

**November 5, 2025**

**COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

On Wednesday, November 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:

Councillor Collins

Councillor Joe Florent

Councillor Joan Kuiack

Councillor Shawn Pigeon

Councillor Laurie Siydock

Councillor Bill Rodnick

Zoom:

Mayor Ethel LaValley

Staff: Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk-Planner

**1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Councillor Florent, acting as Chair in the absence of Mayor LaValley, who was unwell and attending via Zoom, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:** All Present

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins**

**Seconded by: Councillor Siydock**

**Res. # 25-583**

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

**-Carried-**

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

- Councillor Kuiack and Councillor Pigeon pertaining to the Short-Term Rental Licencing By-Law

**7. PETITION, DELEGATION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS:**

- Jeff Muzzi, Mindy Casselman of Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. & Cameron McRae of McRae Lumber delivered a presentation on Glyphosate in Forest Management. The presentation was in response to resolution #25-560 on a moratorium on aerial spraying and for it to include South Algonquin.

J. Muzzi, M. Casselman and C. McRae exited the meeting.

**8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved by: Councillor Pigeon**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack**

**Res. # 25-584**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 1, 2025 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock**

**Seconded by: Councillor Collins**

**Res. # 25-585**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Human Resources/Administration/Public Relations Committee Meeting of October 15, 2025 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins**

**Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon**

**Res. # 25-586**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee Meeting of October 16, 2025 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

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

### **M&L Parks & Recreation Committee**

M&L Parks and Recreation Committee Agenda of October 14, 2025 Minutes of September 9, 2025 were provided in the Council package.

Councillor Florent verbally reported;

- An error was noted in the September 9th minutes under Item #5 – Reports. It should indicate that Tom & Mick Murray Park applied for a permit, not that a permit was received.

### **Whitney Recreation Committee**

Whitney Recreation, Agenda of November 4, 2025 and the Minutes of October 14, 2025 were provided in the Council package.

## **10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

## **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A presentation from the OPP is scheduled for December regarding upcoming changes to policing services in the Whitney area.
- Official Plan has been approved by the Minister. Forbes Symon, Senior Planner of Jp2g Consultant will present a report of these changes at an upcoming committee meeting.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**-Action Items: None

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE**-Information Items Received and Filed;

- Solicitor General; RE: Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Cost Recovery Model Review.
- Cassellholme Board of Management Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2025
- St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation Emergency Department Redevelopment and Enhancement Update
- Updates to Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Compliance Policy – Potential for Low-Risk Incident Referrals to Municipalities – *Councillor Kuiack raised a concern that the policy refers to Yard Standards, which the Township currently does not have in place. Councillor Florent has a meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> in Pembroke with MPP Denault pertaining to the closure of the trail along the Opeongo and Aylen River.*
- Andrew Michel Letter to Council; RE: Unreasonable Behaviour Policy–*Will be considered during consideration of the by-law.*

## **14. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Councillor Florent gave Notice of Motion to reconsider Resolution No. 25-560 regarding the Moratorium on Aerial Spraying, to be presented for consideration at the December 3, 2025 Council Meeting.

## **15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:**

**Moved by: Councillor Pigeon      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick      Res. # 25-587**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin declares the 1995 Ski-Doo Touring SLE Rotax 500 surplus and for it to be listed for sale on Gov. Deals.

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick      Res. # 25-588**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin wishes to move the January 7, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to January 14, 2026.

**-Carried-**

Councillor Kuiack and Councillor Pigeon did not vote on the below resolution due to pecuniary interest or general nature thereof.

A friendly amendment to add Short-Term Rental Licencing was accepted for the below resolution.

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock      Seconded by: Councillor Collins      Res. # 25-589**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin amends the Schedule of Fees By-Law 2023-768 to include the following fees pertaining to the Short-Term Rental

Licencing.

- Application Fee: \$200
- Initial Licence Fee: \$700
- Annual Licence Fee: \$500 (in good standings)
- Fire Inspection Fee: \$200
- Fire Re-Inspection (if deficiencies identified) Fee: \$200
- Complaint-Based Fire Inspection Fee: \$200
- Building Inspection Fee: \$250
- Building Re-Inspection (if deficiencies identified) Fee: \$200
- Complaint-Based Building Inspection Fee: \$200
- Change of Use (if applicable) Fee: \$150

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick      Res. # 25-590**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin officially names the new walking trail in Madawaska the “Roundhouse Trail”.

**-Carried-**

**16. BY-LAWS:**

Councillor Kuiack and Councillor Pigeon left the room during consideration of By-Law 2025-848 Short-Term Rental Licencing.

**Moved by: Councillor Collins      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock      Res. # 25-591**

**THAT:**

- 1) By-Law 2025-848 Short-Term Rental Licencing

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

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick      Res. # 25-592**

**THAT:**

- 1) By-Law 2025-848 Short-Term Rental Licencing

**BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED**

**-Carried-**

Councillors Kuiack and Councillor Pigeon returned to the chambers.

**Moved by: Councillor Pigeon      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick      Res. # 25-593**

**THAT:**

- 1) By-Law 2025-849 to adopt a Capital Investment Policy
- 2) By-Law 2025-850 to adopt an Unreasonable Behaviour Policy
- 3) By-Law 2025-851 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

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

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Pigeon      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick      Res. # 25-594**

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**BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED**

**-Carried-**

**17. CLOSED SESSION: None**

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock      Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon      Res. # 25-595**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of November 5, 2025 at 10:10 a.m.

**-Carried-**

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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Mayor Ethel LaValley

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CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin