



# Regular Council Meeting

## May 6, 2026

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# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN

## AGENDA

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers  
Municipal Office  
7 Third Avenue  
Whitney, Ontario

**And ZOOM and You Tube Channel: South Algonquin Council**

1. Open Meeting/Call to order – 9:00 a.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the unceded Traditional Territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people, specifically the Matouweskarini (people of the Madawaska River). We further acknowledge that the Algonquin People have been stewards of this land since time immemorial and we strive to treat the land along with the flora and fauna it supports, the people, their customs and traditions, with honour and respect. Today, this area is home to people of all walks of life, and we acknowledge the shared opportunities and responsibilities to live, work and survive within this beautiful territory.

Chi-miigwetch, All my relations

4. Additions / Amendments to the Agenda
5. Adoption of the Agenda

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Res. # 26-**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of May 6, 2026.

6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest or a General Nature Thereof
7. Petitions, Delegations and/or Presentations: None
8. Minutes of Previous Meetings (s)
  - Adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 1, 2026

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Res. # 26-**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 1, 2026 as circulated.

- Adopt the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of April 15, 2026

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Res. # 26-**  
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of April 15, 2026 as circulated.

- Adopt the Minutes of the Asset Management Committee Meeting of April 15, 2026

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Res. # 26-**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Asset Management Committee Meeting of April 15, 2026 as circulated.

9. Committee, Staff and/or Councillor Reports
10. Business Arising from the Minutes
11. Unfinished Business
12. Correspondence – Action Items
13. Correspondence – Information Items
14. New Business
15. Motions of Council
16. By-Laws
17. Resolution to Move into a “Closed Session”: None
18. Adjournment

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Res. # 26-**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of May 6, 2026 at \_\_\_\_\_.

**April 1, 2026**

**COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

On Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 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:

Mayor Ethel LaValley  
Councillor Collins  
Councillor Joe Florent  
Councillor Joan Kuiack  
Councillor Shawn Pigeon  
Councillor Bill Rodnick  
Councillor Laurie Siydock

Staff: Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer- Zoom  
Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk-Planner  
Jennifer Baragar, Deputy Treasurer

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

Mayor LaValley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:** All Present

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Following the land acknowledgement, Mayor LaValley referenced a recent incident in Sarnia in which a councillor made negative comments about Indigenous peoples. The Mayor noted that for many people these comments set back the progress on Truth and Reconciliation.

**4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Motions of Council – Withdraw the motion pertaining to the City of Ottawa regarding proposed new Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act due to it being past the submission deadline.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent                      Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon                      Res. # 26-638**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the Regular Council Meeting of April 1, 2026.

**-Carried-**

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

None

**7. PETITION, DELEGATION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS:** None

**8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins                      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick                      Res. # 26-639**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 4, 2026 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Pigeon                      Seconded by: Councillor Siydock                      Res. # 26-640**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of February 26, 2026 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins                      Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick                      Res. # 26-641**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of March 18, 2026 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins                      Seconded by: Councillor Florent                      Res. # 26-642**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of

the Asset Management Committee Meeting of March 18, 2026 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

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

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

M&L Parks and Recreation, RE: Minutes of February 10, 2026 and Agenda March 10, 2026 were provided in the Council package.

- Annual Trivia Night is scheduled for April 27th, with twelve teams already registered.
- The Bingo event on April 12th is sponsored by the Recreation Committee but organized by St. Matthews Parish. The parish is seeking donations, which are being collected by Rosemary Shalla.
- At the Library event in April featuring Adam Sholtz, the Recreation Committee will be operating a canteen.

### **Whitney Recreation Committee**

Whitney Recreation, RE: Minutes of February 3, 2026 were provided in the Council package.

- Successful St. Patty's Day Dance.
- Bingo with Seniors New Outlook on Sunday was well attended.
- Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale this Saturday. Baked good donations welcomed.
- Next big event is the ATV Poker Run being held in May-more details to follow.

### **Councillor Pigeon**

Councillor Pigeon reported that numerous complaints have been received regarding the condition of McKenzie Lake Road and McGuey Road. It was noted that staff are taking all possible measures; however, progress has been delayed due to current weather conditions. Gravel placement on these roads is scheduled and will proceed once the weather permits.

## **10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- Economic Development Committee Meeting of March 18, 2026- It was recommended that the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Committee Meeting align more closely with legislation.

## **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Recommendation for Council to be more involved with the goals in the Trails Master Plan.
- Staff reported that no response has been received from Circular Materials Ontario regarding the Blue Box Program. Currently, the Township, along with other townships and First Nations, has not transitioned to the program and is not receiving funding under it. A resolution pertaining to the program is included in the Motions of Council. Staff were also directed to send an email to MPP Billy Denault regarding this matter.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items;**

- Resolution of Support; RE: FONOM, Calls for Urgent Action Following Another Fatal Collision on Northern Highway.
- Resolution of Support; RE: City of Ottawa, Proposed New Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act. *-Withdrawn*
- Resolution of Support; RE: The Regional Municipality of York, Provincial Intervention on Blue Box Program/ Circular Materials Ontario
- Resolution of Support; RE: Township of McNab/Braeside, Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy.
- Resolution of Support; RE: Town of Whitby, Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.
- Resolution of Support; RE: Prince Edward County, OPP- Sustainable Police Service Funding.

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

- Inspection of 2026-2027 Annual Work Schedule for Algonquin Park Forest.
- Agriculture Development Branch – Weed Inspector Appointments.
- Integrity Commissioner Annual Report 2025.
- Cassellholme Board of Management Meeting Minutes January 29, 2026.
- Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility: 2026 Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

#### **14. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Under the recently passed Liquor Licence legislation a by-law is required if Council wishes to permit “bring your own alcohol” at events; otherwise, consumption in public outdoor events remains illegal and is enforceable by the OPP.

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

**Moved by: Councillor Florent      Seconded by: Councillor Collins      Res. # 26-643**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin hereby proclaims May 3 to May 9, 2026 Emergency Preparedness Week.

**-Carried-**

*Staff were directed to confirm the current federal minister for the following resolution responsible for employment services. Therefore, the resolution was amended to remove the Honourable Gary Anandasangaree and replace with the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families.*

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock      Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack      Res # 26-644**

WHEREAS the Township of South Algonquin is a rural municipality within the Nipissing District that serves as an important gateway to Algonquin Provincial Park; and

WHEREAS tourism is a foundational component of the local economy in South Algonquin and across surrounding Northern Ontario communities, supporting accommodations, restaurants, outfitters, guiding services, and seasonal park operations that rely on a stable seasonal workforce; and

WHEREAS according to the 2021 Census, approximately 105 residents of South Algonquin are employed in the accommodation and food services sector, with an estimated additional 50 residents working seasonally within Algonquin Provincial Park; and

WHEREAS many of these positions are inherently seasonal due to the nature of tourism activity associated with Algonquin Provincial Park and the seasonal operations of tourism-related businesses across Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS under the current framework of the Employment Insurance Program, many seasonal tourism workers experience a gap between the end of their Employment Insurance benefits—often in February or March—and the resumption of seasonal tourism employment in late May or June when visitor activity returns to the region; and

WHEREAS this gap creates financial hardship for workers who reliably return to seasonal employment each year and creates workforce instability for tourism operators and small businesses across the region; and

WHEREAS recognition of tourism-dependent rural communities within the framework of the Employment Insurance Program would help stabilize the regional workforce, support tourism businesses, and contribute to the economic sustainability of rural municipalities that depend on seasonal tourism; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Northern Ontario experience similar workforce challenges associated with seasonal tourism economies and would benefit from federal policies that better reflect the realities of seasonal employment in rural regions; and

WHEREAS regional municipal organizations such as the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities play a key role in advocating for policy solutions that address the unique economic conditions of Northern Ontario communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Algonquin formally request that the Government of Canada review and consider adjustments to the Employment Insurance Program to better recognize the realities of seasonal tourism employment in Northern Ontario and communities within the Nipissing District. Council further requests the support and advocacy of the local Member of Parliament, Cheryl Gallant, in bringing this matter forward to the Government of Canada. Additionally, Council requests that the Government of Canada, including the Honourable Steven MacKinnon and Honourable Patty Hajdu, review potential policy measures or pilot programs that address the seasonal Employment Insurance gap affecting tourism-dependent rural communities. Council also calls upon the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and municipalities across Northern Ontario to support advocacy efforts aimed at ensuring federal Employment Insurance policies reflect the economic realities of tourism-dependent communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be circulated to M.P. Cheryl Gallant, M.P. Pauline Rochefort, the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities within the Nipissing District and Northern Ontario for endorsement and support.

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack    Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon    Res # 25-645**

THAT: Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin hereby authorizes the placement of a one-quarter page advertisement in Zine magazine at a cost of \$325.00.

**-Carried-**

*A friendly amendment was proposed and accepted to revise the following resolution to include Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet and Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.*

**Moved by: Councillor Florent    Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack    Res. # 26-646**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from FONOM regarding Calls for Urgent Action Following Another Fatal Collision on Northern Highway; and

THAT this resolution along with the resolution from FONOM be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Transportation; the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet/Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Cheryl Gallant, MP for Algonquin-Renfrew-Pembroke; and FONOM.

**-Carried-**

*The following resolution was requested to be removed and was accepted for withdrawal from consideration during the Additions/Amendments to the Agenda.*

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from City of Ottawa regarding proposed new Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act; and

THAT this resolution along with the resolution from the City of Ottawa be forwarded to Solicitor General of Ontario.

**-Withdrawn-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack    Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon    Res. # 26-647**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from The Regional Municipality of York regarding Provincial Intervention on Blue Box Program/Circular Materials Ontario; and

THAT this resolution along with the resolution from The Regional Municipality of York be forwarded Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and Circular Materials Ontario.

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock    Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack    Res. # 26-648**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy; and

THAT this resolution along with the resolution from the Township of McNab/Braeside be forwarded Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Pigeon    Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack    Res. # 26-649**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Town of Whitby regarding a request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework; and

THAT this resolution along with the resolution from the Town of Whitby be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure; Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Kuiack    Seconded by: Councillor Collins    Res. # 26-650**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding OPP sustainable services funding; and

THAT this resolution along with the resolution from Prince Edward County be forwarded Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Solicitor General of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and

Housing; Billy Denault, MPP; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC); the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB).

**-Carried-**

**16. BY-LAWS:**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent      Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack      Res. # 26-651**

**THAT:**

- 1) By-Law 2026-867 to Adopt Tax Ratios for 2026.
- 2) By-Law 2026-868 to Adopt Tax Rates for 2026 and to Establish Penalty and Interest on Overdue Taxes.
- 3) By-Law 2026-869 to Authorize a Tiered Response Agreement between South Algonquin Fire Department and Nipissing District Paramedic Services.
- 4) By-Law 2026-870 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council.

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

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock      Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack      Res. # 26-652**

**THAT:**

- 1) By-Law 2026-863 to Establish 2026 Expenditures and Revenues
- 2) By-Law 2026-867 to Adopt Tax Ratios for 2026.
- 3) By-Law 2026-868 to Adopt Tax Rates for 2026 and to Establish Penalty and Interest on Overdue Taxes.
- 4) By-Law 2026-869 to Authorize a Tiered Response Agreement between South Algonquin Fire Department and Nipissing District Paramedic Services.
- 5) By-Law 2026-870 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

**BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED**

**-Carried-**

**Council took a short recess**

**17. CLOSED SESSION:**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent      Seconded by: Councillor Collins      Res: # 26-653**

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to discuss a matter related to a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board regarding discussion on procedures and negotiations for housing development at 10:19 a.m.; and

FURTHER THAT Council will consider the approval of the Closed Session minutes of the Closed Council meeting held June 4, 2025, and the Closed Session minutes of the Human Resources/Administration/Public Relations Committee meeting held February 18, 2026.

**-Carried-**

**Rising Report from Closed Session**

Council rose from Closed Session. Staff will proceed as directed in Closed Session.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent      Seconded by: Councillor Collins      Res. # 26-654**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of April 1, 2026 at 11:46 a.m.

**-Carried-**

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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Mayor Ethel LaValley

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CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin

**April 15, 2026**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

On Wednesday April 15, 2026, at 9:00 am the Economic Development Committee held an in-person and Zoom Meeting, livestreamed to YouTube.

Present:

Mayor LaValley  
Councillor Collins  
Councillor Joe Florent  
Councillor Joan Kuiack  
Councillor Shawn Pigeon, Chair  
Barney Baker – SABA Representative  
Councillor Laurie Siydock  
Councillor Bill Rodnick  
Jim Hollett – ABSENT  
Kimberly Gorman- Zoom

Staff Present:

Bryan Martin CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO, Deputy Clerk-Planner  
Stephanie Russell, Community Development Intern - ZOOM

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

Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Councillor Pigeon called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**2.ROLL CALL:**

**3.LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**4.ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Councillor Kuiack added The Teeny Tiny Summit to the discussion under new business.

**5.ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins**  
To adopt the amended agenda.

**Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick**

**6.DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST or a General Nature Thereof: None**

**7.PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS: None**

**8.UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ParkBus Tour Update
  - Councillor Kuiack updated that the proposal was well received by the community and that The Park bus has had 2-3 community members step up to assist with furthering the project.
- **Update – Key Goals**
  - Brochure/Advertising
    - Once quotes have been received, staff can go ahead and have the brochure printed. Staff will

look into mailing lists. Also emails will be sent to Ottawa Tourism to find out their deadline for submission.

- Zine advertisement was approved and will be submitted.
- Staff introduced the new “Things to See and Do” tab on the website .

- Trails/Boat Launch
- Housing Development
  - Mayor LaValley will update housing progress at next council meeting, as her DNSSAB meeting isn't until Wednesday April 22, 2026.

**9.NEW BUSINESS:**

- Staff will submit photo's for the Northern travel and tourism social media campaign.
- Councillor Kuiuack commented on the virtual presentation “Teeny Tiny Summit” and how beneficial it could be to a small community like ours to adapt some of their ideas. Mayor LaValley, Stephanie & Councillor Kuiuack will attend the Teeny Tiny Summit on May 28, 2026 in Burleigh Falls.

**10.NEXT MEETING:** May 20,2026. Time to be determined.

**11.ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent**

**Seconded by: Councillor Collins.**

To adjourn the Economic Development Committee Meeting of April 15, 2026, at 9:49am.

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Councillor S. Pigeon

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Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN**  
**ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

On Wednesday, April 15, 2026 the Asset Management Committee held an in-person and Zoom Meeting, livestreamed to YouTube following the Economic Development Committee Meeting.

**Council Present:**

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

**Township Staff Present:**

Bryan Martin, CAO, Clerk-Treasurer  
Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk-Planner, Recording Secretary  
Steven Ronholm, Works Superintendent  
Aurel Thom, Fire Chief/CEMC

**Regrets:**

Charlene Alexandar, CEO/Head Librarian/Grant Writing

Chair of the Asset Management Committee, Councillor Florent called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

The committee reflected on the recent passing of former Dickens Councillor Ogilvie who was on Council from 2006 to 2010. A donation has been sent to the Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care through the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation per the family's request.

**ROLL CALL:** All Present

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by: Councillor Collins**

**Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon**

To adopt the agenda as circulated.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST or a GENERAL NATURE THEREFORE:**  
**None**

**PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATION:** None

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Charlene Alexander, CEO/Head Librarian/Grant Writer provided a Library Report, Minutes of February 24, 2026 Board Meeting and the Grant Writing Report.**

T. Cannon verbally Reported;

- Notification was received that the Township was successful in obtaining the Canada Day Grant, with funding increased to \$5,000.
- A resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting to amend the Accessibility Plan to reflect that renovations to accommodate an additional office at the Township office resulted in the loss of the accessible washroom. The resolution will be included in a grant application to renovate the washroom into an accessible universal washroom.

**Aurel Thom, Fire Chief/CEMC provided a Monthly Fire/ CEMC Report**

Verbally Reported;

- Since the new agreement with DNSSAB, calls for Fire Department assistance have decreased.
- There are currently 15 firefighters at the Whitney Fire Hall and 16 at the Madawaska Detachment, with a few members expected to be nearing retirement in the near future.
- Chief Thom will continue to review the Emergency Response Plan as it relates to the opening of emergency centres during hydro outages and policy pertaining to contaminated spills.
- N95 fit testing will be scheduled in conjunction with the next SCBA testing.
- There has been an increase in residents purchasing smoke detectors that are not ULC-certified, and Chief Thom will prepare information to be circulated to the public.
- Keep getting alerts from Hytech Security at the Madawaska Fire Hall of a "Trouble Code". Staff are investigating.

- Staff will attempt to obtain a contact at Bell Canada regarding the telecommunications towers following the recent outage.
- Spring Freshet meetings are ongoing and MNR Watershed updates are being uploaded to the website and Facebook.

**Steve Ronholm, Works Superintendent provided a Works Department Report**

Verbally Reported;

- A portion of the Old 127 is closed due to flooding. Notice has been circulated on Facebook.
- It has been announced that the NORDS funding allocation from the province will be allocated to the township for the next three years. The amount that the township will be receiving has not yet been determined.
- Works Department are working on sections of Major Lake Road today.
- Staff are on call for grader operations on weekends for the next few weeks.
- A resolution will be prepared to deem Tandem #7 surplus when the new tandem truck is delivered.
- The pet signs will be erected in the parks/beaches. The large signs that have reference to “No Dogs” this will need to be covered.
- Staff will cut the dead tree at the JR Booth Park.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The 2025 Strategic Report Card was circulated in the package. Committee members may bring forward any concerns at a future meeting.

- New Blue Box program is still under review at Circular Material. Staff will provide updates as they come in.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Moved by: Councillor Rodnick**

**Seconded by: Councillor Siydock**

To adjourn the Asset Management Committee meeting of April 15, 2026, at 10:54 a.m.

**-Carried-**

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Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk Treasurer

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Councillor Joe Florent/Chairperson

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 6, 2026**

### **COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS:**

- 1) M&L Parks and Recreation, RE: Agenda of April 14, 2026 and Minutes of March 10, 2026
- 2) Municipal Dog Pound Board Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026

**CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN**

**AGENDA**

**Murchison & Lyell Parks and Recreation Committee**

Tuesday April 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm.  
At the Madawaska Community Hall

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Reading & approval of the Agenda plus any additions.
3. Approval of March 10th, 2026 minutes and any amendments.
4. Delegations: Howard Drew regarding Rink Boards project.
5. Business arising from minutes.
6. Reports: a) Councillor's Report.
  - b) Committee Reports: i) Fiona Girouard: Kids' Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt.  
ii) Rosemary Shalla: Winter report on outdoor rink events.
  - c) Financial Report- Balance at the end of March 2026 \$xxxxx.

**New Business.**

7. Performance Measurement – Event tracking sheet for March 2026.
8. Resolutions.
9. Discussion on Trivia Night.
10. Possibility to change the date of June Recreation meeting.
12. Canada Day 2026.
13. Safe Food Handlers Course.
14. Adjournment.

Next meeting Tuesday May 5th, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Madawaska Community Hall.

**Murchison & Lyell Parks and Recreation Committee of South Algonquin**

**Minutes for the meeting of Tuesday March 10th, 2026 at 7:00p.m.**

Members present: Terry Levean, Sharon Florent, Rosemary Shalla, Fiona Girouard and Kathy Foote.

Regrets: Tammy Stoneman.

Council Representative: Councillor Joe Florent.

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**2. Reading and Approval of the Agenda plus any additions.**

**Motion #7-2026**

Moved by: Rosemary Shalla. Seconded by: Fiona Girouard.

“To accept the agenda and any amendments or additions.”

**Carried**

**3. Approval and Adoption of February 10th, 2026 minutes and any amendments.**

**Motion # 8-2026**

Moved by: Fiona Girouard . Seconded by: Rosemary Shalla.

**Carried**

**4. Delegations:** 1. Stephanie Russell, the new Community Development Intern for the Township, introduced herself to our Committee with a brief explanation of her position at the office. She wanted us to have a face to go with her name and to let us know that if we ever have any questions to not hesitate to contact her. 2. Howard Drew brought us up to speed on recently changed pricing on some of the supplies that will be used to change the rink boards on the outdoor rink. The estimated total cost will be approximately \$22,298.00. A local contractor has already informed him that they will be donating the installation of these boards, when they get to that point. And that the skate-a-thon that they had had raised around \$1700.00 as well. He is working on a letter that he plans to distribute to the local businesses requesting their consideration to donate to this project as well.

**5. Business arising from minutes:** None.

**6. Reports:** a) Councillor Florent had nothing to report at this time. b) Committee Reports: Rosemary Shalla reported that the Broomball tournament on February 22nd was well attended with approximately 35 participants and all seemed to have a great time. c) Financial Report: Balance at the end of February was \$39,185.98.

**7. Performance Measurement:** The tracking sheets were filled out for February.

**8. Resolutions:** Moved by: Fiona Girouard and Seconded by Tammy Stoneman.

Whereas it has been determined that replacement of the rink boards in the Madawaska Community Rink are in need of replacement, and;

Whereas the patrons of the rink have agreed to fundraise to raise money to pay for the project, and;

Therefore the Recreation Committee agrees to contribute up to \$10,000.00 towards the project.

Carried(unanimously).

**9. Kids' Easter Party plans:** This year, the pancake breakfast will be from 10 to 11:30 am and the egg hunt will happen after that. All supplies have been purchased for the baskets for the kids and a donation jar (to go towards the rink boards) will be put out. Terry Girouard will be the Easter Bunny again this year.

**10. Discussion on request letters for sponsors/donations for Trivia Night.** Rosemary Shalla and Kathy Foote are out and about delivering requests for door prizes for this year. There have been a couple of larger gifts donated so we will be discussing what we may do differently with these to raise some extra funds for the Foundation.

**11. Any new ideas for 2026?:** Not at this time.

**12. Recruiting for new committee members/helpers.**

**13. Change the date for the May Recreation meeting:** It was agreed to by the Committee members that the May meeting could be changed to May 5th.

**14. Safe Food Handlers Course.** There is a free course coming up in May for any who are able to attend in Whitney for

certification. Rosemary Shalla is the only one of our members that is able to attend and she has been registered for this.



**15. Adjournment:**

**Motion # 9-2026**

Moved by: Rosemary Shalla Seconded by: Fiona Girouard.

"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm."

Next meeting – Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 7pm at the Madawaska Community Hall.

Chair  Secretary   
Terry Levean Sharon Florent

**Municipal Dog Pound Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**April 23, 2026**

**2:00 p.m.**

The Municipal Dog Pound Board met on Thursday April 23, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. by ZOOM

**1. Call to order**

Meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m. by Chairperson – Wayne Wiggins with the following members present:

Wayne Wiggins – Town of Bancroft  
Cecil Ryall – Highlands East  
Sheila Currie – Township of Wollaston  
Joan Kuiack – Township of South Algonquin  
Bob Bridger – Township of Tudor and Cashel  
Amanda Cox – Township of Madoc

**Staff Members and By-Law Officers Present**

Ann Shannick – Pound Keeper  
Cheryl Gordon – Pound Keeper  
Wayne Galloway – By-Law Enforcement / Canine Control – Highlands East  
Dawn Bowers – By-Law Enforcement – Hastings Highlands  
Brenda Vader – Secretary-Treasurer

**Absent**

Bill Green – Township of Faraday  
Cindy Fuerth – Township of Limerick  
Allen Musclow – Township of Carlow/Mayo  
Tammy Davis – Hastings Highlands  
Mike Clarke – By-Law Enforcement / Canine Control – Highlands East

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved by:** J. Kuiack

**Seconded by:** C. Ryall

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board approves the Agenda for the April 23, 2026 Municipal Dog Pound Board Meeting as circulated.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof - None**

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved by:** J. Kuiack

**Seconded by:** C. Ryall

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board accepts and adopts the minutes from the January 29, 2026 regular meeting of the Municipal Dog Pound Board as circulated.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**5. Business arising from minutes**

**(a) Agenda Item Report – Fundraising Activities and Fundraising Opportunities was reviewed and discussed**

**Moved by:** S. Currie

**Seconded by:** A. Cox

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board accept the Agenda Item Report – Fundraising Activities and Fundraising Opportunities for information; and That the Municipal Dog Pound Board accepts the recommendation set out in the Report respecting the Quilt Raffel / Draw “for a donation of \$5.00 a person’s name goes on a ballot”; and

That the Municipal Dog Pound Board authorize proceeding with the Quilt Raffel / Draw as discussed

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**6. New Business**

**(a) Agenda Item Report – Audit of Municipal Dog Pound Board Financials was reviewed and discussed**

**Moved by:** C. Ryall

**Seconded by:** J. Kuiack

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board accepts the Agenda Item Report – Audit of Municipal Dog Pound Board Financial for information; and That the Municipal Dog Pound Board accepts the recommendations from the Auditor to operate independently of the Town of Bancroft for audit purposes, and; That the Municipal Dog Pound Board agrees to pass a By-Law to appoint the firm of Baker Tilly KDN LLP, Peterborough, Ontario, as the Auditor for the Municipal Dog Pound Board for the years 2026 to 2030 inclusive

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**(b) Agenda Item Report - Financial Control and Oversight Policy was reviewed and discussed**

**Moved by:** J. Kuiack

**Seconded by:** C. Ryall

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board accepts the Agenda Item Report – Financial Control and Oversight Policy for information; and

That the Municipal Dog Pound Board appoint the Chairperson of the Board (Wayne Wiggins); Secretary-Treasurer (Brenda Vader) and Board Member (Tammy Davis), as signing authorities, and

That the Municipal Dog Pound Board agrees to pass a By-Law to Adopt a Financial Control and Oversight Policy

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**(c) Agenda Item Report - Expense Reimbursement Policy was reviewed and discussed**

**Moved by:** J. Kuiack

**Seconded by:** A. Cox

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board accepts the Agenda Item Report – Expense Reimbursement Policy for information; and

That the Municipal Dog Pound Board agrees to pass a By-Law to Adopt an Expense Reimbursement Policy

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

7. **Pound Keepers Report**

**(a) Reports for January, February and March 2026 and Municipal Dog Pound 2026 Dog Activity was reviewed and discussed**

**Moved by:** S. Currie

**Seconded by:** A.Cox

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board accept the Pound Keepers Reports for January, February and March 2026 as prepared and circulated, and That the Municipal Dog Pound Board accept the 2026 Dog Activity Listing as prepared and circulated.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**(b) Report on Use of Municipality Dog Pound Facility – January to March 2026 was reviewed and discussed**

**Moved by:** C. Ryall

**Seconded by:** J. Kuiack

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board accepts for information only the Report on Use of Municipal Dog Pound Facility – January to March 2026 as prepared and circulated.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

8. **Financial Reports**

**(a) Accounts for January, February and March 2026 were reviewed and discussed**

**Moved by:** J. Kuiack

**Seconded by:** A. Cox

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board accept the accounts for January, February and March 2026 as circulated.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**(b) Budget Update for period ending March 31, 2026 was reviewed and discussed**

**Moved by:** J. Kuiack

**Seconded by:** C. Ryall

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board approves the 2026 Budget Update for the period ending March 31, 2026 as prepared and presented.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

9. **By-Laws**

**(a) By-Law 01-2026 to appoint an Auditor for the Municipal Dog Pound Board for the years 2026 to 2030 inclusive.**

**Moved by:** C. Ryall

**Seconded by:** J. Kuiack

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board adopt By-Law 01-2026, Being A By-Law to appoint an Auditor for the Municipal Dog Pound Board for the years 2026 to 2030 inclusive, and that the By-Law be passed this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2026, and that the By-Law be signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**(b) By-Law 02-2026 to adopt a Financial Control and Oversight Policy for the Municipal Dog Pound Board.**

**Moved by:** S. Currie

**Seconded by:** A. Cox

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board adopt By-Law 02-2026, Being A By-Law to adopt a Financial Control and Oversight Policy for the Municipal Dog Pound Board, and that the By-Law be passed this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2026, and that the By-Law be signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**(c) By-Law 03-2026 to adopt an Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Municipal Dog Pound Board.**

**Moved by:** B. Bridger

**Seconded by:** C. Ryall

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board adopt By-Law 03-2026, Being A By-Law to adopt an Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Municipal Dog Pound Board, and that the By-Law be passed this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2026, and that the By-Law be signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**10. In Camera Session at 2:32 p.m.**

**Moved by:** B. Bridger

**Seconded by:** J. Kuiack

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board Close the next portion of the meeting to the Public in order to consider a matter pursuant to the Municipal Act S.O. 2001. c 25 Section 239 (2) (d) Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations – For the purpose of discussing Recommendation for Permanent Part-Time Pound Keeper; Wages and Mileage, and to approve the Closed Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2026.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**Only the Board Members and the Secretary-Treasurer for the Board remained in the meeting during the Closed portion of the meeting.**

**Rise from In Camera Session at 2:38 p.m.**

**Moved by:** C. Ryall

**Seconded by:** B. Bridger

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board rise from the Closed portion of the meeting dealing with matters pursuant to the Municipal Act S.O. 2001. c 25 Section 239 (2) (d) Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations and resume regular business.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**11. Direction to Staff after rising from Closed Portion of the Meeting**

**Moved by:** B. Bridger

**Seconded by:** S. Currie

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board accepts the recommendations as set out in the Confidential Report entitled “Recommendation for Permanent Part-Time Pound Keeper Position”, as prepared and presented in the In Camera Session.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**12. Round Table Discussion**

All members of the Board were given an opportunity to bring forward any matters of concern.

B. Bridger had visited the Pound on March 7, 2026 and requested a meeting with W. Wiggins and A. Musclow at the facility to discuss his findings.

**13. Direction to Staff from Round Table Discussion - None**

**14. Date of Next Meeting – September 10, 2026 at 2:00 pm**

**15. Adjournment**

**Moved by:** B. Bridger

**Seconded by:** C. Ryall

Be it resolved that the Municipal Dog Pound Board adjourns at 2:45 p.m. to meet again, on September 10, 2026 at 2:00 pm by ZOOM or at the call of the Chairperson.

**Non-opposed Resolution Carried**

**Brenda Vader  
Secretary-Treasurer**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 6, 2026**

**ACTION: None**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 6, 2026**

### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION:**

- 1) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing RE: Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026, (Bill 98).
- 2) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing RE: Amendments to Ontario Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001 (MA) and O. Reg 595/06 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (COTA).
- 3) Renfrew County and District Health Unit RE: Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board.
- 4) Renfrew County and District Sees Rise in Suspected Drug Toxicity Deaths in Early 2026.
- 5) Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) RE: FONOM Urges Ontario to Act as Manitoba Advances Compassionate Intervention Legislation.

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234-2026-1123

April 1, 2026

On March 30, 2026, our government introduced the *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026*, (Bill 98). Through this legislation and accompanying measures, we are creating the conditions for Ontario to build the housing and infrastructure it needs to grow and remain competitive. These changes will help get shovels in the ground faster for much-needed housing, and housing enabling-infrastructure projects, while improving the way people and goods move across Ontario.

A brief description of the proposals in this bill are included in this letter below. You are also invited to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) and [Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) posting links provided with this letter and share any feedback you may have.

If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder and Caucus Relations, Tanner Zelenko, at [Tanner.Zelenko@ontario.ca](mailto:Tanner.Zelenko@ontario.ca)

I look forward to our continued collaboration with our municipal partners as we build a more prosperous, resilient and competitive economy that will enhance affordability and the quality of life for Ontario residents and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

Hon. Robert J. Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
- Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
- Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Laura Smith, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Brian Saunderson, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
- David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing

## **Development Charges Act, 1997 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Schedule 3 of the Bill would make amendments to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*.

New section 4.5 would provide that non-profit retirement home developments are exempt from development charges.

The Schedule would also make technical amendments to address out-of-date cross-references in provisions related to front-ending agreements.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* through the Ontario Regulatory Registry

<https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/52054>

## **Municipal Act, 2001 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

The Schedule repeals and remakes section 93 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to address barriers to the development of communal water and wastewater systems and increase housing supply across Ontario.

New subsection 93 (1) of the Act provides that no person shall construct, maintain or operate a non-municipal water or sewage public utility without first applying for and obtaining the consent of the municipality. Under new subsection 93 (2) of the Act, a municipality that receives an application for one of these utilities must review that application and either provide consent subject to conditions and limits that are agreed upon, or, in the case of a regulation having been made setting out criteria or conditions that must be met, and the municipality is of the opinion that regulated requirements have been met, the municipality must provide consent to the application. Regulation-making authority would be made to establish the criteria or conditions related to applications for consent and for the proposed public utility.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([ERO 026-0302](#)) from March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026.

## **Planning Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Schedule 7 of the Bill proposes the following amendments to the *Planning Act* that would help create the conditions necessary to support housing and community development. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Specify a standardized structure and a standardized set of land use designations for local official plans (i.e., lower- and single-tier municipalities and planning boards).
- Provide a two-phased implementation approach for the new official plan framework which focuses on the 29 large and fast-growing municipalities in the first phase,
- Remove redundant requirement for municipalities to include climate change policies in their official plans,
- Provide the Minister with authority to exempt lower-tier municipalities from requirement to conform with upper-tier official plan to facilitate voluntary early implementation of the proposed official plan framework,

- Provide that for an already approved Protected Major Transit Station Area (PMTSA), only official plan amendments changing the boundaries of the PMTSA or the planned population and jobs for the area would require the Minister's approval,
- Remove the legislative requirement for the Minister to provide notice on proposed amendments to or revocations of Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs),
- Provide flexibility for removing Simcoe County's planning responsibilities in up to three separate phases, based on municipal readiness, and
- Facilitate the implementation of provisions from Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, that provide for a new framework for developer-identified land, including encumbered land and privately owned public spaces (POPS) arrangements, to count toward municipal parkland dedication requirements.
- Remove references to "sustainable design" from site plan control and restrict municipalities from requiring an owner of land to provide electric vehicle supply equipment in connection with off-street vehicular parking facilities, so that municipalities may not impose 'enhanced' development standards at the lot level that are not required for health, safety, or environmental performance (e.g., stormwater).
- Provide the Minister with authority to establish a minimum lot size through regulation.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry from March 30, 2026, to April 29, 2026:

- [ERO 026-0300](#): Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, Building Code Act, 1992 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 7, 2 and 1 of Bill 98, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026).

We are also interested in receiving any comments you may have on other associated proposals:

- [ERO 026-0315](#): Consultation on upper-tier official plans, secondary plans, and site and area-specific policies
- [ERO 026-0310](#): Consultation on site plan control reform under the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*
- [ERO 026-0305](#): Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the *Planning Act* to Facilitate the Electronic Submission of Information and Materials to Approval Authorities and Allow Notices to be Given Electronically to the Province
- [ERO 026-0314](#): Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to Specify Additional "Prescribed Professions" for the Purposes of a Complete Application
- [ERO 026-0313](#): Streamlining the Information and Material that Planning Authorities can Require as Part of a Complete Application
- [ERO 026-0309](#): Proposed Regulation to Prohibit Mandatory Enhanced Development Standards as a Condition of Land Division Approvals
- [ERO 026-0311](#): Proposed Regulatory Approach to Establish a Minimum Residential Lot Size in Urban Areas
- [ERO 026-0304](#): Draft Projection Methodology Guideline to support the implementation of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024
- [ERO 026-0312](#): Proposed Changes to Support Standardizing of Parkland Requirements Under the *Planning Act*

The Environmental Registry postings provide additional details regarding the proposed changes.

### **Building Code Act, 1992 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Schedule 1 amends the *Building Code Act, 1992* to clarify that standards for the protection or conservation of the environment are included in the meaning of municipal by-laws respecting the construction or demolition of buildings for the purposes of section 35 of the Act.

[ERO 026-0300](#): Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, Building Code Act, 1992 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 7, 2 and 1 of Bill 98, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026.

### **City of Toronto Act, 2006 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

The proposed change would, through various amendments to section 114 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, remove references to “sustainable design” in site plan control. Changes would also be made to allow the Minister to establish a minimum lot size through regulation under the *Planning Act*.

[ERO 026-0300](#): Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, Building Code Act, 1992 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 7, 2 and 1 of Bill 98, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026

### **Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

The ministry is proposing legislative amendments to the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025*. These include:

- Explicitly prohibiting private ownership in any new Water and Wastewater Public Corporation (WWPC) to align with the government’s intent to maintain 100% public sector ownership and respond to the strong feedback we have heard on the issue from the public, unions, associations and municipalities regarding privatization.
- Supporting the continuation of services and existing contracts – so that transferred contracts and agreements are not affected by a transfer to a new WWPC. This includes contracts such as employment or insurance, permits, licenses or a collective agreement, helping to support an efficient transfer and continuity of service during the transfer process.
- Supporting labour and employment continuity by clarifying that certain rights (such as successor, employment, and pay equity rights) are carried forward to a new WWPC.
- This would include regulation-making authority to help ensure continuity of services related to contracts and employees that are transferred to a new WWPC.
- Prohibiting the transfer of long-term municipal water and wastewater debt to a WWPC to provide clarity and reduce lender uncertainty, while creating new regulation-making authority to enable future regulations to address other matters related to municipal debt.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([026-0301](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301)) from March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026.  
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301>

### **Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 – Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**

Schedule 8 of the Bill proposes a change to the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (SDWA)* to clarify that a drinking water system owned by a WWPC would be considered a municipal drinking water system under the SDWA. This change would ensure that WWPCs are subject to the same public health and safety requirements under the SDWA that apply to all municipal drinking water systems.

The Bill also proposes changes to the *Safe Drinking Water Act* that would deem municipal consent to have been provided under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* for a proposed non-municipal drinking water system if consent has been provided by a municipality under the *Municipal Act* and regulated requirements under that Act were met. This avoids duplication of the municipal consent and helps to remove a barrier to development on communal systems.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notices related to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, [026-0302](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0302), and the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025*, [026-0301](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301) from March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026.  
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301>  
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0302>

### **Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026 – Ministry of Transportation**

Schedule 4 of the bill enacts the *Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026*. The proposed legislation would authorize the Minister of Transportation to make regulations:

1. **Prescribing local transit systems** in the GTHA that are subject to the Act.
2. **Establishing One Fare 2.0**, including: setting fare prices and categories; defining eligibility and fare discount policies; establishing fare and transfer policies between prescribed transit systems (e.g., free transfers); requiring participation in a unified fare payment system approved by the Minister (e.g., PRESTO); and determining how fares shall be apportioned among prescribed transit systems in a geographic zone, which could result in the reallocation of fare revenue collected in one prescribed transit system to another prescribed transit system in a different municipality.
3. **Improving service to key regional destinations** by designating new and existing routes as “priority routes”, including routes that may cross municipal boundaries; setting service standards for priority routes; and prescribing requirements for service integration between prescribed transit systems, including requiring a prescribed transit system to provide services outside of its primary service area (i.e., in other municipalities).

4. **Improving specialized transit service**, including requiring prescribed specialized transit systems to: participate in a unified trip booking system approved by the Minister; and provide transportation a prescribed distance outside of its primary service area (i.e., in another municipality) without requiring a person with a disability to transfer to a different passenger transportation system.
5. **Creating exemptions** from the Act or regulations.

### **Metrolinx Act, 2006 – Ministry of Transportation**

Schedule 5 amends *the Metrolinx Act, 2006* to create a voluntary, streamlined compliance reporting process for Metrolinx which will be more scoped than the traditional building permit process. The proposed compliance reporting process does not override the existing building permit process. Instead, it allows for more flexibility for Metrolinx by creating a streamlined process to get building science expertise from municipalities.

The proposed legislative amendments require municipalities, upon receiving a proposed construction or demolition notice from Metrolinx, to provide Metrolinx with a report that includes:

- An assessment of whether the proposal would contravene the Building Code.
  - Municipalities would not include a review of certain *Planning Act* requirements such as municipal zoning bylaw and site plan approvals.
- An assessment of the applicability of the Architects Act or the Professional Engineers Act.
- An assessment of whether every person who prepared the relevant building documents had the correct qualifications under the Building Code.
- Any other prescribed information.

The proposed legislation also enables the Minister of Transportation, through regulation, to prescribe additional exemptions to applicable law and specific timelines for municipal inspections and conveyance of occupancy reports, among other items.

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234-2026-1390

April 22, 2026

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to update you on amendments to Ontario Regulation 584/06 under the *Municipal Act, 2001* (MA) and O. Reg 595/06 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (COTA) that were filed on April 17, 2026. These changes come into force on July 16, 2026.

As you know, since spring 2024 the province has encouraged municipalities designing stormwater fees and charges to ensure that there are no unintended consequences that would disproportionately impact farmers and greenhouse operators.

In the province's 2025 Fall Economic Statement, our government stressed the importance of the agri-food sector and that protecting Ontario's local agriculture and food industry is essential to ensuring a strong, self-sufficient food supply chain.

Agricultural properties generally have invested in their own stormwater-mitigating measures and have large areas of green space that contribute significantly to stormwater runoff management.

In this respect, the province is making changes to remove the authority for municipalities to impose stormwater fees and charges on portions of properties that are classified in the farm or managed forests property class, if they are not connected to a municipal storm sewer.

As we continue to work together to build up our communities, I look forward to our continued collaboration in investing in key infrastructure projects while making life more affordable for members of the agri-food sector and supporting the viability of their operations. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

Hon. Robert J. Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Municipal Chief Administrative Officer and/or Treasurer  
Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness  
Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ryan Puviraj, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness  
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division,  
Municipal Affairs and Housing



## Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

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### HEALTH PROTECTION

#### ***Immunization***

##### *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA):*

Between February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, a total of 1675 second notices and suspension orders were issued to students aged 4-17 years (born in 2008-2021) who have not met ISPA requirements. As of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the number of students not meeting ISPA requirements had decreased to 1561, representing an approximate 6.8% reduction in students remaining on the suspension list.

Orders for suspension will only become effective if immunizations or a valid exemption are not reported to the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

As of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 23 community catch-up clinics have been offered at multiple locations across Renfrew County and District. An additional 15 clinics will be offered prior to the suspension date.

Immunizations remain available through health care providers or RCDHU catch-up clinics, with appointments booked online or by calling the Immunization Intake Line. Immunizations administered by health care providers must be reported to RCDHU through [Immunization Connect Ontario \(ICON\)](#), or by fax, mail, or email.

RCDHU continues to work closely with schools, families, and health care providers to support students in meeting ISPA requirements.

##### *Grade 7 Program:*

The second round of Grade 7 school-based immunization clinics for Hepatitis B (HB), Meningococcal, and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) started on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and will continue until early June. Approximately 39 school-based clinics will be hosted across Renfrew County and District (RCD). Students may also choose to be vaccinated through their health care provider, or by booking an appointment at an RCDHU routine immunization clinic. As of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, two school-based clinics have been completed.

#### ***Infectious Diseases***

##### *Respiratory Illness Activity:*

Seasonal respiratory illness activity has declined overall since its peak in December. Lower respiratory outbreak rates in the first half of February were followed by a small increase in activity

in the second half of February and first week of March 2026. As March progresses, respiratory outbreak rates remain high at an average of three per week. COVID-19 remains the primary pathogen identified in confirmed outbreaks.

Hospital bed occupancy rates have followed a similar trend to respiratory outbreak rates with low to moderate rates in weeks three and four, increasing to high in weeks seven and eight. Respiratory-related emergency visits remained stable in the vicinity of 10% since week three of 2026. Community test positivity rates of COVID-19 are currently moderate, and Influenza rates are low with Influenza B becoming the dominant strain. Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) rates have slowed to low to moderate.

## **Healthy Environments**

### *Food Safety Program:*

RCDHU continues to see strong demand for safe food handler certification. To enhance client-centered service, Healthy Environments has introduced an online booking system, allowing participants to register, cancel, or reschedule their own course appointments and receive automatic reminders. This streamlined, self-service approach makes the process more convenient and accessible for the public. In 2026, RCDHU has offered three courses and certified approximately 100 participants. This course is offered free of charge to reduce financial barriers, as some food premises must have a certified food handler on site during operations.

### *Recreational Water Program:*

Public health inspectors are completing public pool and spa inspections to meet Ministry of Health quarterly targets. During these inspections, inspectors verify water chemistry, safety signage, emergency equipment, recordkeeping, and overall sanitation and facility operation to ensure regulatory standards are met. There are currently 20 pools and spas in RCD, each of which is routinely inspected at least four times per year.

