

February 5, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, February 5, 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

Zoom: Councillor Sandra Collins

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

Guests: Bil Smith, Executive Director, Community Resource Centre Killaloe
Robert Hanley, Owner/Applicant-ZBA.2024-03
Michelle Glabb, Director of Employment and Social Services and Melanie Shaye, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of District Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB).

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor LaValley called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDEMENT

4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Item # 17 - Closed Session of Council.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 25-469

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the Regular Council Meeting of February 5, 2025.

-Carried-

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

7. PETITION, DELEGATION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS:

Bil Smith, Executive Director, Community Resource Centre Killaloe provided an update on services in South Algonquin being Kidz Kastle that has been operating for over 5 years with a growing enrollment -thankful to DNSSAB for their support. Toy Bus that has been going for over 20 years, and Game On, which it is hopeful that additional funds will become available. The Senior Active Living Centre (SALC) is in the early growing stages and is picking up momentum. It has been operational for approximately 8 months.

Township staff have been working with SALC on grant applications, which CRC is thankful for. The funding model for the SALC is a partnership model between the agency, province and township. The funding model requires at least 20% funding either in-kind or cash from the Township. Township contribution of \$5,500.00 is being requested for 2025 plus the in-kind space.

The request will be brought back through budget deliberations.

Bil Smith left the meeting.

8. PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT ZBA.2024-03:

Zoning By-Law Amendment Application # ZBA.2024-03 - Hanley/Pabst for lands legally described as Lot 5, Concession 5, and locally known as 296 Burnt Depot Road in the geographic township of Dickens.

Rob Hanley, owner/applicant was present for the public meeting.

The application proposes to rezone from Shoreline Residential to Shoreline Residential Exception Seven (SR-7) that will increase the maximum number of permitted guest cabins from one (1) to four (4) and increase the maximum number of permitted accessory structures from three (3) to six (6).

The subject property fronts on Ayleen Lake and is currently occupied by a main cottage, two guest cabins, three outdoor amenity buildings and two sheds. It is also recognized that two additional guest cabins and a shipping container ('seacan') were constructed over the northern property line on the abutting crown lands, which the owners intend to relocate back onto their respective property. Provided that a seacan is not a permitted use within the SR zone, the owner has agreed to convert the seacan into an accessory structure that is to be used for storage purposes only, in accordance with section 4.31 of the Zoning By-law.

Recommendation to approve By-Law 2025-821 as presented in the Bylaw section of the package as the application for rezoning is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the township Official Plan

The application also intends to improve the existing conditions of the property by legally recognizing the number of buildings and structures and by correcting the existing encroachment issue of three accessory structures. It is further concluded that the application is appropriate for the subject lands, that it represents good land use planning.

Mr. Hanley and Council were able to answer questions and provide comments.

Following the public meeting for the Zoning By-Law Amendment, Mr. Hanley expressed interest regarding the delegation with Bil Smith of CRC. Staff will provide Mr. Hanley with Mr. Smith's contact information.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Siodock Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res # 25-470

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

-Carried-

Mr. Hanley left the meeting.

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

2024 Year End Reserve Transfer Report

A written report was provided in the agenda package by Jennifer Baragar, Deputy Treasurer

M&L Parks & Recreation Committee

M&L Parks and Recreation, RE: Minutes of December 10, 2024 and January 14, 2025 Agenda were provided in the council package.

Whitney Recreation Committee

Whitney Recreation, Minutes of January 8, 2025 were provided in the council package.

Councillor Kuiack verbally reported:

- Committee met yesterday. Planning next events – Festival Outdoor Rinks and St. Patty's Day Dance.
- Grant for the generator, and heat/cooling pumps are in the bylaw section of the package.

Councillor Kuiack/Mayor LaValley

- Provided an update on the ROMA Conference.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Councillor Florent, per Resolution #25-457 in the January 15th minutes will be attending a seminar on Advanced Strategy for Elected Officials Master Conflict Relationships 2.0 on April 23/24, 2025. In June he took the first part, Conflict Resolution.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- Resolution of Support; RE: Build More Homes Act, Town of Kearney.
- Resolution of Support; RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding, Town of Aurora.

13. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items Received and Filed;

- Honours and Recognition Program, Nominate a Deserving Ontarian.
- Ministry of Rural Affairs, Enabling Opportunities: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy.
- Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), New 10-Year Agreements Signed
- Four Corners Algonquin/Wild Company, Housing Solution Options- Staff will send to DNSSAB.

14. NEW BUSINESS: None

15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 25-471

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts Darrin Norman as a volunteer Fire Fighter for the Madawaska Station.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 25-472

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the 2025 purchase amount of \$352,529.00 +HST received from Winslow Gerolamy for the purchase of a New Tandem Axle Plow Truck, Tender No. SA.2023-01.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res # 25-473

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer effective December 31, 2024 to make the following reserve transfers:

1. \$5,468.72 to Recreation Committee Reserve (W Rec)
2. \$9,511.61 to Recreation Committee Reserve (M&L Rec)
3. Transfer remaining surplus/deficit to General Reserve. Upon determination transferred surplus will be reassigned to the appropriate reserve accounts.

AND THAT the aforementioned transfer be completed following auditor review.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res # 25-474

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Town of Kearney regarding the Build More Homes Act.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 25-475

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Town of Aurora regarding the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and the GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

-Carried-

16. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 25-476

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2025-819 Fire Protection Grant Agreement
- 2) By-Law 2025-820 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant
- 3) By-Law 2025-821 Zoning By-Law Amendment Application No. ZBA.2024-03
- 4) By-Law 2025-822 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 Kuiack Res. # 25-477

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2025-819 Fire Protection Grant Agreement
- 2) By-Law 2025-820 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant
- 3) By-Law 2025-821 Zoning By-Law Amendment Application No. ZBA.2024-03
- 4) By-Law 2025-822 Confirm the Proceedings of Council

BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED

-Carried-

Short Recess

17. CLOSED SESSION:

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 25-478

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) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; regarding two identifiable individuals at 9:57 a.m.

Carried-

Michelle Glabb, Director of Employment and Social Services and Melanie Shaye, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of District Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) were present for a portion of the closed session of Council.

Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourned the Closed Session of Council of February 5, 2025 at 11:02 a.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Pigeon Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 25-479

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of February 5, 2025 at 11:03 a.m.

-Carried-

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

Mayor Ethel LaValley

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin