

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, October 16, 2025 the Emergency Services Committee held a hybrid meeting.

Council Present:

Mayor LaValley
Councillor Sandra Collins
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Joan Kuiack
Councillor Shawn Pigeon
Councillor Laurie Siydock, Chair

Regrets: Councillor Rodnick

Township Staff Present:

Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Aurel Thom, Fire Chief/CEMC
Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO, Deputy Clerk-Planner, CEMC Alternate
Mike Anderson, CBO/BLEO
Taya McKay, Administrative Assistant/Accounting Clerk

Guests:

Jason Courneyea, Fire Captain
Emily Zilney, Paramedic
Jeffery Warren, EMO Field Officer-Zoom

OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Councillor Siydock, Chair of the Emergency Services Committee called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS:

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Florent

Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack

To adopt the Emergency Services agenda of October 16, 2025 as circulated.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST or a GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Aurel Thom presented the 2025 Emergency Management Tabletop Exercise that included the below scenario;

- Severe weather event, downburst/possible tornado.
- Power lines down on main line that crosses hwy. 60, 8 km east of Whitney.
- Trees on power lines to Wallace substation, McKenzie Lake area.
- Several towers also down on north and south side of Hwy. 60
- Hydro estimating several days with no Hydro, having to replace the multiple towers.
- Dickens ward only one with power.
- McKenzie Road, Paplinskie Road. and McGuey Road have significant wash outs. (all municipal roads)
- Aylen Lake road is covered in trees for 2 km. (eastern end of Township)
- Reports of multiple houses with significant damage!

Key takeaway:

- Formal process for staffing evacuation centres in emergency situations.
- Education for residents, especially those using oxygen, on the importance of alerting the

Fire Department to their oxygen needs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Collins

Seconded by: Mayor LaValley

To adjourn the Emergency Services Committee Meeting of October 16, 2025, at 10:21 a.m.

Councillor Laurie Siydock

Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer