October 7, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES
On Wednesday, October 7, 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

Guest: Forbes Symon Planner, Jp2g Consultants Inc

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

4. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:
Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res. # 26-716
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the Regular Council Meeting of October 7, 2026.
-Carried-

6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR A GENERAL NATURE THEREOF: None

7. PETITION, DELEGATION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS:
Mr. Forbes presented his report that included the public and agency comments. The Final Draft of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law will be presented to Council for consideration at the November 4, 2026, Council meeting.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
Moved by: Councillor Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 26-717
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 2, 2026 as circulated.
-Carried-

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 26-718
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 16, 2026 as circulated.
-Carried-

Short Recess

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

M&L Parks and Recreation, RE: Agenda of September 8, 2026 and Minutes of August 11, 2026.
Agenda and minutes were provided in the Council package.
Verbally Reported:

- On October 31st Madawaska Complex will be open for residents from 5:30pm-7:30pm to hand out candy.
- October 30, 2026 is a Kids Dance.
- November 1, 2026 is Sell Your Wares.

Whitney Recreation, RE: Agenda and Minutes of September 8, 2026
Agenda and Minutes were provided in the Council package.
Verbally Reported:
- At the last meeting (October 7, 2026) a discussion was held about when and how an official opening of the Rink could be held and if special permission is required from the funder. Staff will look into the stipulations from the funder and get back to the committee.

Other
Council granted permission for Mr. Fitzpatrick to address Council to provide an update on Employment Service Program. Staff to prepare and send a letter of support to the Canadian Employment Commissioner.

MPP Billy Denault has received the letter of concern staff had sent about the closing of Rayonier Advanced Materials (RYAM) in Temiscaming. He will also be following up on this subject.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items;
- Resolution of Support; RE: Review of the OPP Municipal Policing Cost Model, Township of McNab/Braeside.
- Resolution of Support; RE: Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, Corporation of the Village of Sundridge.
- Resolution of Support; RE: MFOA; Permanent Doubling of OCIF

11. CORRESPONDENCE-Information Items Received and Filed;
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: RE: Proposed Regulations-Municipal Accountability Act, 2026.
- Ministry of Energy and Mines: RE: Broadband Resources for Ontario Municipalities.
- FONOM Media Release: RE: Calls for Federal-Provincial Cooperations on Bail Reform.
- Andrew Hassall; RE: Parking Lot Aylen Lake – Who actually controls it?
  - *Staff to undertake remedial work on the West side to increase available parking spaces and clearly delineate the boundary between municipal property and the Marina property.*
- FONOM and NOMA; RE: Medial Release – Call for Federal-Provincial Partnership to Fout Lane Highway 11 and 17.
- Tony E. Fleming, Cunningham Swan Lawyers; RE: Integrity Commissioner Services.
  - *A By-law will be presented in the November 4, 2026 Council meeting naming the firm rather than Tony Fleming for the interim. New Council will need to address this at the beginning of the new term.*

12. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:
Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Pigeon
WHEREAS drowning incidents across Ontario highlight the importance of ensuring children receive water safety education and have access to basic swimming skills; and
WHEREAS access to swimming lessons is not equal for all families due to financial, geographic and other barriers; and
WHEREAS water safety education can provide children with essential knowledge to recognize and avoid water-related risks and help 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 water safety education into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students;
AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario establish a program to cover or reimburse the cost of swimming lessons for children, ensuring families have access to swimming instruction at no cost;
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; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).
-Withdrawn-

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Moved by: Councillor Florent Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res. # 26-719
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the letter from the Township of McNab/Braeside pertaining to the request for a review of the OPP Municipal Policing Cost Model;
AND THAT this resolution along with the letter from the Township of McNab/Braeside be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Michael Kerzner, Office of the Solicitor General; 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 Kuiack Seconded by: Councillor Siydock Res # 26-720
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge pertaining to the request to amend the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act;
AND THAT this resolution along with the resolution from the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
-Carried-

A friendly amendment was made to the motion below to include forwarding the resolution to Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack Res # 26-721
WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;
AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;
AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;
AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200M/year to $400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;
AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community preserving infrastructure renewal needs;
AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;
AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;
AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.
-Carried-

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13. BY-LAWS:
Moved by: Councillor Collins Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 26-722
THAT:
1) By-Law 2026-891 to Establish Remuneration & Expenses for Council Members
2) By-Law 2026-892 to Delegate Authority to the Assessment Review Board
3) By-Law 2026-893 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 Rodnick Res. # 26-723
THAT:
1) By-Law 2026-891 to Establish Remuneration & Expenses for Council Members
2) By-Law 2026-892 to Delegate Authority to the Assessment Review Board
3) By-Law 2026-893 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council
BE READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED
-Carried-

14. CLOSED SESSION: None

15. ADJOURNMENT:
Moved by: Councillor Rodnick Seconded by: Councillor Florent Res. # 26-724
THAT: Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council Meeting of October 7, 2026 at 11:36 a.m.
-Carried-

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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Mayor Ethel LaValley CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer Bryan Martin

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