Message from the Mayor

As we welcome the autumn season, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and enjoyable fall. This is such a beautiful time of year in South Algonquin, with vibrant colours, sunny days, and many activities taking place throughout our communities.

The Township continues to be busy with several important initiatives. Work on the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law is well underway, and staff are also working on the Township's Boat Launch and Trails Master Plan, which will help guide future planning and improvements to these important community assets.

There are also many community events and activities to look forward to in the coming months. I encourage everyone to get involved, support our local organizations and volunteers, and enjoy all that South Algonquin has to offer this fall.

I would also like to take a moment to remember former Councillors Dave Harper, Sidney James, and Robert Ogilvie, who are no longer with us, as well as Jackie Wilson, a dedicated Township employee who brought joy and laughter to everyone around her. Jackie will also be fondly remembered for her pleasant smile and the warm welcome she provided to everyone who came to the front counter.

Each of them was a valued member of our community, and their loss is felt by many. We extend our sincere condolences to their families, friends, and all those who knew them. Their contributions to the Township and their connections to our community will be fondly remembered.

As always, I welcome the opportunity to hear from residents. If you would like to meet with me or discuss a Township matter, please contact the Township Office Ext.205 or call 613-332-8357.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable autumn season!

Mayor LaValley

Welcome Christine Tessier!

The Township of South Algonquin is pleased to welcome Christine Tessier as our new Administrative and Accounts Receivable Clerk! We are excited to have Christine join our municipal team and look forward to working with her. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome!

Appointments

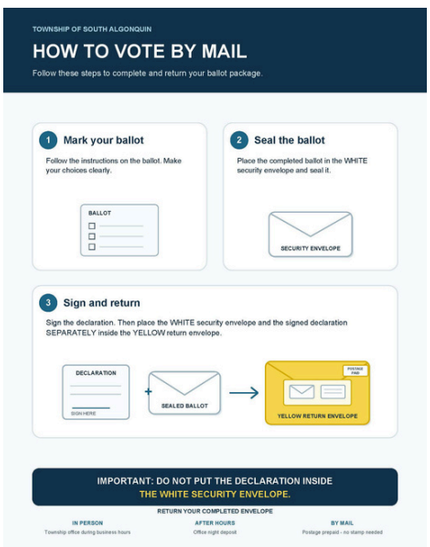
Residents wishing to meet with a specific staff member are encouraged to book an appointment in advance to ensure availability.

Municipal Election – Voting Information

Ballot drop-off is available at the Municipal Office during regular business hours, Monday to Friday. If you have not received a ballot, please contact the Municipal Office.

Last day to mail ballots: Thursday, October 15, 2026. After this date, ballots must be dropped off at the Municipal Office.

Final opportunity to vote in person: Election Day, Monday, October 26, 2026, until 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.



Administration News – eServices

The Township of South Algonquin now offers eServices for residents. Sign up to receive billing notifications electronically, helping reduce mailing costs and ensuring timely delivery of your bills.

Many residents have already registered, and we encourage everyone to take advantage of this convenient service.

Register today: eservices.southalgonquin.ca

For assistance, please contact the Municipal Office.

Tax Billing

The final installment is due October 31,2026

Payment Options

- Telephone banking
- eServices web portal
- Internet banking
- Your financial institution
- Mail
- In person – cash, cheque, money order, interac or credit card

Please note:

- E-Transfers are not accepted
- Credit card payments are subject to a 2.4% transaction fee

Interest Penalties

A 1.25% penalty will be added on the 1st day of each and every month. Remember to allow sufficient time for payments to be received by the last day of each month to avoid penalty.

CRC- Seniors Active Living Program

Stay active, connect with friends, and enjoy the many activities happening in our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 27 – Catered Turkey Dinner at the Madawaska Complex, featuring live entertainment by the band Buckledown.

December – Stay tuned! Details for our December gathering will be announced soon.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday Aerobics – Lester Smith Building, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Puzzles – Whitney Seniors Centre, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Tuesday Madawaska Seniors Social Gathering – Madawaska Complex, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Wednesday Aerobics – Lester Smith Building, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga – Whitney Seniors Centre, 1:00–2:00 p.m. Zen Colouring & Art – Whitney Seniors Centre, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Thursday Ukulele Class – Whitney Seniors Centre, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m Puzzles – Whitney Seniors Centre, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Friday Aerobics – Lester Smith Building, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Come out, get involved, and enjoy some great company! Whether you're looking to stay active, learn something new, or simply socialize, there's something for everyone.

Contact : Gloria Beauclair

gloria.beauclair@crc-renfrewcounty.com

Whitney Recreation Committee

Join us at the Lester Smith Building on Halloween night, Saturday, October 31, from 5–7 p.m. for candy! Donations are welcome—please contact a Recreation Committee member. You are also welcome to join us in handing out treats!

Save the Date!

The Santa Claus Parade is Sunday, December 13. More details to follow! Watch Facebook and community posters for upcoming Pumpkin Carving and Christmas Market events. Dates to be announced.

We are always looking for volunteers and fresh ideas for community activities and events!

Whitney Seniors

Regular programming returns in mid-October! Join us for darts, cards, yoga, puzzles, games, socializing and, of course, food! Check the calendar posted outside the door or visit Facebook for updates.

Upcoming Events:

- November 11 – Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph, 11 a.m.
- November 22 – Euchre & Dart Tournament
- December 15 – Christmas Potluck
- December 26 – Games & Darts Afternoon

Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the fun!

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Ambulance, Police and Fire:

9-1-1

South Algonquin Public Library

Your library offers more than books! Your library card connects you to resources, technology and opportunities to learn and explore.

Healthy Homes: With heating season approaching, borrow a CO_2 and Radon Detector to learn more about your home's indoor air quality.

Explore Our Library Services:

- Free eBooks and audiobooks through Libby/OverDrive
- Virtual author talks and CBC Corner
- Outdoor Exploration Backpacks and Ontario Parks Day Passes
- Local history collections and photo digitization equipment
- Laptop and Chromebook loans
- Printing, copying, scanning and laminating (fees apply)
- Community programs and learning opportunities

Visit your local library to discover everything your library card has to offer!

Connect With Us

Facebook: Township of South Algonquin Public Library

Instagram: @south_algonquin_public_library

Hours and Locations - Scan here

Works DEPARTMENT

613-334-5447

Madawaska Recreation

Kids' Halloween Dance – October 30 Join us at the Madawaska Community Hall from 6–8 p.m. for music, dancing and Halloween fun!

Halloween Candy Hand-Out – October 31 Residents are invited to bring treats to the hall from 5:30–7:30 p.m. and enjoy seeing all the little ghosts and goblins!

Sell Your Wares Christmas Market – November 1-10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. at Madawaska Hall. Tables are $15. Shop local gifts and goodies, and enjoy homemade soup and a sandwich for $6. Contact Sharon to reserve a table.

Christmas Angel Fundraiser This year's fundraiser will support the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation's efforts to purchase a new X-ray machine for St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

Kids' Christmas Party: Coming in December! Watch for posters with details. Recreation meetings are open to the public, and volunteers are always welcome!

Contact: Sharon Florent at 613-334-2520 or Terry Levean at 613-633-9386.

Water Sample Testing

Residents submitting private drinking water samples can complete their information online through the Public Health Ontario Water Testing Portal or use the paper form provided with their water testing kit.

Drop-off Location:

Lorraine's Pharmasave, Barry's Bay, or any other designated water sample drop-off location.

Please select Renfrew County and District Health Unit as your health unit on the submission form.

Drop-off Times:

- September – April: Tuesdays before 2:00 p.m.
- May – August: Tuesdays and Thursdays before 2:00 p.m.

Important: Water samples must be tested within 48 hours of collection. Collect your sample as close to drop-off time as possible and keep it cool, but not frozen.

Service Ontario

Keep an eye on our Social media for dates to be announced that Service Ontario Mobile will be at the Township office.

Book appointments online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/serviceontario-mobile-service-centres

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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