September 2, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES
On Wednesday, September 2, 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
Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk-Planner
Christine Tessier, Administrative Assistant/Accounts Receivable Clerk

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
Mayor LaValley called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
Motions of Council- Resolution pertaining to Tender 2026-04, Lester Smith Outdoor Rink

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:
Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 26-700
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the Regular Council Meeting of September 2, 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 Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 26-701
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 8, 2026 as circulated.
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Siydock Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 26-702
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 22, 2026 as circulated.
-Carried-

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

Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk- Planner; Re: Boathouse Agreement Report
Staff report was provided in the Council package.

Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk- Planner; Re: Shore Road Allowance Sale Application - SRA.2026-01 and SRA.2026-02
Staff report was provided in the Council package.

M&L Parks & Recreation Committee
July 14, 2026 and August 11, 2026 Agendas and Minutes of June 2, 2026 and July 14, 2026 were provided in the Council package.
Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- Annual Fall Fun Day is Sunday, September 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sean Conway is doing an Author Talk at the Library or the Madawaska Complex on September 26th.

Municipal Dog Pound Board
Minutes of August 14, 2026 Meeting were provided in the Council package
Councillor Kuiack verbally reported:

- Anyone that finds a stray dog is to contact the Dog Pound.

Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk Treasurer RE: Financial Management Policy
Staff report was provided in the Council package.

Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk Treasurer RE: Procurement and Procurement Procedures Policy
Staff report was provided in the Council package.

- The report incorrectly stated that the by-law had proceeded to Committee prior to being presented to Council for consideration. The by-law was brought directly to Council.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items;

- Resolution of Support; RE: Women and Children Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence, City of Mississauga.
- Resolution of Support; RE: Support for the Ontario Health Care System, Municipality of Central Manitoulin.
- Resolution of Support; RE: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child, Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.
- Resolution of Support; RE: The Retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at Huntsville Memorial Hospital, Village of Burk's Falls.
- Resolution of Support; RE: Excessive Speeding, Municipality of Wawa.
- Resolution of Support; RE: Request for Review of Extended Producer Responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders, Tudor & Cashel.
- Nicole Dupuis; RE: Free Hall Rental Request – Madawaska Complex; *Direction was provided to staff to waive the hall rental fee; however, the applicable damage deposit will still be required, and the hall is to be cleaned following the event.*

11. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items Received and Filed;

- Solicitor General: Update on OPP Municipal Policing Costs for 2027.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Amendment to a Regulation Under the Planning Act-Parkland Regulation.
- HDR: Replacement Alternatives for Highway 60 Bridges (Madawaska and Opeongo River).
- Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response: Expansion for Access to the Alert Ready System.
- Township of South Algonquin: Boat Ramp and Trails Master Plan Work Plan.
- Ministry of Transportation Email: Provincial Rideshare (Northlander Phase) Transportation Connectivity in Northern Ontario. *South Algonquin Business Alliance (SABA) has data related to rideshare services and has offered to share the information and/or attend meetings on behalf of the Municipality. S. Russell, Economic Development Intern will take the lead on this initiative and reach out to SABA.*
- FONOM: Media Release -Celebrates Municipal Service and Those Stepping Forward in 2026.
- FONOM: Media Release-Statement on U.S. Tariffs and Canada-U.S. Trade.
- FONOM: Media Release - Northern Shield Energy Corridor as an Opportunity for Northern Ontario and Canada.
- Ministry of the Solicitor General: Amendments to OPP Detachment Board Compositions.
- Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth: Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.

- FONOM: Media Release – FONOM Concern about Regional Impact of Ryam Temiscaming Shutdown.
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) RE: Public Consultation on the Future of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.
- St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation RE: Emergency Department Contribution Receipt.

12. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 26-703
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the City the Mississauga pertaining to shelters for women and children experiencing intimate partner violence;
AND THAT this resolution along with the resolution from the City of Mississauga be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 26-704
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Municipality of Central Manitoulin pertaining to the request for funding to support the Ontario Health Care System;
AND THAT this resolution along with the resolution from the Municipality of Central Manitoulin be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Health; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Collins Res # 26-705
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand pertaining to Beacons of Light British Home and Children Migrants;
AND THAT this resolution along with the resolution from the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney; Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition; the Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture; Premier Doug Ford; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 26-706
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Village of Burk's Falls pertaining to the retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital;
AND THAT this resolution along with the resolution from the Village of Burk's Falls be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Health; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Pigeon Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res # 26-707
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa pertaining to excessive speeding and unsafe driving;
AND THAT this resolution along with the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Transportation; the Minister of Finance; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Bancroft O.P.P. Detachment Board; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Pigeon Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res # 26-708
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the letter from

Tudor & Cashel pertaining to the request for a review of extended producer responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders;
AND THAT this resolution along with the letter from Tudor & Cashel be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA); and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res # 26-709
THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin reaffirms the current Economic Development Committee structure and Terms of Reference;
AND FURTHER THAT the current membership of the Economic Development Committee be maintained for the balance of this term of office.
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon
WHEREAS there has been an increase in drowning incidents across Ontario, highlighting the importance of water safety education and swimming skills; and
WHEREAS access to swimming lessons is not equal for all families due to financial, geographic, and other barriers; and
WHEREAS providing all elementary school students with basic water safety education and Swim to Survive training would help equip children with essential life-saving skills and reduce the risk of drowning;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin urges the Ontario Ministry of Education to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim to Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students.
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Paul Calandra, Minister of Education; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).
-Withdrawn for reassessment and wording to be brought back before Council at the next meeting.

Short Recess

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res # 26-710
THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to proceed with the request from the owners of 160 and 162 Davies Lane to purchase the remaining portion of the shore road allowance lying in front of their lands, subject to legal access being established over the subject lands for the benefit of neighbouring landowners.
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res # 26-711
WHEREAS the project was included in the Township of South Algonquin's 2026 Budget, as adopted by Council prior to Nomination Day for the 2026 Municipal Election;
AND WHEREAS the tendered amount of $254,150.00 is within the approved project budget and is funded through $200,000.00 in grant funding, $6,000 from the build the roof reserve and the balance funded through the Recreation Committee;
AND WHEREAS subsection 275(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that the restriction in paragraph 275(3)(d) respecting expenditures or other liabilities exceeding $50,000 does not apply where the liability was included in the most recent budget adopted by Council before Nomination Day;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin hereby awards tender RFT. 2026-04 – Lester Smith – Outdoor Rink Resurfacing Project to Bonnechere Excavating Inc in the amount of $254,150.00, subject to the terms and conditions of the tender documents;
AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to execute the contract and any other documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.
-Carried-

13. BY-LAWS:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res. # 26-712

THAT:

1) By-Law 2026-885 to authorize the signing of an agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Canada, National Defence for the temporary use of land.
2) By-Law 2026-886 to authorize the signing of a Contribution Agreement with Community Futures Development Corporation of North and Central Hastings.
3) By-Law 2026-887 to authorize the signing of a Boathouse Agreement
4) By-Law 2026-888 to approve Financial Management Policy
5) By-Law 2026-889 to approve a Procurement Policy
6) By-Law 2026-890 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

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

-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 26-713

THAT:

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BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED

-Carried-

Short Recess

14. CLOSED SESSION:

Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon Res: # 26-714

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin move into a Closed Session at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to receive advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, as it pertains to:

a) Cassellholme;

AND THAT David Adams, Partner, Cunningham Swan Carty Little & Bonham LLP, be in attendance for this portion of the Closed Session;

AND THAT Council review and approve the Closed Session minutes of April 1, 2026 and July 8, 2026.

-Carried-

Council rose from Closed Session at 12:45 a.m.

Legal and staff will proceed with direction as provided by Council in Closed Session.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick Res. # 26-715

THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of September 2, 2026 at 12:46 p.m.

-Carried-

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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Mayor Ethel LaValley CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin