

October 1, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, October 1, 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 Collins
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Joan Kuiack
Councillor Shawn Pigeon
Councillor Laurie Siydock
Councillor Bill Rodnick

Staff: Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk-Planner
Steve Ronholm, Works Superintendent

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor LaValley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL: All Present

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor LaValley took a moment to recognize yesterday's National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 25-569
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of October 1, 2025.
-Carried-

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

7. PETITION, DELEGATION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS: None

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 25-570
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 3, 2025 as circulated.
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 25-571
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Asset Management Committee Meeting of September 17, 2025 as circulated.
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 25-572
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Waste Management Committee Meeting of September 17, 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 August 12, 2025 and Agenda of September 9, 2025 were provided in the Council package.

Councillor Florent verbally reported;

- Attendance was down some from last year's Fall Fun Fair. However, there was a lot of events throughout the area. Did have some attendance from people outside the community.
- Twenty-three tables have already signed up for the November 2nd Sale Your Wares.
- The walking trail in Madawaska is expected to be completed by the end of this week. The Works Department will place a waste bin.

Request to Purchase Shore Road Allowance

T. Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk-Planner provided a written report in the Council package for four Shore Road Allowance requests. A resolution for each was provided in the Motions of Council section of the Council package.

23 Windmill Point Lane; SRA.2025-001

50 Galeairy Lake Road; SRA.2025-002

72 Galeairy Lake Road; SRA.2025-003

79 Galeairy Lake Road; SRA.2025-004

Whitney Recreation Committee

Whitney Recreation, Agenda & Minutes of September 10, 2025 were provided in the Council package.

Councillor Kuiack verbally reported:

- October 24th Comedy Night is being cosponsored with Senior Active Living. The evening will feature two shows; one for seniors, which includes a dinner. The second show will be opened up to the rest of the Community.
- Flowers are cleaned up for Fall. Preparing for Christmas decorating.

Major Lake Road Resurfacing Project Tender Results and Options

Steve Ronholm, Works Department provided a written report included in the Council package.

Verbally reported:

- Recommendation is Option 1 of the staff report and a resolution will be presented in the Motions of Council portion of the meeting.
- Now that dollar amounts have been confirmed, staff will arrange a meeting with Ontario Parks to discuss funding to pave the sections of Major Lake Road that are within Algonquin Park in 2026.
- Asphalt needs repair at the entrance of the parking lot to Madawaska Complex. Staff will look into getting it repaved while the pavers are there.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- Resolution #08-489: Related Resolution to Wind Turbine Motion

13. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items Received and Filed;

- Cassellholme Board of Management, RE: Minutes of July 17, 2025
- Feedback Received from a Visitor at J.R. Booth Park
- Renfrew County & District Drug Strategy
- Nipissing Counts 2025 a Point-in-Time Enumeration
- Upper Ottawa Valley OPP- Killaloe Detachment Board Report

14. NEW BUSINESS: None

15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 25-573

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to proceed with Option 1 of the Works Department's report circulated in the Council package pertaining to resurfacing of Major Lake Road.

-Carried-

The following resolution was revised and presented as below.

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res. # 25-574

WHEREAS wind-powered energy companies have recently shown renewed interest in establishing operations within the Township of South Algonquin; and

WHEREAS the Township previously enacted a resolution in 2008 (Res.08-489) implementing a ten (10) year moratorium on wind power energy projects, which has since lapsed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin hereby declares a new ten (10) year moratorium on wind power energy projects within the Township.

AND FURTHER THAT, in the event of any pressure or directive from the Provincial or Federal Government regarding the installation of wind power energy projects within the Township of South Algonquin, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin hereby declares itself to be an unwilling host.

Recorded Vote:

- Councillor Siydock – Against
- Councillor Rodnick – For
- Councillor Pigeon – Against
- Councillor Kuiack – Against
- Councillor Florent – For
- Councillor Collins – Against
- Mayor LaValley – For

-Defeated-

Council took a short recess

Moved by: Councillor Pigeon Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 25-575

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to proceed with the request to purchase the Shore Road Allowance in front of PLAN M345 LOT 22 PCL;21613 NIP, Sabine Ward, locally known as 23 Windmill Point Lane adjacent to McKenzie Lake.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 25-576

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to proceed with the request to purchase the Shore Road Allowance in front of CON 6 PT LOT 6 PT LOT 7 PT;BLOCK A M463 PART 1 RP;36R6634 PCL 17978 PCL 26461, Airy Ward, locally known as 50 Galeairy Lake Road adjacent to Galeairy Lake.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res # 25-577

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to proceed with the request to purchase the Shore Road Allowance in front of CON 6 PT LOT 6 PCL 17883 NIP, Airy Ward, locally known as 72 Galeairy Lake Road adjacent to Galeairy Lake.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res # 25-578

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to proceed with the request to purchase the Shore Road Allowance in front of CON 6 PT LOT 6 PCL 16758 NIP, Airy Ward, locally known as 79 Galeairy Lake Road adjacent to Galeairy Lake.-

Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 25-579

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin declares the 2001 Volvo G740VHP Motor Grader surplus and for it to be listed for sale on Gov. Deals.

-Carried-

16. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Collins

Seconded by: Councillor Florent

Res. # 25-580

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2025-846 to adopt a Burning By-Law
- 2) By-Law 2025-847 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 Florent

Res. # 25- 581

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2025-846 to adopt a Burning By-Law
- 2) By-Law 2025-847 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED

-Carried-

17. CLOSED SESSION: None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Siydock

Seconded by: Councillor Florent

Res. # 25-582

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of October 1, 2025 at 10:12 a.m.

-Carried-

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

Mayor Ethel LaValley

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin