

May 6, 2026

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, May 6, 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 Laurie Siydock

Regrets: Councillor Bill Rodnick

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

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor LaValley called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Regrets – Councillor Rodnick

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 26-655

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.

-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 Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 26-656

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.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Pigeon Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 26-657

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.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 26-658

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.

-Carried-

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

M&L Parks & Recreation Committee

Agenda of April 14, 2026 and Minutes of March 10, 2026 were provided in the Council package. Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- With funding from the M & L Recreation Committee and the funds raised through fundraising efforts, the rink board replacement project has progressed to the point where materials can now be ordered.

- The annual Trivia Night was a success, with strong support from local sponsors who donated items. A total of 14 teams participated, raising \$1,882.20. The M & L Recreation Committee increased the total donation to \$2,000.00, which will be contributed to the St. Francis Memorial Foundation – Hospice.

Municipal Dog Pound

Draft Minutes of April 23, 2026 were provided in the Council package.

Councillor Pigeon

- Councillor Pigeon provided an update on operations in Sabine Ward, noting that grading activities are nearing completion. Graveling is scheduled to begin in June, followed by calcium application.

Councillor Collins

- Madawaska River levels have fluctuated throughout the spring. Levels have stabilized and everything looks good.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Economic Development Committee Terms of Reference update will be circulated at the next Economic Development Committee.
- Trails Master Plan is currently with the consultant.
- It was recommended that the Strategic Plan Report Card consist of more detail.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Staff will look into the install timeline for the EV Charging Stations.

12. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items; NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items Received and Filed;

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing RE: Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026, (Bill 98).
- 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).
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit RE: Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board.
- Renfrew County and District Sees Rise in Suspected Drug Toxicity Deaths in Early 2026; *Narcan is available for free at Pharmacies.*
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) RE: FONOM Urges Ontario to Act as Manitoba Advances Compassionate Intervention Legislation.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion took place regarding the potential for a future volunteer and staff appreciation function. Further details will need to be developed before proceeding.

15. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 26-659

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.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 26-660

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.

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 26-661
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.
-Carried-

16. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 26-662

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

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 26-663

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

-Carried-

17. CLOSED SESSION: None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res. # 26-664

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of May 6, 2026 at 9:41 a.m.

-Carried-

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Ethel LaValley

CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin