

**May 1, 2024**

**COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

On Wednesday, May 1, 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

Councillor Bill Rodnick

Zoom:

Councillor Collins

Staff: Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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 9:01 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 Florent                      Res. # 24-359**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of May 1, 2024.

**-Carried-**

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

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

Forbes Symon, Planner Jp2g Consultant Inc presented the Draft Official Plan and Amendment No. 2. F. Symon will revise the Draft Official Plan per the direction of Council. A By-Law passing the Draft Official Plan and authorizing the draft to be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for their approval is included in the By-Law section.

**8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved by: Councillor Rodnick                      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock                      Res # 24-360**

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

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins                      Seconded by: Councillor Florent                      Res # 24-361**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Committee Meeting of April 17, 2024 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

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

**Library Report**

Library Report & Minutes from March 19, 2024 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. Verbally reported:

- Staff will proceed as last year to provide calcium for ATV trail in Madawaska and invoice trail group.
- At the meeting on Monday with AFA and Ontario Parks, S. Ronholm will bring to AFA's attention the danger of trucks coming out onto Highway 60 from their entrance at the bottom of the hill in Madawaska.

### **Fire Report**

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

### **2024 Budget & Taxation Report**

A written report was provided in the council package by Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Baragar  
Action: The commercial waste revenue will be removed, and those funds be taken out of reserves.

A Task Force committee will be created that include members of the public to discuss waste within the township.

### **Municipal Core Service and Organizational Review**

A written report was provided in the council package by CAO/Clerk Treasurer Bryan Martin  
Resolution included in the resolution portion of the package.

### **M&L Parks & Recreation Committee**

April 9, 2024 Agenda, March 12, 2024 Minutes, March Break Activities and St. Patrick's Day Dance Finance Reports were provided in the council package.

Councillor Florent verbally reported;

- Canada Day Grant was received. It is half the amount then what was received other years.

### **Whitney Recreation Committee**

April 9, 2024 Minutes were provided in the council package.

Councillor Kuiack verbally reported;

- Poker Run next Saturday.
- Committee working on Canada Day event.
- Beautification tickets still available.
- Date for public meeting for Raise the Roof funds to be determined.

### **Councillor Kuiack**

Attended the first meeting for the Renfrew County District Drug Strategy. Increase in overdoses in the last year. Councillor Kuiack will attend the next meeting.

### **Mayor LaValley**

- Attended the Ontario Good Roads Convention with the Works Superintendent and a staff member.

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

## **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items**

- North Hastings Community Centre Arena; Resolution will be brought back to the June 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
- Resolution of Support; Township of Amaranth Regarding Municipal Budget Funding.
- Resolution of Support; Municipality of St. Charles and the Town of Aylmer regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act.
- Resolution of Support; Municipality of St. Charles and the County of Prince Edward Urging the Federal and Provincial Governments to Establish a Guaranteed Livable Income.
- Resolution of Support; Municipality of Wawa Regarding Pausing Advancement on Proposed Highway 413 and Redirecting Funds to Support Municipal Infrastructure Costs and Housing Construction Initiatives.
- Resolution of Support; Towns of Plympton-Wyoming and the Municipality of St. Charles Regarding Allowing Municipalities to Retain Surplus Funds from Tax Sales.



**Moved by: Councillor Collins      Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack      Res # 24-368**  
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.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res # 24-369**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding pausing advancement on proposed Highway 413 and redirecting funds to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent      Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack      Res # 24-370**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolutions from the Towns of Plympton-Wyoming and the Municipality of St. Charles regarding allowing municipalities to retain surplus funds from Tax Sales.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res # 24-371**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolution from the Town of Goderich regarding the request to the province to not proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res # 24-372**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolution from Clearview Township regarding the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons.  
**-Defeated-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res # 24-373**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolution from the Municipality of Hastings Highlands regarding the recommendation that the Ministry of Health approve the application for funding a Full-Time Nurse Practitioner.  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res # 24-374**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin support the resolutions from the Township of Limerick and the Municipality of Calvin regarding the review of the National Fire Strategy.  
**-Carried-**

**16. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: None**

**17. BY-LAWS:**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res. # 24-375**  
THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2024-789 Adoption of Official Plan
- 2) By-Law 2024-790 Establish 2024 Expenditures and Revenue Estimates
- 3) By-Law 2024-791 Adoption of 2024 Tax Rates and Penalty and Interest on Overdue Taxes
- 4) By-Law 2024-792 Adoption of 2024 Tax Ratios
- 5) By-Law 2024-793 to 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 Rodnick      Res. # 24-376**  
THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2024-789 Adoption of Official Plan
- 2) By-Law 2024-790 Establish 2024 Expenditures and Revenue Estimates
- 3) By-Law 2024-791 Adoption of 2024 Tax Rates and Penalty and Interest on Overdue Taxes
- 4) By-Law 2024-792 Adoption of 2024 Tax Ratios
- 5) By-Law 2024-793 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

**BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED**

**-Carried-**

**18. CLOSED SESSION: None**

**19. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick      Res. # 24-377**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of May 1, 2024 at 12:31 p.m.

**-Carried-**

The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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Mayor Ethel LaValley

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CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin