend an interactive webinar in which we will share our key findings, invite participants to discuss the evidence, and collect feedback on key inputs to inform decisions about school closures in Ontario. The 2-hour virtual webinar will take place on November 9th, 2023, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and will be hosted on Zoom. Invited participants include school board staff and trustees, municipal staff and elected officials, provincial government staff, and other stakeholders (e.g., consultants, non-profits) that work in this domain.

Is my participation voluntary?

Yes. Although it would be greatly appreciated if you would answer all questions as frankly as possible, you are not obliged to answer any material that you find objectionable or that makes you feel uncomfortable. You can stop participating in the webinar at any time during the event by simply exiting the virtual session. If you wish to withdraw any contributions you made during the webinar after the session ends, you will need to notify the lead researcher to have your data stricken from the transcript. In this case, please email Dr. Patricia Collins at patricia.collins@queensu.ca by November 23rd, 2023 to withdraw your data. Withdrawal after this date will not be possible as analysis of the transcript will be underway.

What are the benefits to participating?

There are no known risks associated with this study. As a participant, you may benefit by having the opportunity to learn about the processes that lead to the decisions to close public elementary schools in Ontario, as well as the implications of those closures for the communities in which they were situated. The purpose of the webinar is to share our research findings as well as collect feedback on key inputs to inform decisions about school closures in Ontario. Our goal is to synthesize this feedback for Ontario's Ministry of Education, as it works to revise its Pupil Accommodation Review guidelines to minimize negative impacts to communities. While we hope the findings from this study will inform future policy decisions, this is independent research and is not being conducted on behalf of a particular government ministry, school board authority, or other institution.

What will happen to my responses?

The webinar will be hosted on Zoom and will be recorded for notetaking and transcription purposes. While Zoom records both video and audio, only the audio recording will be retained for transcribing. The audio file will be destroyed on or before November 23, 2023, upon completion of the transcription process by a member of the research team. The webinar will be set so that your camera will be off when you join the meeting. If you do not wish to have your video captured, please do not turn it on. The chat and Q&A features will be enabled for the webinar, and all written submissions will be retained by the researchers for analyses following the session. At any time during or after the webinar, only members of the research team will have access to participants' data.

The ideas generated from this webinar will inform the agenda for a deliberative workshop that the research team will be hosting with key stakeholders later in November, as well as a policy brief for the Ministry of Education that the research team will be developing early in 2024. As part of the Eventbrite registration process, you will be asked to provide your name, email address, and organization affiliation. Your name and email address is being collected so that we can share the Zoom event details with you, as well as the policy brief that is developed from this event. Your organization affiliation is being collected so that the research team will know which organizations are represented in the session. During the Eventbrite registration process, you will be asked whether you consent to have your organization affiliation shared on the participant list for the event. Names and email addresses will not be published on this participant list to protect participants' privacy. This list will provide readers of our policy brief with insights regarding which organizations were represented in the discussion that led to the brief. Consenting to share your affiliation is not a requirement to participate in this webinar. Only the research team will have access to your name and email address, and this information will be destroyed after the policy brief has been disseminated to participants.

Verbal and written excerpts from the webinar discussion may be quoted in the policy brief, as well as in other publications and/or presentations that arise from this research. These quotes will not be attributed to any individual participant because the transcription in its entirety (both written and

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verbal contributions) will be de-identified. To facilitate this process, you will be asked during the Eventbrite registration process to indicate your general role in the organization with which you are affiliated (e.g., "school board staff", "municipal politician", "provincial government staff", "consultant", etc.). This information will provide essential context for any quotes that may be used from the session (e.g., "school board staff member #4" "provincial policy advisor #7"). However, it is important to note that while we will ask everyone who is participating in the webinar to maintain the confidentiality within the group, the confidentiality of your identity cannot be guaranteed. It is also possible that you could be identifiable from quotes that the researchers use from the webinar. The research team is committed to protecting the confidentiality of all participants to the extent permitted by applicable laws. The Queen's General Research Ethics Board (GREB) may request access to study data and/or all other study materials used in this research to ensure that we (the research team) have or are meeting our ethical obligations in conducting this research. GREB is bound by confidentiality agreements and will not release any personal information.

For the duration of this study, the webinar transcript will be securely stored on team members' password-protected computers and in an encrypted cloud-based data management platform. After the study is complete, all data from this study will be archived for a minimum of 5 years in the Queen's University Research Data Centre.

Will I be compensate for my participation? No.

What if I have concerns?

In the event that you have any complaints, concerns or questions about this research, please feel free to contact Dr. Patricia Collins at <u>patricia.collins@queensu.ca</u>, or the Chair of the Queen's University General Research Ethics Board at 613-533-6081 or chair.GREB@queensu.ca.

Thank you for your interest in participating in this research study. If you consent to participate, please proceed with the registration process in Eventbrite. You have not waived any legal rights by consenting to participate in this study.

Sincerely,

Patricia Collins, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, Queen's University

COUNCIL MEETING November 1, 2023

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION:

- 1) Conflict of Interest Report; Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner; Cunningham Swan Lawyers
- 2) SABA Accomplishments
- 3) Premier of Ontario Thank you letter
- 4) Highway 60 Bridges at Madawaska River & Opeongo River Preliminary Design Study
- 5) Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development course



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October 12, 2023

SENT BY EMAIL TO: clerk@southalgonquin.ca

Mayor and Members of Council c/o Bryan Martin, Clerk Township of South Algonquin 7 Third Ave. PO Box 217 Whitney, Ontario K0J 2M0

Dear Mr. Martin:

RE: Conflict of Interest Complaint– Report Our File No. 35965-18

This public report of our investigation is being provided to Council in accordance with Section 223.6(1) and 223.4.1(17) of the *Municipal Act*. We note that Section 223.6(3) of the *Municipal Act* requires that Council make the report public and Section 223.4.1(17) requires that our decision be published.

The Clerk should identify on the agenda for the next open session Council meeting that this report will be discussed. Staff should consider whether it is appropriate to place the full report on the agenda in advance of Council deciding how the report should otherwise be made public. Publishing this report on the agenda will satisfy the requirement of Section 223.4.1(17) that the decision be "published".

Should Council desire, the Integrity Commissioner is prepared to attend virtually at the open session meeting to present the report and answer any questions from Council.

At the meeting, Council must first receive the report for information. The only decision Council is afforded under the *Municipal Act* is to decide how the report will be made public, and whether to adopt any recommendations made by the Integrity Commissioner. Council {01149285.DOCX:}

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The Integrity Commissioner has included only the information in this report that is necessary to understand the findings. In making decisions about what information to include, the Integrity Commissioner is guided by the duties set out in the *Municipal Act*. Members of Council are also reminded that Council has assigned to the Integrity Commissioner the duty to conduct investigations in response to complaints under the Code of Conduct, and that the Integrity Commissioner is bound by the statutory framework to undertake a thorough process in an independent manner. The findings of this report represent the Integrity Commissioner's final decision in this matter.

Timeline of Investigation

The key dates and events during the course of this investigation are as follows:

- ➤ Complaint Received July 14, 2023
- ➤ Complaint sent to Member July 25, 2023
- Response received from Member August 12, 2023
- Response sent to Complainant August 16, 2023
- Response received from Complainant August 25, 2023
- ➤ Interviews with Witnesses September 18, 2023

Complaint Overview

The Complaint alleges that Councillor Pigeon breached the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* (the "MCLA") and the Code of Conduct at the regular meeting of Council on June 20, 2023.

Specifically, it is alleged that Councillor Pigeon did not declare a pecuniary interest and proceeded to participate in the Council discussion regarding the regulation of short term accommodation. It is alleged that Councillor Pigeon operates a property management business that is connected to the short term rental market.

Limitation Period

Section 223.4.1(4) of the *Municipal Act* requires that a Complaint under the *MCIA* be submitted within six weeks of the applicant becoming aware of the alleged contravention. As part of our investigation, we reviewed evidence as to when the Complainant became aware of the alleged contravention and are satisfied that the Complaint was submitted within the required timeframe.

MCIA Provisions

The Complaint engages the following provision of the MCIA:

5(1) Where a member, either on his or her own behalf or while acting for, by, with or through another, has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any matter and is present at a meeting of the council or local board at which the matter is the subject of consideration, the member,

. . .

(b) Shall not take part in the discussion of, or vote on any question in respect of the matter;

Code of Conduct

The Complaint engages the following provisions of the Code of Conduct:

Rule No. 1 Avoidance of Conflicts of Interest

. . .

- 1. Members of Council shall not participate in the decision-making processes associated with their office when prohibited to do so by the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.
- 2. Members of Council shall not participate in the decision-making processes associated with their office when they have a disqualifying interest in a matter.

"Disqualifying interest" is defined in the Code of Conduct as:

[A]n interest in a matter that, by virtue of the relationship between the Member of Council and other persons or bodies associated with the matter, is of such a nature that reasonable persons fully informed of the facts would believe that the Member of Council could not participate impartially in the decision-making processes related to the matter.

Findings

In reaching the findings contained in this report, the Complaint and all written responses received were reviewed, interviews with relevant persons were conducted and the video of the June 20, 2023 Council Meeting was reviewed.

As is detailed below, I find that Councillor Pigeon breached both the MCIA and the Code of Conduct.

Factual Findings

The various accounts of what occurred at the June 20, 2023 Council Meeting were not in conflict. The video of the June 20, 2023 meeting confirmed the accounts of what took place at the meeting. The Councillor does not declare a conflict of interest and participates in the discussion about the regulation of short term rental accommodation.

In addition, during the meeting Councillor Pigeon left in order to speak directly with our office about whether or not he had a conflict of interest in the subject of short term rental accommodation. The Councillor received verbal advice from our office based on the facts disclosed during the brief conversation.

Generally, we are precluded from disclosing the nature of the advice given to members of council. In this case, Councillor Pigeon confirmed in his written response to the complaint (which was provided to the Complainant) that during the meeting he obtained advice from our office. The response provided by the Councillor confirmed he was advised that he has a pecuniary interest, but is confusing as to what his obligations were due to the conflict and what advice was given. Section 223.5(2.2) of the *Municipal Act* provides that where a member releases only part of the advice received, that the Integrity Commissioner may release all or part of the advice without the consent of the member.

In these circumstances it is appropriate for our office to explain that the advice given to Councillor Pigeon was that he had a pecuniary interest in the matter of the short term accommodation regulation and that he should declare that conflict and not participate in the debate or vote.

The nature of Councillor Pigeon's business is that he oversees the short term rentals for a number of local properties, including advertising for renters, booking rentals, doing cleaning and doing property maintenance for those properties.

MCIA

In his response, Councillor Pigeon acknowledged that he did not declare a pecuniary interest and participated in the debate. His justification is that because the discussion was not about a by-law and no vote was held that he could participate in the discussion. In addition, he took the position that he was prepared to "deal with any loss to his business" as a result of his support for a short term accommodation regulation. He was candid in his interview that his support for short term accommodation regulation might result in a loss of clients for his business.

Despite being advised by the Integrity Commissioner that he could not participate, the Councillor decided to ignore that advice and participate in the debate.

We find that Councillor Pigeon breached the *MCIA* Section 5(1)(b). The direction provided by the Integrity Commissioner was clear, and by failing to declare his pecuniary interest and participating in the discussion of the matter, the Councillor breached the *MCIA*. We note that the *MCIA* is clear that <u>no</u> participation in the discussion of a matter is permitted by a member who has a pecuniary interest. This prohibition is not conditional on a vote being taken; any attempt to participate in or influence the decision is not permitted.

Code of Conduct

Rule 1(1)

As we have found a breach of the MCIA we also conclude that Councillor Pigeon breached Rule No. 1(1) of the Code of Conduct which requires compliance with the MCIA provisions.

Rule 1(2)

We find that the pecuniary interest of Councillor Pigeon is of such a nature that it would be considered by a reasonable person, fully informed of the facts, that he could not have participated impartially at the June 20, 2023 meeting.

As such, we find that Councillor Pigeon had a "disqualifying interest" within the meaning of the Code of Conduct and therefore breached Rule 1(2) of the Code of Conduct. Participating in the "decision-making process" includes more than simply voting, it includes all debate and discussion that leads to a vote. The "process" is broader than a vote and participating in any aspect of that process is prohibited by the Code of Conduct.

Recommendation

Relevant to our recommendation as to penalty is the advice provided to Councillor Pigeon by our offices on June 20, 2023 regarding the pecuniary interest that was the subject of this Complaint. The Councillor chose to disregard our advice and that must be considered when discussing the penalty.

Penalty

As detailed above, it is our finding that Councillor Pigeon did breach Section 5(1)(b) of the MCLA. However, we do not recommend that an application to a Judge be made in this case as there was no vote and it is more likely than not that a Judge would not remove the Councillor from his seat in these circumstances. It is more likely that a Judge would impose a suspension of pay as an appropriate penalty, and that can also be achieved by Council under

the Code of Conduct. It is therefore our decision not to bring an application to the court under the MCIA.

The public need to be confident that all members of Council will adhere to the MCIA and the Code of Conduct to avoid furthering their personal financial interests and abusing their role as elected members of Council. Even though Councillor Pigeon stated that he was in support of short term accommodation regulation despite the fact that it might negatively impact his business, the public cannot have confidence that the Councillor will be impartial in that process. Whether the financial interest is positive or negative and whether the Councillor is "prepared to deal with the loss" or not, the public have a right to expect that decision-makers will be impartial and will make regulations based on objective factors that are in the public interest. In this case, Councillor Pigeon's personal financial interest creates a conflict.

Given that the Councillor acknowledged that he had a conflict and received advice from the Integrity Commissioner not to participate, a financial penalty is required to ensure that all of Council understands the importance of the MCIA and the Code of Conduct and to rebuild the public's confidence in the integrity of Council's decision-making process.

In the circumstances, we recommend that Councillor Pigeon's pay be suspended for 15 days.

Sincerely,

Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP

Tony E. Fleming, C.S. LSO Certified Specialist in Municipal Law (Local Government / Land Use Planning) Anthony Fleming Professional Corporation TEF:ls

FROM THE LETTERS PATENT

The objects for which the corporation is incorporated are:

- 1) Building the community through investment in ideas, industry and people;
- 2) Bringing community members together to support economic development through an asset-based approach
- 3) Strengthening relationships and connecting with resources;
- 4) Advocating, communicating, educating and informing the community;
- 5) To champion South Algonquin as a great place to live, work and play, and such other complementary purposes not inconsistent with the aforementioned objectives.

FUN FACTS:

- We have 89 people and businesses on our mailing list
- We have a >70% open rate on our newsletter



List of SABA's accomplishments to date

2023 – Chair Angela Pollak

- Grant investment tally: \$1,737,500.00 as of Spring 2023 (\$1.375 m in grants, \$362k in co-pays),
 - o 11 local businesses impacted directly by grant funding
- 45km of Trail upgrades complete along the Old Rail Trail
 - o Parking lot at SLBM Trailhead awaiting permits, anticipated summer 2024
- 159 Trail to SLBM Trailhead brushed and upgraded
- First ever Social Media Influencer Weekend in June 2023
- Social Media launch in Spring 2023
- Zine Issue #3 in May 2023

2022 – Chair Gabriela Hairabedian

- AODA compliant website and app launched in spring 2022
- Published Zine Issue 2– sold \$7,500 in advertising to pay for distribution of 5,000 copies. Distribution completed in fall 2022. We received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback on the content.
- Our Zine "One Fine Day" has an ISSN number, which means it's registered with Library and Archives Canada and will be part of the National Archive of Canada in perpetuity
- First Partnership, with Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance to upgrade approximately 40km of the Old Rail trail from Whitney to Spectacle Lake and add a parking lot at the base of the SLBM trail system. The project will be complete by March 2023
- Received \$8,000 in funding through Community Futures and the RTO to build our social media engine
- Hosted five photographers in the community who have taken more than 500 high quality images of our township across seasons. These images will be the backbone of our future social media campaigns
- participated in Santa Claus Parade
- Grant investment tally: \$900,000
 - Local businesses have another \$625,000 requests pending results
- Number of local businesses impacted directly by grants: 8

SABA Accomplishments



2021 - Chair Gabriela Hairabedian

- Held regular meetings
- Continued the SABA Bulletin
- Delegation to Council regarding the South Algonquin Maps
- Annual AGM Dinner (virtual)
- Partnered with the South Algonquin Politics FB Group to fundraise
- Raised \$15, 200, including two grants. Raised goal to \$21,000
- Established a Square Account for payment processing
- Incorporated!!!
- Branded ourselves
- New website development under way
- Produced community zine "One Fine Day" in electronic and print form
- Mailing list now at over 50 names
- \$500,000 in accessibility grants injected into community resulting in about
 \$700,000 worth of infrastructure investment
- Working on stable revenue streams for SABA including Bingo and advertising
- Minister for Seniors and Accessibility (Raymond Cho) visited South Algonquin to Celebrate \$500,000 in accessibility Grants delivered to South Algonquin
- Applied for the Canadian Community Revitalization fund grant with Eastern Ontario Trails Association (\$370,000)
- received a ton of media coverage
- participated in Santa Claus Parade

2020 - Chair Evelyne LeSage

- Annual AGM Dinner
- Held regular meetings
- Revised the constitution
- Continued the SABA Bulletin
- Local representation on the RTO12 Board up to 2 members
- Conducted an online business survey related to hiring challenges
- Hosted a booth at the Fleming College Job Fair
- Conducted "3 wishes and a wand" online feedback session with community
- Delegation to Council re: Mainstreet Revitalization Grant
- Lemonade Project Raised \$1000 for community spirit project



- Connected with the Snowmobile Association
- Connected with Bancroft Media and the Local Journalism Initiative
- Built a community calendar syncing all local events (scuttled due to covid)
- \$28,000 in accessibility grants injected into community resulting in about \$40,000 worth of infrastructure investment

2019 – Chair Angela Pollak

- Established a name and website
- Established a constitution
- Held regular meetings
- Established the SABA Bulletin as a way to send news out to community
- Set up banking account
- Annual Dinner
- Produced a printed map of Whtiney & Madawaska
- Connected with the RTO12
- Earned a seat on the RTO12 Board
- South Algonquin represented in RTO12 communication from this point on
- Connected with the Bancroft Chamber
- Met with township staff re: Economic Development, including advocating for terms of reference for the Ec Dev Committee
- Advocated for Park Bus to include Whitney on Algonquin Park route
- Connected with the RCATV Association
- Applied for a Fednor Grant to take on a mapping project
- Participation in RTO12 voucher program increased from 3 businesses to 13
- Grew our mailing list to 25 names
- Held grant writing workshops
- Donated to the Fishing Derby
- \$90,000 in accessibility grants injected into community resulting in about
 \$185,000 worth of infrastructure investment

2018

- Met informally several times to determine if a business association was feasible and had enough support
- Met with the Maynooth Business Association to learn what they do





Media Coverage

	2020-04-08	SABA Launches 'Everyone Brings Joy' Competition
	2020-05-11	South Algonquin Unveils COVID Initiatives
	2020-05-29	SABA General Meeting on May 29
	2020-06-03	Lemonade Project Brings Joy to South Algonquin
	2020-11-24	SABA encourages Northern Ontario Recovery Program Grant Applications
	2021-01-12	Association to host annual dinner in January
	2021-01-12	Opeongo Snowbirds Snowmobile Club seeking public support
	2021-01-15	SABA dinner goes virtual in light of lockdown
	2021-01-15	SABA encourages Northern Ontario Recovery Program grant applications
	2021-01-15	Ontario Small Business Support Grant opens
	2021-01-19	SABA suggests changes to upcoming South Algonquin Wayfinding Map
	2021-01-15	SABA Dinner Goes Virtual in Light of Lockdown (page 14, January 15, 2021)
	2021-01-19	SABA suggests changes to upcoming South Algonquin Wayfinding Map
(Toronto Star)		
	2021-02-16	SABA unveils its fundraisers for February (Welland Tribune)
	2021-02-24	SABA Virtual Event Imparts Timely and Valuable Advice (Toronto Star)

2021-10-27 We received a lot of great coverage for Minister Cho's visit to South Algonquin

The Toronto Star

The (Waterloo Region) Record

Bancroft This Week

Yahoo!News

October 25, 2021

My Barry's Bay Now

My Bancroft Now

Moose FM Radio 106.5 – radio interview with Trevor Smith-Millar (no link)

October 20, 2021

The Kingston Whig Standard

The Belleville Intelligencer

The Pembroke Observer

The Brockville Recorder

The County Weekly News

2021-11-30 SABA General Meeting Discusses Upcoming Year

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Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1 Édifice de l'Assemblée législative Queen's Park Toronto (Ontario)

October 6, 2023

Her Worship Ethel LaValley Township of South Algonquin info@southalgonquin.ca

Dear Mayor LaValley:

Thanks for your letter about council's resolution dealing with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. I appreciate hearing council's views on the issue.

I note that you've sent a copy of council's resolution to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health. I'm sure the minister will also take council's views into consideration.

Thanks again for the information.

Sincerely,

Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable Sylvia Jones

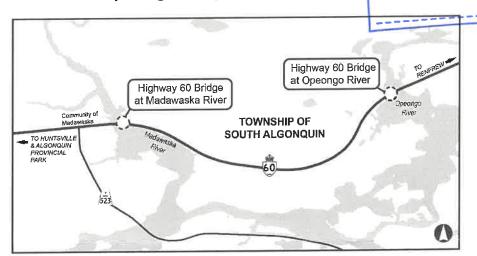
STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Highway 60 Bridges at Madawaska River and Opeongo River Preliminary Design Study

RECEIVED

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of
Transportation (MTO) has initiated
a Preliminary Design Study to
evaluate replacement alternatives
for the Highway 60 bridges at
Madawaska River and Opeongo
River in the Township of South
Algonquin. The existing bridges are
in need of replacement. The firm
HDR will undertake this study on
behalf of MTO.



THE PROCESS

The study will follow the Class

Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities process for a Group 'B' project.

Engagement with external agencies, Indigenous communities, the public and interest groups will take place throughout the study, including a Public Information Centre (PIC). The PIC will provide an opportunity to discuss the study with the Project Team members. Notices providing the time and location of the PIC will be published in local newspapers and sent to persons on the project mailing list.

Upon completion of the study, the preferred plans will be documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and made available for public review. Notices will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the TESR is available for viewing.

COMMENTS

Please visit us at www.Highway60bridges-Madawaska-Opeongo.ca for further project information. If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments, or if you would like to be added to the study's mailing list, please contact below. Si yous avez besoin d'information en français, veuillez contacter Jacob Bellerose aux coordonnées indiquées ci-dessous:

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this study under the Accessibility for Ontarians for Disability Act (AODA), please contact one of the project team members listed above.

Comments and information will be collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.F.31*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.



The Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development course provides the foundation you need to understand and promote economic and social development in Northern Ontario.

Learn about opportunities and challenges, strategies for economic development, and more!

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

- Economic development professionals
- Citizens interested in sustainable regional economic development
- Government officials and politicians
- Professionals that are new to the field
- Provincial, municipal or federal employees living in Northern Ontario who make or influence economic decisions and/or policy decisions

The 12-module course is spread over 12 weeks. It is offered in both English and French.

- Accredited through EDAC (Economic Developers Association of Canada).
- Enrolment in the course is limited to 20 participants per semester.
- Cost: \$725

November 1, 2023

MOTIONS OF COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor Res. # 23-

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the amendments to Schedule "A" of the Schedule of Fees By-Law# 2023-768.

- -Carried-
- -Defeated-

Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor Res. # 23-

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the summary of public consultation from Spectra Point for the proposed Rogers Communications Inc Tower C8508, located at 831 McGuey Road;

AND confirms that the applicant has consulted with the township, provided the township with a summary of public consultation, and addressed all relevant concerns to the satisfaction of the township pertaining to the subject communication tower.

- -Carried-
- -Defeated-

Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor Res # 23-

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from The Corporation of the Town of Midland regarding "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario.

- -Carried-
- -Defeated-

Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor Res # 23-

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding Illegal Car Rally.

- -Carried-
- -Defeated-

Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor Res # 23-

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from The Corporation of the Township of the Archipelago regarding the request to the Province to declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic in Ontario.

- -Carried-
- -Defeated-

COUNCIL MEETING November 1, 2023

By-Laws:

Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor Res. # 23-

THAT:

1) By-Law 2023-770, Confirm the Proceedings of Council BE READ A FIRST TIME AND BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME

-Carried--Defeated-

Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor Res. # 23-

THAT:

1) By-Law 2023-770, Confirm the Proceedings of Council BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED

- -Carried-
- -Defeated-

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONOUIN

BY-LAW NO. 2023-770

BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act 2001, Chapter 25 and amendments thereto provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its council;

AND WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act 2001 Chapter 25 and amendments thereto provides that the powers of every council shall be exercised by By-Law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and expedient that the proceedings and actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin be confirmed and adopted by By-Law, for the regular meeting held on:

November 1, 2023

THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin enacts as follows:

- 1. THAT the action of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin in respect to each recommendation contained in the reports of the Committees and in respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meeting, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law.
- 2. The Mayor or in her absence, the Presiding Officer of the Council and the proper officials of the Municipality are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required.
- 3. The Mayor or in his/her absence the Presiding Officer and the Clerk or in his/her absence the other designated signing officer, are hereby directed to execute all documents required by Statute to be executed by them, as may be necessary in that behalf and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Municipality to all such documents.
- 4. THAT in the event any provision or provisions of this By-Law be deemed illegal or not enforceable, it or they shall be considered separate and severable from the By-Law, and its remaining provisions shall remain in force and be binding as though the said provision or provisions had never been included.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND T	O TIME on November 1, 2023.	
Ethel LaValley – Mayor	Bryan Martin-CAO/Clerk Treasurer	
READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED	AND ENACTED on November 1, 2023.	
Ethel LaValley – Mayor	Bryan Martin-CAO/Clerk Treasurer	