

**April 3, 2024**

**COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

On Wednesday, April 3, 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 Joe Florent

Councillor Joan Kuiack

Councillor Shawn Pigeon

Councillor Laurie Siydock

Zoom:

Councillor Bill Rodnick

Regrets:

Councillor Collins

Staff: Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer- Zoom

Steven Ronholm – Public Works Superintendent

Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator

Charlene Alexander, CEO/Head Librarian-Zoom

**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 Kuiack**

**Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon**

**Res. # 24-344**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of April 3, 2024.

**-Carried-**

**6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR A GENERAL NATURE THEREOF: None**

**7. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS:**

Saja Elshaikh & Chris Leggett, Spectra Point Inc. Agents for Rogers Communication Inc. provided a presentation to address some questions that were brought forward from the last council meeting in regard to their request for a letter of concurrence from the Township for Tower Site C8510, 3121A Highway 523.

Consensus was that staff work with Spectra Point to draft a letter of concurrence that will satisfy Spectra Point's requirements and include a statement that Council does not support the location of the proposed tower.

Due to Councillor Florent's opinion on the proposed tower location, he left the council chambers for a break so that other members of council may speak freely.

**8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent**

**Seconded by: Councillor Siydock**

**Res # 24-345**

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

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Pigeon**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack**

**Res # 24-346**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of March 13, 2024 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res # 24-347**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 20, 2024 as circulated.  
**-Carried-**

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

**Library Report**

Library Report, February 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes, 2023 Review, OLBA's Leadership by Design – Cut to the Chase 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 and T. Cannon verbally reported:

- T. Cannon will set up another meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the levels at Galeairy Lake and reach out to John Swick at Ontario Parks as Galeairy Lake Boat Launch is an access point for Algonquin Park.

**Fire Report**

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

**Closing the Digital Divide Report**

Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer provided a written report in the council package. A resolution is included in Motions of Council.

**Community Safety and Wellbeing Coordinating Committee**

CSWB Coordinating Committee Minutes of March 22, 2024 were provided in the council package.

**M&L Parks & Recreation Committee**

Agenda of March 12, 2024, Minutes of February 13, 2024 February 13<sup>th</sup> were provided in the council package.

In addition to the written report Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- March Break activities were very well attended.
- Reminder Trivia Night in Madawaska is April 29<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Seniors New Outlook in Whitney.

**Councillor Pigeon**

Some councillors attended the SABA open house. Very informative and good conversations.

**Mayor LaValley**

Waiting on Housing Need Study from DNSSAB. Projected to be available for April's DNSSAB meeting.

Mayor LaValley circulated information on the Solar Eclipse from the Health Unit. Information has previously been circulated on social media, but staff will recirculate.

**10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None**

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- B. Martin will be working on the job advertisement for the Fire Chief position and the grant writing proposal this afternoon.
- Staff to investigate a consent agenda.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items**

- Resolution; Joint Police Services Board, Designate a Municipal Representative.
- Resolution; OPSEU-April 14-20th Declaration as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week 2023.
- Resolution of Support-Township of Perry, Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources.
- Resolution of Support- Town of Grimsby and the County of Prince Edward, Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Assistance Rates.
- Resolution of Support-Town of Goderich, Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences.
- Resolution of Support- Municipality of Brighton, Ride-Sharing Services Across the Province.

- Resolution of Support- Municipality of St. Charles and the Town of Aylmer, Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act.
- Resolution of Support- Municipality of St. Charles and the County of Prince Edward, Guaranteed Livable Income.
- Resolution of Support- Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland,
- National Suicide and Crisis Hotline.
- Resolution of Support- Township of Puslinch and the Town of Orangeville. Comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items**

- Media Release; Northern Ontario Women’s Caucus: The Power of One Voice in Politics.
- Ontario’s fifth annual Provincial Day of Action on Litter, Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Staff will advise MTO on a few signs that are missing on Highway 127.
- Staff will investigate how the township can get on the AMO list for a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review.

**15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack                      Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon                      Res # 24-348**  
 THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin designates Councillor Siydock as a representative for the Police Service Board – Killaloe Detachment.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack                      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock                      Res # 24-349**  
 THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to investigate potential funding to assist in creating partnerships between upper levels of government and the private sector which will enable the Township to Close the Digital Divide that currently exists within the Township and to secure any available funding to move this project forward to a Request for Proposal.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent                      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock                      Res # 24-350**  
 WHEREAS emergencies can strike without warning, necessitating immediate action and the involvement of well-prepared emergency services; and  
 WHEREAS the Ambulance Communications Officers of the Renfrew Central Ambulance Communications Centre serve as the unsung heroes and vital first point of contact in these critical moments, acting with speed, precision, and empathy; and  
 WHEREAS Ambulance Communications Officers skillfully dispatch two paramedic services and fifteen township fire departments, coordinating essential resources and personnel to manage crises effectively and efficiently; and  
 WHEREAS their expertise and calm demeanor under pressure ensure the efficient coordination of life-saving services, bridging the gap between the community in distress and the swift response of emergency services; and  
 WHEREAS through their diligent efforts, Ambulance Communications Officers uphold the highest standards of public safety, contributing significantly to the protection of life and property; and  
 WHEREAS, their role as the cornerstone of the emergency response system is characterized by a remarkable commitment to providing care and ensuring the safety of both the public and emergency responders; and  
 WHEREAS, the professionalism, skill, and compassion exhibited by these dedicated individuals not only save lives but also provide reassurance and hope to those in urgent need; and  
 WHEREAS, the community's trust and safety are continually enhanced by the tireless work and dedication of these outstanding professionals;  
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin hereby declares April 14-20, 2024, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the Township of South Algonquin, and we call upon all citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional service and commitment of our local Ambulance Communications Officers, whose work is essential in maintaining the safety and well-being of our community.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent      Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack      Res. # 24-351**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolution from the Township of Perry requesting the province to amend the Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res. # 24-352**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolutions from the Town of Grimsby and the County of Prince Edward for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Assistance Rates.  
**-Defeated-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res. # 24-353**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolution from the Town of Goderich to return to combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences.  
**-Defeated-**

**Below resolution not moved or seconded, therefore not considered.**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolution from the Municipality of Brighton requesting the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province.

**The below resolution has been tabled.**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolutions from the Municipality of St. Charles and the Town of Aylmer regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act.

**The below resolution has been tabled.**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolutions from the Municipality of St. Charles and the County of Prince Edward urging the Federal and Provincial Governments to establish a guaranteed Livable Income.

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res. # 24-354**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolution from the Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland regarding the 9-8-8 National Suicide and Crisis Hotline.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Florent      Res # 24-355**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolutions from the Township of Puslinch and the Town of Orangeville regarding the request to the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.  
**-Carried-**

**16. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: None**

**17. BY-LAWS:**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick      Res. # 24-356**  
THAT:  
1) By-Law 2024-788 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

**BE READ A FIRST TIME AND BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME**  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock      Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack      Res. # 24-357**  
THAT:  
1) By-Law 2024-788 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 Pigeon**

**Res. # 24-358**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of April 3, 2024 at 10:50 a.m.

**-Carried-**

The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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Mayor Ethel LaValley

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CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin