



AGENDA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

November 19, 2025

**Immediately following the Committee of Adjustment
Meeting & Public Hearing**

**Council Chambers
Municipal Office
7 Third Avenue
Whitney, Ontario**

And ZOOM and livestreamed to You Tube Channel: South Algonquin Council

1. Open Meeting/Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Additions/Amendments to the Agenda
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest or a General Nature Thereof
6. Unfinished Business
 - Resignation of Member
 - Update – Key Initiatives from June 18th Meeting.
 - Branding
 - Trails - ATV/Snowmobile and Trestle Trail
 - Housing Development
7. New Business
 - Community Development Intern Position
 - SABA Request to Present to Committee- Written Request Circulated
 - Economic Development Work Plan – Refer to Terms of Reference
8. Next meeting
9. Adjournment

From: [Bryan Martin](#)
To: [Tracy Cannon](#)
Subject: Fw: Enabling Accessibility Fund, Small Projects (Playground)
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 8:26:55 PM

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Enabling Accessibility Fund, Small Projects (Playground)

Hello Mayor LaValley, Councillor Kuiack, Councillor Pigeon, Bryan,

Thank you for reaching out with kind words of appreciation following the news that SABA was successful in helping the Township secure \$125,000 in funding for an accessible playground in our community. We are delighted at this excellent news, excited for the Whitney Recreation Committee, and we see it as a wonderful example of how working together for public benefit lifts an entire community. Joe Avery and Loretta Neil are to be commended for their roles in making this happen, as well as Jennifer Barager, who I understand went out of her way to submit the application despite a short deadline and her own family's urgent needs.

On behalf of SABA, I also see this moment as an opportunity to work toward a more collaborative, collegial, and productive relationship between the Township and community organizations like SABA. I believe all of our stakeholders in the community will appreciate the positive impact of the grant news, as well as meaningful and visible cooperation and collaboration between staff, council and community groups. We are keen to capitalize on the enthusiasm this project will generate and to work together for the broader benefit of everyone who calls South Algonquin home.

In that spirit, and should you find this a benefit, we would respond favourably to an invitation to formally present to the Economic Development Committee on a topic of mutual interest and answer questions about our work. It could be related to this successful grant collaboration, SABA's grant writing tally of \$2m invested in the community, the importance of accessibility in economic development, our trail rehabilitation advocacy and work, or ways SABA's visual and media asset library could

save the township thousands of dollars toward its tourism and economic development plan. With the newly established Economic Development Committee, this is an excellent moment to be open and curious, to share our knowledge with each other, and to commit to engaging many hands in the work required to ensure the future vitality of South Algonquin.

If you agree, please let us know of the earliest opportunity to bring a delegation and your topic(s) of choice. The timing is especially right for success stories and open conversations about how to achieve community benefit by working together.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Angela Pollak, PhD
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