

March 6, 2024

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 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 Collins

Councillor Joe Florent

Councillor Joan Kuiack

Councillor Shawn Pigeon

Councillor Bill Rodnick

Councillor Laurie Siydock

Staff: Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Ian Collins- Fire Chief

Steven Ronholm – Public Works Superintendent

Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

2. ROLL CALL

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Collins

Seconded by: Councillor Florent

Res. # 24-329

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of March 6, 2024.

-Carried-

6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

7. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS:

Saja Elshaikh & Chris Leggett, Spectra Point Inc. Agents for Rogers Communication Inc.

Provided a summary of public consultation and requested a Letter of Concurrence from the Township for Tower Site C8510, 3121A Highway 523.

Discussion pertaining to the concerns on the location were expressed.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack

Seconded by: Councillor Collins

Res # 24-330

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 7, 2024 as circulated.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins

Seconded by: Councillor Siydock

Res # 24-331

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Committee Meeting of February 28, 2024 as circulated.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent

Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon

Res # 24-332

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee Meeting of February 28, 2024 as circulated.

-Carried-

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

Library Report

January Library Board Meeting Minutes and the Monthly Library Report were provided in the

council package by CEO/Head Librarian Charlene Alexander.

Public Works Report A written report was provided in the council package by Public Works Superintendent Steven Ronholm.

In addition to the written report S. Ronholm verbally reported:

- Grader operations in progress. Old 127 and Nipissing Road has been completed. Will be heading to McKenzie Lake area.
- Half loads were implemented on March 2nd.
- Brushing operations in progress in the Aylen Lake area.
- Hydro One has been working on the stray voltage at the Works Garage fuel pumps. They are currently analysing recent tests. S. Ronholm will keep council apprised on situation.

Fire Report

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

In addition to the written report I. Collins verbally reported:

- I. Collins reiterated his findings from his written report on a follow-up discussion with a property owner regarding a recent fire.
- I. Collins announced his retirement as of Saturday, June 15th. Council thanked Fire Chief Collins for his dedicated service.

M&L Parks & Recreation Committee

February 13th Agenda and Minutes of January 9th were provided in the council package.

In addition to the written report Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- Quotes were received for an electronic sign and an electrical outlet for the ceiling. Due to cost, the committee has decided against purchasing the items.
- Madawaska Rink had a successful season with a lot of users this year.
- Events scheduled for March Break
- Trivia Night in Madawaska is April 29th and April 15th at the Seniors New Outlook in Whitney.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- Resolution; Community Safety and Well-Being Plan: 2024
- Resolution; District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) RE: Reaching Home Funding Allocation
- Resolution; Prince Edward County and The Town of Plympton-Wyoming RE: Life Span of Fire Apparatus
- Resolution of Support; Town of Lincoln Town of Plympton-Wyoming RE: Bill C-310 and amendments to the Income Tax Act – Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters

13. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items

- Governance Structure Review of Boards of Management for Territorial District Homes
- January 25th Municipal Dog Pound Meeting Minutes and 2024 Proposed Budget
- Response from Emergency Management Ontario, Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) submission
- DNSSAB, Press Release – New CAO
- Final Recovery Strategy for Whitefish Opeongo Lake, Response letter

14. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor LaValley circulated information and provided an overview to Council on potential mergers of the Renfrew County District Health Unit with neighbouring public health units.

15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res # 24-333
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan: 2024.
-Carried-

Below motion was presented to Council. Not moved or seconded. Therefore, not considered.

Moved by: Seconded by:
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorize staff to write a letter of Concurrence, that the land-use consultation requirements on behalf of Rogers Communication Inc. have been met for the installation of a telecommunication tower at 3121A Highway 523.

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 24-334
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts Nadia Pruett as a member of the Murchison and Lyell Recreation Committee, pending a favourable O.P.P. background check.
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 24-335
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the stabilization of the Federal Government’s Reaching Home funding to the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board as the Community Entity; and,
THAT funding be maintained, at minimum, at current levels for future fiscal years; and,
THAT this resolution be shared with local federal representatives.
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res # 24-336
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolutions from Prince Edward County and The Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the life span of fire apparatus.
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res # 24-337
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolutions from the Town of Lincoln & Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Bill C-310 and amendments to the Income Tax Act for tax credit for volunteer firefighters.
-Carried-

16. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: None

17. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 24-338
THAT:
1) By-Law 2024-784 to adopt an Emergency Management Program
2) By-Law 2024-785 to adopt an Emergency Response Plan
3) By-Law 2024-786 to adopt an Asset Retirement Obligation Policy
4) By-Law 2024-787 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council
BE READ A FIRST TIME AND BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 24-339
THAT:
1) By-Law 2024-784 to adopt an Emergency Management Program
2) By-Law 2024-785 to adopt an Emergency Response Plan
3) By-Law 2024-786 to adopt an Asset Retirement Obligation Policy
4) By-Law 2024-787 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council
BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED
-Carried-

18. CLOSED SESSION: None

19. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Florent

Seconded by: Councillor Siydock

Res. # 24-340

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of March 6, 2024 at 10:23 a.m.

-Carried-

The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Ethel LaValley

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin