

September 4, 2024

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Hybrid Council Meeting via Zoom and in Chambers, which was streamed to YouTube.

In Chambers:

Councillor Joe Florent

Councillor Joan Kuiack

Councillor Shawn Pigeon

Councillor Laurie Siydock

Zoom:

Mayor Ethel LaValley

Councillor Sandra Collins

Staff: Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk-Planner

Charlene Alexander, CEO/Head Librarian-Zoom

Regrets: Councillor Bill Rodnick

Steven Ronholm – Public Works Superintendent

Aurel Thom, Fire Chief/CEMC

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 ACKNOWLEDEMENT

4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 24-411

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of September 4, 2024.

-Carried-

Mayor LaValley advised that she had a knee replacement yesterday and thanked everyone for the support and patience.

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

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 24-412

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

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res # 24-413

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 10, 2024 as circulated.

-Carried-

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

Library Report

Library Report & June/July Monthly Stats were provided in the council package by CEO/Head Librarian Charlene Alexander. Charlene was present to review her report.

- C. Alexander verbally provided an update on the grants applied for to date. A written report will be provided with her library report going forward.

Public Works Report

A written report was provided in the council package by Public Works Superintendent Steven Ronholm. Steven wasn't present to review his report.

Fire Report

A written report was provided in the council package by Fire Chief Aurel Thom. Aurel wasn't present to review his report.

- Staff will follow up with A. Thom to request more information on the DZ licence and the NFPA 1001 course.

M&L Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes of June 17, 2024 & Minutes of July 9, 2024 were provided in the council package.

Councillor Florent verbally reported;

- Still waiting for approvals from MNR for the proposed walking trail.
- Fall Fun Day scheduled for September 21st.

Councillor Kuiack verbally reported;

- Whitney Recreation Committee held their July 1st celebrations and end of summer celebrations – well attended. Meeting to resume next week.
- Complaints received about water levels – Airy Road, speed - Lake Street and accessible wheelchair ramp - Galeairy Lake Boat Launch. Items will be brought back to an Asset Management Committee Meeting.
- Requested for staff report pertaining to last 5 years of OPP costs.

Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk Treasurer verbally reported;

- Successful at receiving the Economic Development Master Planning Grant. Tenders close Friday and recommendation will be presented at the September 18th committee meeting.

Mayor LaValley verbally reported;

- Mayor LaValley has accepted an invitation to attend a dinner honouring our veterans at the Barry's Bay Legion on September 21st.

Councillor Pigeon verbally reported;

- Attended the McKenzie Lake Property Owner's Association meeting. Attendees expressed concerns with the McKenzie Lake Road conditions.

Councillor Collins verbally reported;

- Attended Lyell Lake Cottage Association meeting. Attendees eager to see regulations for Short-Term Rentals and inquired if a Private Roads Grant could be considered.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- Painted Landscape Tour – Township Interest? – Staff will draft a letter of municipal support.
- Opeongo Snowbirds, RE: Funding Request Rapid Lake Trestle Bridge – Staff provided an update of what the Township has done to date to assist with the project. Staff will research if there is \$2500.00 within the current budget that can be donated to the bridge repairs. Staff will also invite the Opeongo Snowbirds to the upcoming committee meeting.
- Resolution of Support, RE: City of Quinte West-The Canada Community-Building Fund

12. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items Received and Filed;

- O.P.P. Municipal Policing Bureau RE: Impact of New Agreement on Municipal Policing Costs.
- AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments.
- DRAPE 2024: Introduction of Geospatial Ontario.
- MMAH; Re: Status of Review for Official Plan Submission.
- Bonnechere Excavating Inc. RE: Highway 60 Improvements.
- Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

- Algonquin Accommodations Inc. – Airbnb Letter.
- The Valley Gazette & Bancroft This Week/Bancroft Times-Video of Council Meetings.
- South Algonquin Business Alliance (SABA) – Livestreaming Council and Committee Meetings.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- B. Martin and Mayor LaValley attended the AMO Conference and were able to meet with the Minister of Long-Term Care. Lots of other presentations – productive conference.

14. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 24-414

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin wishes to reconsider the resolution from July 5, 2023 as stated below at the October 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting;

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the discontinuance of YouTube for the purpose of live streaming Council and Committee Meetings.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 24-415

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the application from Clayton Kuiack as a member of the Whitney Recreation Committee pending a favourable O.P.P. check.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 24-416

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the City of Quinte West regarding The Canada Community-Building Fund.

-Carried-

15. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 24-417

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2024-807 Service Agreement with The Municipal Dog Pound
- 2) By-Law 2024-808 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 Pigeon Res. # 24-418

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2024-807 Service Agreement with The Municipal Dog Pound
- 2) By-Law 2024-808 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED

-Carried-

16. CLOSED SESSION: None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 24-419

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of September 4, 2024 at 10:31 a.m.

-Carried-

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Ethel LaValley

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin