

June 4, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, June 4, 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:

Councillor Sandra Collins

Councillor Joe Florent

Councillor Joan Kuiack

Councillor Shawn Pigeon

Councillor Laurie Siydock

Councillor Bill Rodnick

Zoom: Mayor Ethel LaValley joined at 9:15 a.m.

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

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Councillor Florent in Mayor LaValley's absence due to illness called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Agenda Item #15 – Add a resolution for the HVAC Unit at the Madawaska Complex.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 25-521

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the Regular Council Meeting of June 4, 2025.

-Carried-

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

Councillor Florent Agenda Item #15-Resolution of appointment of Deputy Mayor.

7. PETITION, DELEGATION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Pigeon Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 25-522

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 14, 2025 as circulated.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res. # 25-523

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Waste Management Committee Meeting of May 14, 2025 as circulated.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 25-524

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Human Resource/Administration/Public Relations Committee Meeting of May 22, 2025 as circulated.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res # 25-525

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of May 22, 2025 as circulated.

-Carried-

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

M&L Parks & Recreation Committee

M&L Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes of April 8, 2025 were provided in the council package.

Whitney Recreation Committee

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

Councillor Kuiack:

- \$500.00 will be donated to the snowmobile club for trail repair.
- \$1500.00 will be allocated for the baseball diamond screenings.
- Up to \$2000.00 will be allocated for the playground grass mats.
- Recreation requests the removal of the flower boxes at the front of the Lester Smith Building as they are not being used and are in bad shape.
- Recreation requested an alternative for members to access the building as the current procedure of sharing keys is not working. Staff will look into prices for a key lock box for the Lester Smith Building.

Council Reports

Councillor Florent

- There are no issues with keys at the M & L Hall among members; however, they would appreciate having a schedule of events. Staff will provide both recreation committees with a schedule of hall rentals.
- Congratulation to Jamie McRae of McRae Lumber for receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his work with McRae Lumber and for his work in the Ontario forestry sector.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

Whitney Union Cemetery Request

- B. Martin shared an update following a discussion with the Bereavement Authority of Ontario. A transfer in July per the request is unlikely. Since the township is not currently registered, an application must be submitted, along with the establishment of trust funds and by-laws. Taking on the cemetery will also require additional staff time for implementation and ongoing management. Staff have already scheduled training on the legislative framework related to assuming responsibility for cemeteries and are working to fully understand the associated obligations.

13. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items Received and Filed;

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing RE: Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act (Bill 17).
- Renfrew County & District Health Unit RE: Medical Officer of Health Report to Board.
- Environmental Youth Summit 2025 Final Report. – *Councillor Florent attended the summit and was impressed by the strong interest younger participants showed in the forest sector. These summits are scheduled to take place every other year.*
- FONOM Media Release RE: FONOM Applauds “Tarriff and Northern” Focus of 2025 Ontario Budget.
- Correspondence from Billy Denault, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.
- Draft May 22, 2025 Municipal Dog Pound Board Meeting Minutes.
- Ministry of the Solicitor General RE: Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model Review and June 2025 Webinars.
- Ontario Provincial Police RE: Organizational Realignment.
- St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation Update.

14. NEW BUSINESS: None

15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 25-526
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the 2024

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 25-527

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin appoints Barney Baker, a representative from the South Algonquin Business Alliance, Nadia Pruett, Kimberly Gorman and Leah Geddes as members of the Economic Development Committee.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 25-528

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the quote of \$14,582.15 including H.S.T. from Valley Window and Doors for the replacement of the Senior Centre windows.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res # 25-529

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the purchase of inclusive playground equipment from Inspire Play Inc. in the amount of \$24,981.00 plus H.S.T.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Pigeon Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res # 25-530

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the purchase of a 2015 Volvo G970 Motor Grader with snowplow and dozer blade in the amount of \$145,100.00 plus H.S.T. from Jade Equipment Company Ltd.;

AND that the funds for the purchase will be transferred from reserve account number 16-3000-3000.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res # 25- 531

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the transfer of \$1,500.00 from the Library/Programming Reserve for the purpose of the Astronomy in Action Program.

-Carried-

Councillor Florent delegated the procedures for the following resolution to Tracy Cannon due to a declared pecuniary interest or an interest of a general nature.

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 25-532

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin appoints Councillor Florent as Deputy Mayor to serve in the event that Mayor LaValley is unable to fulfill the duties of Mayor

-Carried-

The following resolution was revised during discussion and passed as presented below.

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res # 25-533

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves Cheeky Mama Baking Company to use the Madawaska Complex kitchen for a fee of \$20.00/hour plus H.S.T. during Madawaska Library hours;

AND if utilized outside of library hours the regular two-hour fee will apply.

-Carried-

The following resolution was revised during discussion and passed as presented below.

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res # 25-534

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves Whitney Outpost Market to use Galeairy Lake Memorial Park on the first Sunday of each month from June through until October between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

-Carried-

The following resolution was revised during discussion and passed as presented below.

Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res # 25-535

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to update the Schedule of Fees By-Law to include a \$75.00 charge for each additional commercial pickup, effective July 1, 2025.

Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 25-536
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to update the Schedule of Fees By-Law to include a \$2.00 per bag fee for curbside waste collection exceeding two bags, effective September 1, 2025.
Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 25-537
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the purchase of a roof top HVAC unit in the amount of \$ 16,150.00 plus H.S.T. to replace the existing unit at Madawaska Complex.
-Carried-

16. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 25-538
THAT:
1) By-Law 2025-838 Rental Lease Agreement with Agilec for 9 Post Street
2) By-Law 2025-839 Unopened Road Allowance Access Agreement between Concession 8 and 9 in the Geographic Township of Lyell
3) By-Law 2025-840 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 Rodnick Res. # 25- 539
THAT:
1) By-Law 2025-838 Rental Lease Agreement with Agilec for 9 Post Street
2) By-Law 2025-839 Unopened Road Allowance Access Agreement between Concession 8 and 9 in the Geographic Township of Lyell
3) By-Law 2025-840 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council
BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED
-Carried-

17. CLOSED SESSION:

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 25-540
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin move into a closed session of Council in accordance with Ontario Municipal Act, Part VI, S.239 (2) e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. Discussions with John Mascarin, Municipal Lawyer of Aird & Berlis LLP concerning potential litigation at 9:55 a.m.
-Carried-

RISING REPORT

John Mascarin, Municipal Lawyer with Aird & Berlis LLP presented Council with information for consideration related to potential litigation.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 25-541
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of June 4, 2025 at 10:13a.m.
-Carried-

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Ethel LaValley

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin