

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 24th in Pembroke with MPP Denault pertaining to the closure of the trail along the Opeongo and Ayleen 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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-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.

Mayor Ethel LaValley

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin