

December 4, 2024

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, December 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:

Mayor Ethel LaValley
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Joan Kuiack
Councillor Shawn Pigeon
Councillor Laurie Sydock
Councillor Bill Rodnick

Via Zoom: Councillor Sandra Collins

Staff: Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk-Planner

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor 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 Florent Res. # 24-443

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

-Carried-

6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR A GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

Councillor Kuiack declared a pecuniary interest pertaining to the Short-term Rental Accommodations public meeting (open house) on November 21, 2024, which she did not attend.

Councillor Pigeon declared a pecuniary interest pertaining to the Short-term Rental Accommodations public meeting (open house) on November 21, 2024, which he attended but did not provide comment.

7. PETITION, DELEGATION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS:

Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 24-444

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 (1) (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; presentation by John Mascarin and Brian Chung of AIRD & BERLIS LLP regarding potential litigation affecting the township at 9:07 a.m.

-Carried-

John Mascarin and Brian Chung, AIRD & BERLIS LLP will proceed per Council direction in Closed Session.

Council came out of Closed Session of Council at 9:38 a.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res # 24-445

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

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res # 24-446

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Asset Management Committee Meeting of November 21, 2024 as circulated and amended.

-Carried-

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

M&L Parks & Recreation Committee

M&L Parks and Recreation, RE: Minutes of October 8, 2024 were provided in the council package.

Councillor Florent verbally reported;

- Due to the postal strike, recreation has placed a mailbox in front of Madawaska Complex for children to send their Santa letters.

Whitney Recreation Committee

Whitney Recreation, Agenda and Minutes of November 12, 2024 were provided in the council package.

Councillor Kuiack verbally reported:

- Currently there are only four floats for the parade. Breakfast with Santa is the morning of the parade.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Staff will follow up with MTO on the status of the Highway 60 study that was planned for this summer/fall for the villages and will also explore the possibility of installing electronic radar speed signs.

12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- Resolution of Support; RE: Ontario Goods Road-Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
- Resolution; Local Initiative Program (L.I.P) Contribution Agreement for two smart televisions for the Madawaska Complex and the Lester B. Smith Community Centre.

13. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items Received and Filed;

- Municipal Dog Pound Board Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2024.

14. NEW BUSINESS: None

15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. #24-447

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin moves the Regular Council Meeting in January to Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 24-448

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from Ontario Goods Roads regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 24-449

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the grant application from Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for the resurfacing of the Lester B. Smith Outdoor Rink surface in the amount of \$200,000.00.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 24-450

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves Patrick Voldock as a volunteer firefighter for the Whitney Station.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res # 24-451
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the Local Initiative Program (L.I.P) Contribution Agreement for two smart televisions for the Madawaska Complex and the Lester B. Smith Community Centre.
-Carried-

17. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 24-452

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2024-813 to adopt a Grant Policy
- 2) By-Law 2024-814 to adopt a Communication Policy
- 3) By-Law 2024-815 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

BE READ A FIRST TIME AND BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 24-453

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2024-813 to adopt a Grant Policy
- 2) By-Law 2024-814 to adopt a Communication Policy
- 3) By-Law 2024-815 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. # 24-454

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of December 4, 2024 at 9:59 a.m.

-Carried-

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Ethel LaValley

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin