

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:

Mayor LaValley

Councillor Sandra Collins

Councillor Joe Florent

Councillor Joan Kuiack

Councillor Shawn Pigeon

Councillor Bill Rodnick

Councillor Laurie Siydock- Regrets

Staff:

Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Steven Ronholm – Public Works Superintendent

Ian Collins- Fire Chief

Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator

Charlene Alexander- CEO/Head Librarian

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.

Public Works Reports 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, 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