### *Emergency Management Program:*

RCDHU attended the first meeting for the 2026 Spring Freshet (snow and ice melt), which brings together municipal partners, Ontario government ministries, water power agencies, and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan. The Freshet response is a coordinated effort to monitor water levels and support interagency communication on public health and safety matters, with the goal of preparing for and managing potential emergency situations, should they arise. In advance of the Freshet, RCDHU also reviewed and updated the flooding resources on its website and social media content to be shared with the public.

## **HEALTH PROMOTION**

### **Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy**

As part of the priorities of the Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy (RCDDS), RCDHU is continuing to integrate additional methods of monitoring the local drug supply into its surveillance efforts and as an evidence-based risk reduction strategy.

RCDHU will continue to provide fentanyl, xylazine, and benzodiazepine test strips for drug checking to Harm Reduction Program clients in 2026. Furthermore, RCDHU has added

medetomidine to its available test strips, a veterinary sedative that is being found with increased frequency in drug samples across the province. Collaboration is also underway for real-time sample collection, submission, and analysis with the Mesa Mobile Outreach Drug Testing Program (described further in the Outreach Team section below), in addition to partnering with the Toronto Drug Checking Service for laboratory analysis of samples and used supplies.

RCDHU has been consulting with the City of Pembroke regarding the possibility of their Wastewater Department participating in Health Canada's National Wastewater Drug Surveillance Program. This initiative will contribute to a better understanding of the local drug supply and provide insights into emerging drug trends.

In partnership with school boards, Health Promotion staff are delivering and evaluating prevention programs related to vaping prevention and cessation to grade nine students. Later this spring, staff will collaborate with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to provide safe graduation and impaired driving education to secondary students.

### ***Outreach Team and SPRITE Testing***

The RCDHU Outreach Team has partnered with the Mesa Mobile Outreach Drug Testing Program to offer mobile, real-time drug checking, which will allow individuals in the community to check their substances from the unregulated supply for their contents. This service supports informed decision-making and will provide valuable local data on the unregulated drug supply in RCD.

Syphilis Point-of-Care Rapid Testing and Immediate Treatment Evaluation (SPRITE) testing for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs) continues at Outreach Team events and RCDHU's Pembroke office. The SPRITE Project Leads recently confirmed that a new grant was received, which will provide five years of stable funding to continue implementing and evaluating the SPRITE study. Additionally, a shortened version of the Locally Driven Collaborative Projects (LDCP) report was recently submitted to the journal "Learning Health Systems". More information can be found on the SPRITE Study website at [www.spritestudy.ca](http://www.spritestudy.ca).

### ***Nutrition – You're the Chef***

Implementation of the You're the Chef (YTC) program continues to advance through collaboration with local education partners. Later this month, RCDHU will work with Inspired Learning Coaches from the Renfrew County District School Board to deliver a centralized YTC training session at the Pembroke office. Eight teachers from various schools throughout RCD will attend the full-day session, which includes both virtual and hands-on components to support effective program delivery in the classroom. Participating teachers have been granted release time by their schools to complete the training, reflecting strong collaboration and continued interest in the program.

By equipping educators with the knowledge and tools to deliver the program, these training opportunities help expand student access to practical food literacy learning, including basic cooking skills, food confidence, and an increased understanding of healthy eating.

## **Safe Sleep Social Media Campaign**

March 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> was Safe Sleep Week. This year's theme was "Safe Sleep – Everywhere Baby Sleeps." RCDHU promoted safe infant sleep awareness through a social media campaign targeted to parents, grandparents, and community partners who support parents of young children.

Key messages for this campaign included:

- Place your baby alone, on their back for every sleep
- Provide a firm, flat surface with only a fitted sheet
- Avoid all soft items like blankets, pillows, bumper pads, and nests
- Have your baby sleep in a crib, cradle, or bassinet

Links to additional information were also provided from the Government of Canada, including [Safe Sleep Tips](#), [Infant Safe Sleep Tips for Grandparents](#), and the [Safe Sleep for your Baby](#) booklet for more safe sleep tips.

## **PRIVACY**

RCDHU has undertaken a comprehensive review and update of its privacy and information security framework. This work has included updates to key policies governing the use and protection of health information, new protocols for privacy breach response and incident management, and updated mandatory *Personal Health Information Protection Act* (PHIPA) training requirements for all staff.

Enhanced security standards are also being applied to third-party information system providers, and a review of all systems housing personal health information is underway to strengthen ongoing oversight and governance.

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## Renfrew County & District Drug Strategy

### For Immediate Release

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#### Renfrew County and District Sees Rise in Suspected Drug Toxicity Deaths in Early 2026

Pembroke, ON — April 23, 2026 — Partners of the Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy (RCDDS) are urging residents to carry naloxone and avoid using alone following ten suspected drug toxicity deaths in Renfrew County and District during the first three months of 2026, roughly triple the quarterly average seen in 2025.

Evidence based initiatives currently underway by RCDDS partners include multidisciplinary mobile outreach services, drug-checking technologies, and the establishment of a Homelessness and Addictions Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub and Intake Centre. Increasing naloxone distribution is a priority with 17 partners and almost all pharmacies providing free naloxone. All people at risk of an opioid overdose, family members, friends, or other individuals in a position to help someone at risk are encouraged to obtain kits.

“This situation reinforces the complexity of the overdose crisis and the ongoing volatility of the unregulated drug supply,” said Patti Smith, co-chair of the RCDDS. “It remains a critical public health concern that requires continued vigilance across our communities.”

Illicitly manufactured fentanyl continues to be the primary driver of overdoses across North America; however, additional contaminants and co-occurring substances—such as benzodiazepines and veterinary tranquilizers—are increasingly detected in Ontario. These substances create significant uncertainty regarding the strength, composition, and risk associated with street drugs. All street drugs must be considered highly toxic and potentially fatal.

#### Reducing the Risk of Overdose

Friends, family members, and individuals who use street drugs can work together to reduce the risk of overdose by taking the following steps:

- **Carry naloxone (Narcan®)**  
Naloxone can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose. Free naloxone kits are available at local pharmacies and other locations throughout Renfrew County and District. For kit locations, check [here](#) or order a free kit [online](#) for delivery.
- **Do not use alone**  
If someone is present, they can call for help in an emergency.
- **Call the Overdose Prevention Hotline** 1-888-688-6677 ([National Overdose Response Service](#)) if you must use alone. A trained volunteer will remain on the line and can call 9-1-1 if needed.
- **Use drug-checking services**  
Contact [harmreduction@rcdhu.com](mailto:harmreduction@rcdhu.com) for more information.
- **Go slow**  
Start with small test doses, as the quality and strength of street drugs are unpredictable.

## Responding to an Overdose

A drug overdose can look like someone who cannot be woken, with slow or absent breathing and blue lips. **If an overdose is suspected, administer naloxone (if available) and call 9-1-1 immediately.** Naloxone will not harm someone who is not having an overdose.

Because street drugs may contain multiple substances, call 9-1-1 even after giving naloxone. Effects can return as naloxone wears off, and some substances do not respond to naloxone. All overdoses are medical emergencies.

The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides legal protection from charges related to simple possession for individuals who call 9-1-1 during an overdose emergency.

## Reporting and Support

Community members are encouraged to report overdoses using RCDHU's anonymous online [Overdose Reporting Form](#), available on the RCDHU website. The form does not collect identifying information and supports community level surveillance and response.

Support is available through the [Renfrew County Addiction Treatment System](#), which offers assessment, counselling, and treatment programs for individuals who use substances.

If you or someone you know is experiencing stress, anxiety, grief, or other challenges, supports are available [here](#).

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**April 8, 2026**

**FONOM Urges Ontario to Act as Manitoba Advances Compassionate Intervention Legislation**

**NORTHERN ONTARIO** – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is calling on the Province of Ontario to move forward with legislative changes to address addiction and public safety, following the introduction of new legislation in Manitoba that enables short-term, medically supervised intervention for individuals in crisis.

FONOM has long advocated for a compassionate intervention framework that allows for timely, health-based responses when individuals are at risk of harming themselves or others due to severe substance use.

“Manitoba has taken a significant step forward in recognizing the need for intervention tools that balance compassion, care, and public safety,” said **Dave Plourde, President of FONOM**. “We believe Ontario must now move with urgency to provide similar supports for our communities.”

Across Northern Ontario, municipalities are experiencing increasing pressures on emergency services, health care systems, and community safety, as individuals cycle through crisis without access to effective intervention pathways.

“Our communities are dealing with this reality every day,” added Plourde. “Police, paramedics, hospitals, and social services are responding repeatedly to the same individuals, without the tools needed to connect them to care. That is not working for anyone, least of all the individuals in crisis.”

FONOM noted that the impacts of addiction-related crises are being felt directly by residents and businesses across Northern Ontario. Communities are reporting increased concerns related to break-ins, open drug use, theft, property damage, arson, and ongoing challenges with bail compliance.

“These are real, everyday impacts that people are seeing in their communities,” said Plourde. “Residents are asking for a system that not only responds to crisis, but helps prevent it through intervention, care, and accountability.”

**Ontario Risks Falling Behind**

FONOM noted that other jurisdictions, including British Columbia and Saskatchewan, are also advancing or exploring similar approaches.

“Ontario has an opportunity to learn from these provinces and act quickly,” said Plourde. “We have been raising this issue for some time, and while the need continues to grow, progress has not kept pace.”

## **A Call for Immediate Action**

FONOM is urging the Province of Ontario, particularly the Ministry of Health, to move forward with targeted amendments to the Mental Health Act that would:

- Enable short-term, medically supervised intervention
- Provide pathways to treatment and stabilization
- Reduce pressure on frontline municipal and health services

“This is about ensuring people receive care when they need it most, while also improving safety in our communities,” said Plourde. “The tools exist. The models exist. What is needed now is action.”

## **Looking Ahead**

FONOM remains committed to working with the Province of Ontario to advance a made-in-Ontario solution that reflects the realities of Northern communities and delivers meaningful outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

“We cannot continue to respond to the same crisis with the same limited tools,” said Plourde. “Ontario has the opportunity, and the responsibility, to act.”

## **Media Availability**

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# **MOTIONS OF COUNCIL**

## **May 6, 2026**

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Res. # 26-**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin wishes to move the Regular Council Meeting of July 1, 2026 to July 8, 2026.

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Res. # 26-**

Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin has identified a need for additional office space within the municipal office; and

Whereas the creation of this additional office space resulted in the loss of an accessible washroom;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin directs staff to amend the Township's Accessibility Plan to include the requirement to upgrade the existing municipal office washroom to a universal accessible washroom; and Further be it resolved that this upgrade be identified as a priority within the Township's capital improvements program.

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Res. # 26-**

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin accepts Cathy Newman as a committee member/volunteer for the Murchison & Lyell Recreation Committee pending a favorable OPP check.

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 6, 2026**

## **By-Laws:**

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Res. # 26-**

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2026-871 to Set Rates for Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council When on Municipal Business
- 2) By-Law 2026-872 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

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

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Res. # 26-**

THAT:

- 1) By-Law 2026-871 to Set Rates for Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council When on Municipal Business
- 2) By-Law 2026-872 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN  
BY-LAW NO. 2026-871**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO SET RATES FOR REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES  
FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WHEN ON MUNICIPAL BUSINESS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin deems it necessary to set rates for remuneration and expenses for members of Council when on municipal business;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, Sections 283(1), provides that a municipality may pay any part of the remuneration and expenses of the members of any local board of the municipality and of the officers and employees of the local board;

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is enacted as follows:

**THAT** the annual remuneration for Mayor be \$13,932.00 paid out in monthly installments. (\$1,161.00/month).

**THAT** the annual remuneration for Councillors be \$10,332 paid out in monthly installments. (\$861.00/month).

**THAT** half day meetings are less than four hours; where there then may be more than one meeting in a day, the maximum that will be paid out for any given day is the full day rate.

**THAT** an additional per diem rate for meetings for both Mayor and Councillors be \$ 83.00 for 1/2 day and \$110.00 for full day meeting.

**THAT** the Township South Algonquin Council ensure proper maintenance of the Councillor remuneration model, by each year providing an annual increase to the base compensation plus meeting per diem rate using the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) that was provided to staff.

**THAT** expenses be paid to Councillors as follows:

When on municipal business authorized by Council, members of Council shall be entitled to:

Expenses per day for meetings shall be actual expenses, plus a meal allowance to a maximum of \$125.00. (Original or photocopy of receipts must be provided for all expenses incurred for municipal business, to be attached to the expense claim report.)

The Township of South Algonquin continues to use the existing federal mileage rates and that the Township South Algonquin adjust mileage allowance to coincide with any changes that may occur by the Treasury Board Secretariat.

**THAT** costs related to travel, accommodations, and meals to attend training and conferences will be paid on behalf of the members and that attendance shall be paid at the applicable meeting rates or in the event that members absent themselves from their employment to partake in the training/conference then the daily rate for such attendance shall be \$275.00 per day.

Expenses are inclusive of:

- Expenses incurred for accommodation and parking
- Meal allowances
- All registration fees
- All mileage consistent with approved mileage per diem

**THAT** a technology package will be provided to Council at the beginning of each term to enable them to fully participate in hybrid meetings and to manage their electronic meeting packages. This technology package may include (laptop, cell phones, wireless internet access points subject to budgetary approvals).

**THAT** all previous By-Laws related to remuneration of council are hereby rescinded.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME on May 6, 2026.

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Ethel LaValley – Mayor

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Bryan Martin-CAO/Clerk Treasurer

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ENACTED on May 6, 2026.

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Ethel LaValley – Mayor

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Bryan Martin-CAO/Clerk Treasurer

By signing this by-law, Mayor LaValley has granted approval and will not exercise the power to veto this by-law under Strong Mayor Powers.

**CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN  
BY-LAW NO. 2026-872  
BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM  
THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

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**WHEREAS** Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act 2001, Chapter 25 and amendments thereto provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its council;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act 2001 Chapter 25 and amendments thereto provides that the powers of every council shall be exercised by By-Law;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed necessary and expedient that the proceedings and actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin be confirmed and adopted by By-Law, for the regular meeting held on:

**May 6, 2026**

**THEREFORE**, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin enacts as follows:

1. THAT the action of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin in respect to each recommendation contained in the reports of the Committees and in respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said open meeting, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law.
2. The Mayor or in her absence, the Presiding Officer of the Council and the proper officials of the Municipality are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required.
3. The Mayor or in his/her absence the Presiding Officer and the Clerk or in his/her absence the other designated signing officer, are hereby directed to execute all documents required by Statute to be executed by them, as may be necessary in that behalf and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Municipality to all such documents.
4. THAT in the event any provision or provisions of this By-Law be deemed illegal or not enforceable, it or they shall be considered separate and severable from the By-Law, and its remaining provisions shall remain in force and be binding as though the said provision or provisions had never been included.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME on May 6, 2026.

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Ethel LaValley- Mayor

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Bryan Martin-CAO/Clerk Treasurer

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ENACTED on May 6, 2026.

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