

January 15, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 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 Siydock
Councillor Bill Rodnick

Regrets: Councillor Sandra Collins

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

Guest: Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner Cunningham Swan Lawyers

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 Pigeon Res. # 25-455

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of January 15, 2025.

-Carried-

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

Councillor Florent – Integrity Commissioner Report Item #7 following the presentation of the Integrity Commissioner.

Mayor LaValley wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed the deepest condolences to the family of Dave Harper. Dave was a Councillor for 16 years and passed away on December 27th. A donation has been sent in memory of Dave to St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.

7. PETITION, DELEGATION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS:

Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner Cunningham Swan Lawyers presented the Conflict of Interest Complaint Report.

Councillor Florent left the Council Chambers at 9:15 a.m. following the presentation of the report and prior to discussion pertaining to the recommendation within the report.

Consensus was that Councillor Florent be subject to a penalty.

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 25-456

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the Conflict of Interest Report provided by Integrity Commissioner, Tony Fleming of Cunningham Swan Lawyers.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 25-457

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the recommendation within the Conflict of Interest Report provided by, Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner of Cunningham Swan Lawyers;

AND that Councillor Florent be subject to a penalty of obtaining education on meeting conduct.

-Carried-

Tony Fleming left the meeting.

Councillor Florent returned to the Council Chambers at 9:27 a.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res # 25-458
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 4, 2024 as circulated.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res # 25-459
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee Meeting of December 12, 2024 as circulated and amended.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res # 25-460
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Committee Meeting of December 18, 2024 as circulated and amended.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res # 25-461
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Waste Management Committee Meeting of December 18, 2024 as circulated.

-Carried-

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

M&L Parks & Recreation Committee

M&L Parks and Recreation, RE: Minutes of November 13, 2024 were provided in the council package.

Councillor Florent verbally reported;

- Recently, three recreation volunteers resigned. Councillor Florent expressed gratitude for their years of service. Staff will get a notice out that M & L Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers.
- Rink being well used. 25-30 people nightly.

Whitney Recreation Committee

Whitney Recreation, Minutes of December 3, 2024 were provided in the council package.

Councillor Kuiack verbally reported:

- Recently had first meeting of the new year. Events are planned, starting with the Festival of Outdoor Rinks in February.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Amendment to Emergency Plan to include availability of spill kits.
- Staff report to upcoming committee meeting regarding a Deputy Mayor
- Staff to inquire about bins for clothing at landfill sites.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- Resolution of Support; RE: Request to Amend the Blue Box Regulation, Town of Deep River.
- Resolution of Support; RE: MPP Michael Mantha Call for Resignation, Northern Ontario Women’s Caucus (NOW Caucus).
- Resolution of Support; RE: Solve the Crisis Campaign, City of Markham.
- Resolution of Support; RE: Improve the Current State of “Catch and Release”. Town of Cobalt.

13. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items Received and Filed;

- Conflict of Interest Report; Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner; Cunningham Swan Lawyers.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; RE: Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024.

- Municipal Dog Pound Board 2022 Financial Statement.
- South Algonquin Business Alliance RE; Recent Council Meetings, November 21, 2024.
- South Algonquin Business Alliance RE; Engagement Processes, January 6, 2025.
- South Algonquin Business Alliance RE; Follow up from December 4, 2024 meeting, January 6, 2025.
- District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board RE; Cold Weather District-Wide Homelessness Response.
- Ministry of Solicitor General RE; Amendments to O. Reg 135/24 O.P.P Detachment Board.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; RE: Revisions to More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.
- Ministry of Infrastructure RE; Supporting Ontario’s 2025 Connectivity Objectives: Municipal Guidance and Expectations.
- DNSSAB- Housing Targets Key Takeaways for Township of South Algonquin.

14. NEW BUSINESS: None

15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 25-462

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Town of Deep River regarding the request to amend the Blue Box Regulation.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 25-463

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Northern Ontario Women’s Caucus regarding the resignation of MPP Michael Mantha.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 25-464

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the City of Markham regarding Solve the Crisis Campaign.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res # 25-465

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Town of Cobalt regarding the request to improve the current state of “Catch and Release”.

-Carried-

16. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 25-466

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2025-816 to adopt Interim Tax Billing
- 2) By-Law 2025-817 to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment
- 3) By-Law 2025-818 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

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

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res. # 25-467

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- 2) By-Law 2025-817 to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment
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BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED

-Carried-

17. CLOSED SESSION: None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 25-468

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of January 15, 2025 at 10:16 a.m.

-Carried-

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.