

Fall Newsletter 2025

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Message from Mayor LaValley

As the crisp air and vibrant colors of fall settle over our Township, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the spirit of community that makes our Township such a special place to call home. I encourage everyone to participate, stay informed, and share your ideas as we continue to work toward making our Township an even better place to live. On behalf of myself, the rest of Council and staff, we wish you and your families a safe, joyful, and colorful autumn.

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Appointments

If you wish to speak to a specific staff member, we recommend you make an appointment ahead of time.

Building / By-Law Enforcement

Before beginning any construction, please consult with the Building Department at 613-637-2650 ext. 207 or email cbo@southalgonquin.ca to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code and all applicable local by-laws, including setback requirements from property lines.

Please note: Sheds up to and including 15 square meters(160 square feet) do not require a building permit, unless they are attached to another structure. All other applicable laws must be complied with.

By-Law Enforcement

We have received approval from Provincial Court on having the set fines for the parking on roads and noise by-law.

Dog Pound

Now the public can take found dogs directly to the pound in Bancroft. Located at 326 Monck Rd, Bancroft. Phone 613-332-2755.

Website: <u>municipaldogpound.com</u> The Municipal Dog Pound is Open to the Public from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Monday to Saturday and is Closed Sunday).

Waste/Disposal News

Airy Landfill Site 462 Nipissing Road, Whitney

Lyell Landfill Site 6319 Hwy 523, Madawaska

Hours of Operation:

November 1,2025 to March 31,2026

Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Statutory Holidays may affect hours of operation.

NOTE: Roadside pick-up could be anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00p.m. on your scheduled day.

Waste Collection Calendars for November 2025 to March 2026 will be available in mid October.

Recycling Program now at both Landfill Sites – Please refer to the back of the Waste Collection Calendar or visit our website for more information.

Upcoming Changes to the Residential Blue Box Program (Recycling) - Starting January 2026

Further updates will be provided once more information becomes available.

Winter Parking on Township Roads

Within South Algonquin plow truck routes are approximately 260 km per round trip, this means that our drivers do their best, often in terrible weather to clean roads as quickly as possible so that residents can get where they need to go. Vehicles parked in the roadway not only impede their efficiency but also pose safety risks in navigating a large truck, plow and wing around the vehicles. During the designated winter season: November 1st to April 15th any vehicle parked within the road allowance will be towed by the nearest available towing company at the owner's expense. Residents should make arrangements to have their driveways cleared of snow to ensure that parking in the roadway is not necessary and that emergency services can access the property.

Certificates

Did you know the Township of South Algonquin offers custom certificates to mark your special occasions? Whether it's a wedding anniversary, birthday, or another important milestone, we're happy to help you celebrate with a personalized certificate. To request one, simply contact our office with the details of your special event, and we'll take care of the rest!

Message from Algonquin Fiber

Algonquin Fiber is working hard to bring the high speed internet to your community.

We are looking forward to tentatively being able to start activating customers in November in Whitney. Madawaska will not be too far behind for activations but we are waiting on our main interconnect for final dates. As with many projects, we have run into some delays and appreciate your patience while we are hard at work to bringing you great service in the near future.

-Algonquin Fiber-

Tax Billing

The final installment is due October 31,2025

Payment Options:

- Telephone banking
- eservices web portal
- Internet banking
- Your financial institution
- Mail (Pending postal strike)
- In person cash, cheque, money order, interac or credit card

Please note:

- E-Transfers are not accepted
- Credit card payments are subject to a 2.4% transaction fee

Interest Penalties

A 1.25% penalty will be added on the 1st day of each and every month. Remember to allow sufficient time for payments to be received by the last day of each month to avoid penalty.

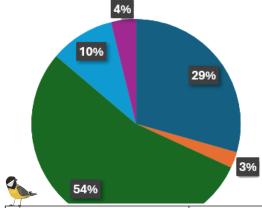
Administration News:

The Township of South Algonquin has implemented eservices for our residents. Many of you have already signed up. We encourage you to set up your eservices account and encourage you to get your billing notifications electronically if possible as this will help reduce the high cost of delivery via Canada Post and will also ensure you receive your bills in a timely manner.

You can find our eservices website at https://eservices.southalgonquin.ca/. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the municipal office.

2025 Budget Contracted Services Cost Breakdown

Our Municipality operates with an annual budget of \$4.5 million, which supports a wide range of local services and programs. A portion, of this just over \$1 million- is dedicated to provincially contracted services. Below is a chart demonstrating how contracted services are broken down.



2025 Budgets
\$322,380.00
\$27,205.00
\$595,674.00
\$109,054.00
\$42,211.00
\$1,096,524.00

Service Ontario

Service Ontario will be available at the Township Office on scheduled dates. For upto-date information or to book an appointment, please visit the Service Ontario website at:

https://www.ontario.ca/locations/serviceontar io/township-of-south-algonquin-whitney

Upcoming dates:

October 14: 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **November 26:** 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **December 9:** 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Madawaska Recreation

Kids' Club program starts back up

We're excited to welcome everyone back to Kids' Club on Wednesday, October 15th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Madawaska Community Hall.

More details will be out soon!

Halloween at the Hall

Friday, October 31st – Join us at the Community Hall for the 2nd Annual Community Candy Hand-Out! A great way to hand out treats, see costumes, and enjoy the fun if you don't get many trick-ortreaters at home. Bring your costumed little ones! For details, contact Sharon at the number below.

Madawaska "Sell Your Wares" Christmas Market

10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy homemade soup & a sandwich for \$6. Vendor tables \$15 – call/text Sharon Florent at the number below to book yours.

Angel Fundraiser

This Christmas, our Angel Fundraiser will mail request letters. Donations will support the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation and essential equipment at St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

Kids' Christmas Party

The Kids' Christmas Party at the Community Hall in Madawaska is coming soon! Watch for posters in November for details.

Get Involved

Recreation meetings are open to the public. If you'd like to volunteer at an activity or become a member, please join us! Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Madawaska Community Hall.

For questions or to share ideas, please call Sharon Florent at 613-334-2520 or Terry Levean at 613-633-9386 at least one week before the meeting you'd like to attend.

Whitney Seniors Fall/Winter Activities <u>Regular programming</u>

Monday & Thursday 1:00 p.m.

- Darts, cards, games Sundays 1:00 p.m.
- Games

Tuesdays 10:30 p.m.

- 20 minute light jog and weights
- 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. easy yoga Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
 - closed private rental

Fitness Room available when no programs Special Events

October 11th - Seniors Garage Sale October 17th - Bala Bus Trip November 11th - Remembrance Day Ceremony and lunch at seniors center December 1st - Turkey Dinner & Potluck

Water Sample Testing Bottles

Are available, free of charge, at the Township office. Please carefully follow the instructions with the bottle when taking your sample. The test samples can be dropped off at Lorraine's Pharmacy in Barry's Bay. It is recommended you contact the Pharmacy to confirm hours and days water samples are accepted.



Library Newsletter

The Township of South Algonquin is seeking new Library Board Trustees! If you're passionate about library growth and community service, this is your chance to make a difference. Visit the Whitney Branch for details. Need to complete your high school

community service hours? Volunteer at the library to gain experience, meet new people, and support a resource that benefits everyone.

The library offers far more than books explore digital resources, borrow technology, attend events, and check out park or museum passes. From seed swaps to author talks, printing services to learning programs, your library connects you with ideas, tools, and inspiration. Stay connected—visit our website or follow us on social media to see what's new and how we can support you!

Open Hours:

Madawaska Branch

Tues: 10 am-3 pm Thurs: 12 pm–7 pm Sat: 10 am-2 pm Whitney Branch

Wed: 10 am-3 pm Thurs: 12 pm–7 pm

Sat: 10 am-2 pm

Christmas Holiday Schedule for Whitney

December 22^{nd} 10 - 3 and Tuesday December 23rd 10 – 3 Closed December 24th, 25th and 27th Stay up to date with what's new, what's happening, and how we can support you!

Facebook:

<u>TownshipofSouthAlgonquinPublicLibrary</u> Instagram:

@south algonquin public library Website: southalgonquin.ca/library (or scan the QR code below)



CRC Seniors Active Living Program Keep an eye out for our Exciting Programs starting on October 1st!

Join us with the South Algonquin Seniors Active Living Program for fun, fitness, and friendship.

Madawaska Complex Every Tuesday • 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. • Seniors' Social Gathering

- Coffee & Lunch
- Ukulele Lessons
- Chair Yoga
- A friendly game of Badminton before we leave

Whitney - Lester Smith Building

- Aerobics:
- Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Chair Yoga: Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
- Meditation: Thursday 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Lessons: Thursday • 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (Ukuleles available to borrow)

Come out and join us!

Watch for updates on our Facebook page, flyers at both Community Center's and the Post Office. Contact:

Gloria Beauclair

Seniors Active Living Coordinator gloria.beauclair@crc-renfrewcounty.com

New Playground Equipment!

We're excited to announce the new playground equipment in Whitney. Please help keep it in good condition: supervise children, use equipment as intended, and report any damage to our office.

Whitney Recreation

The Whitney Recreation Committee has an exciting lineup of events for October, November, and December with fun community gatherings, and familyfriendly activities for everyone to enjoy.

Join us for this Fall's events

October 23

• Pumpkin Carving, \$5, 6 p.m. register ahead

October 31

 Halloween Candy at Lester Smith Building

November 9

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Market November 28
- 6 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting December 14
- Breakfast with Santa and the Parade.

Look for details on Facebook or on posters at Freshmart, the post office and on outdoor signage.

Volunteers for any event welcome.

General Contact Information

The municipal office is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The office is closed on all statutory holidays. Upcoming dates include; November 11 – Remembrance Day We will be closed from December 24,2025 and will re-open January 5,2026

Municipal Office: 613-637-2650 Works Garage: 613-334-5447

To rent a facility for any event, including

funerals, contact: 613-637-2650, ext. 200

Fire Department

Fire Chief | Community Emergency Management Coordinator Aurel Thom:

613-334-9697

Deputy Chief, Marven Siydock: 705-457-7699

Volunteers are needed at both fire halls! Training:

- Madawaska: 2nd & 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.
- Whitney: 1st & 3rd Tuesday @
- 6:30 p.m.

Training includes First Aid, CPR, AED, structure and wildland fires, and vehicle

Although a volunteer department, you'll receive remuneration for training and call-outs plus 24/7 injury and life insurance.

For details or to apply, call the Fire Chief or pick up an application package at the Township Office.

Maybe It's Time To Add A New Suit To Your Wardrobe



