

**April 7, 2016**

**COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

On Thursday, April 7, 2016 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Council Meeting.

Present- Staff- Carla Gatley, Deputy Clerk  
Councillor John Brown Tracy Cannon, Municipal Operations Clerk-Recording Secretary  
Councillor Joe Florent Natasha Hinze, Deputy Treasurer  
Councillor Dave Harper  
Councillor Bill Rodnick  
Councillor Richard Shalla

Guest- Sandra Collins

Regrets:  
Mayor Dumas  
Councillor Linda Thom  
Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent  
Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk- Treasurer

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

Councillor Shalla called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Item #6 – SEV. 2016-01 Consent Application  
Item #8 – Deputy Treasurer, Natasha Hinze – 2016 Budget update.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by: J. Florent                                Seconded by: J. Brown                                Res. # 16-072**  
“Be it resolved 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 7, 2016.  
**-Carried-**

**4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

Councillor Harper – Item #16 By- Law 16-500, Shoreline Road Allowance  
Councillor Harper – Item #18 Payment of Accounts

**5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS: None**

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved by: D. Harper                                Seconded by: J. Florent                                Res. # 16-073**  
“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2016 as circulated and amended.”  
**-Carried-**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Review and discussion of the planning report from MHBC Planning Inc. pertaining to the consent application SEV. 2016-01.  
Consensus was to accept the consent application under Section 53 of the Planning Act and include the conditions recommended by the Planner, except for Item 4 of the report (Cash-in-lieu of parkland payment). Resolution to follow.  
*Guest, Sandra Collins exited the meeting.*

**Moved by: J. Florent                                Seconded by: J. Brown                                Res. # 16-074**  
“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Budget Meeting of March 9, 2016 as circulated.”  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent                                Seconded by: D. Harper                                Res. # 16-075**  
“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Budget Meeting of March 22, 2016 as circulated.”  
**-Carried-**

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

- Deputy Treasurer, Natasha Hinze provided a copy of the 2016 final budget in the current template and the new template.
- Discussed the Cumulative Surplus/Deficit of \$279,945 and the increased municipal tax rate of 4%.
- The Education Rate for this year has not been received at this time.
- All three readings of the By-law accepting the 2016 budget will be presented at the Regular Council Meeting of April 21, 2016.

*Natasha Hinze Deputy-Treasurer exited the meeting.*

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

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

### **Whitney Recreation:**

Whitney recreation provided meeting minutes of February 29, 2016 for the council package.

### **South Algonquin Public Library:**

South Algonquin Public Library provided meeting minutes of March 14, 2016 for the council package.

### **Health and Safety Reports:**

Written February inspection reports provided for the Council package for the Mervin Dupuis Rink Building and the Madawaska Fire Hall.

- Discussed the deficiencies/concerns provided in the reports. The recommendation for a ramp at the Mervin Dupuis building will be discussed at the next Roads Meeting.
- Clarification is required pertaining to the format being used on the reports. Staff to contact Health & Safety Inspector, Andrew Aleck for clarification.
- Staff will review the reports and correct the deficiencies.

### **Administration**

A written monthly report was provided in the council package by the Deputy-Treasurer, Natasha Hinze.

Verbally discussed:

- A copy of the MNR Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement to be distributed to Councillors for review.

A written report was provided in the council package by CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer S. Klatt.

Verbally discussed:

- Deputy-Clerk Carla Gatley read the letter sent from the Madawaska Public School in regards to the misunderstanding for the rental of March 13 at the Madawaska Complex.
- Office will be closed on April 22, 2016 for staff training of WHMIS and Bill 168, Violence & Harassment in the Workplace. Council welcome to attend.

### **Roads**

A written report was provided in the council package by Works Superintendent D. Gatley:

Verbally discussed:

- Victoria Lake Road at Blue Sea Creek undermined late this afternoon and the works department are on site and will notify the two people that are on the other side of the washout and close the road for the night. Road scheduled to be repaired tomorrow.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**-Action Items

- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, RE: Municipal Officials Seminar: The Essentials of Firefighting and Firefighting 101, filed.
- Emily Tieu/MOECC, RE: Technical Support Groundwater Review Memo, bring back to Waste Management Mtg.
- Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs, RE: Seniors' Month Proclamation, resolution
- Town of Richmond Hill, RE: OMB Reform, similar to resolution received from Town of Aurora, resolution previously passed.
- Seneca Faculty of Continuing Education & Training, RE: Municipal Tax Administration Program, resolution.
- MHBC, RE: Correspondence - Consent Application for Severance # 2016-01, resolution

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE -Information Items**

### **12. NEW BUSINESS: None**

### **13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:**

**Moved by: B. Rodnick   Seconded by: J. Florent   Res. # 16-076**

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the Deputy Treasurer register for Seneca Faculty of Continuing Education & Training Municipal Tax Administration Program, Unit 1.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: D. Harper   Seconded by: J. Florent   Res. # 16-077**

**“WHEREAS Seniors’ Month** is an annual province-wide celebration;

**WHEREAS** seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

**WHEREAS** seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

**WHEREAS** their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

**WHEREAS** the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

**WHEREAS** the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

We, the Council of the Township of South Algonquin, do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2016

**Seniors’ Month** in the Township of South Algonquin and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: D. Harper   Seconded by: J. Florent   Res. # 16-078**

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of South Algonquin approves the Works Superintendent recommendation to grant RFQ2016-01-Municipal Office to Borchert’s Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc. in the amount of \$ 13,900 (excluding HST) and RFQ2016-02 for the Mervin Dupuis Building to Borchert’s Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc. in the amount of \$4,100 (excluding HST).”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent   Seconded by: D. Harper   Res. # 16-079**

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the Works Superintendent, Operations Foreman and the Municipal Operations Clerk to register for the Operations of Small Drinking Water Systems online course in the amount of \$90.40 per person (including HST).”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent   Seconded by: J. Brown   Res. # 16-080**

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of South Algonquin approves the Works Superintendent recommendation to move employee # 135 to Step 4 of the wage grid based on the completion of the favorable 6 month probationary performance appraisal effective March 28, 2016.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent   Seconded by: J. Brown   Res. # 16-081**

**“WHEREAS** Council of the Township of South Algonquin has reviewed the consent application report provided by MHBC Planning Ltd. under Section 53 of the Planning Act for a lot severance for CON 1 and 2, PT LOT 11,12, 13 and 14, 36R6464, PCL 26640 in the geographic township of Murchison, locally known as 260 All Star Resort Lane”

**“THEREFORE** Council of the Township of South Algonquin accepts the consent application and directs staff to proceed with the consent application process and include the conditions recommended in the consent application report except for Item #4 in the Planner report (cash-in-lieu of parkland payment).”

**“AND THAT** a septic site review will be included as an additional condition.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent   Seconded by: D. Harper   Res. # 16-082**

**“WHEREAS** the ban on wolf and coyote harvest in the 39 geographical townships surrounding Algonquin Provincial Park, instituted in 2001, was based on the questionable, flawed, poorly researched hypothesis of John Theberge, that Algonquin Park wolves were headed for extinction through human killing, when park wolves followed the migrating deer to yards outside the park; and

**WHEREAS** due to pressure from anti-hunting and anti-trapping groups the Ministry of Natural Resources implemented the ban before the completion of the study they had commissioned to

collect scientific information on the status of the Eastern wolf in and around Algonquin Park;  
and

**WHEREAS** further research by Dr. Brent Patterson in 2006 suggests that the majority of wolf mortality was from natural causes, including, but not limited to interaction with other wolves;  
and

**WHEREAS** the document, “ Proposed Strategy For Wolves In Ontario”, released by the Ontario Ministry Of Natural Resources in November 2004 states that “ Public safety and the protection of private property are important factors to consider”, and further states that decisions are based in an open and transparent manner, which considers all available ecological, social and economic information; and

**WHEREAS** in 2010 after being petitioned by the Township of South Algonquin with numerous documented cases of interaction between wolves and humans, the Ministry of Natural Resources completely ignored their own policy of public safety and continued the harvesting ban; and

**WHEREAS** there is ample anecdotal evidence that the ban created an immediate and dramatic increase in the wolf population inside and around the perimeter of Algonquin Park and has negatively affected the moose, deer and beaver populations in the 39 geographical townships surrounding Algonquin Provincial Park; and

**WHEREAS** there is also evidence that wolf and coyote predation has affected livestock and family pets; and

**WHEREAS** numerous wolf and coyote sightings and interaction between humans and wolves/coyotes seems to indicate that at least some wolves/coyotes have lost all fear of human contact; and

**WHEREAS** wolf and coyote hunting and trapping provides income for outfitters and trappers in the areas suffering from economic downturns; and

**WHEREAS** predator control assists in the management of all furbearers and wildlife in general; and

**WHEREAS** policy posting #012-6074 reveals new population objectives for Wildlife Management Units across Ontario;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Township of South Algonquin petitions the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to rescind the wolf and coyote harvesting ban in the 39 geographical townships bordering Algonquin Provincial Park; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this motion be forwarded to all municipalities bordering on Algonquin Provincial Park asking for their support and that copies of this motion be sent to John Yakabuski MPP, Renfrew- Nipissing- Pembroke, Laurie Scott MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes- Brock, Norm Miller MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka and Vic Fedeli MPP, Nipissing; and

Be it finally resolved that copies of this motion and all supporting motions be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Honourable Bill Mauro, Suite 6630, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Whitney Block, 99 Wellesley Street West, Toronto Ontario, M7A 1W3.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: D. Harper**

**Res. # 16-083**

“**WHEREAS** Mary Bordowitz (Cenzura) was born and raised in the geographic township of Sabine, and later her and her husband Fred, who was a Council member in the Township of Airy, owned a country store in the hamlet of Whitney, which provided quality customer service and products to all, delivering groceries throughout the community and basically providing banking services to everyone.

**WHEREAS** Mary was a naturally talented person, and widely recognized for her painting of landscapes, portraits and construction of apple head figures also shared her abilities providing lessons for the public and was an active person volunteering in the Community; and

**WHEREAS** Mary will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends at Mill Creek Care Centre, 286 Hurst Drive, Barrie, Ontario.

**THEREFORE** Council agrees that a floral arrangement will be sent to her, to arrive between 2-4 on April 9, 2016, congratulating her, on behalf of the Mayor, Staff, Council, and the residents of the Township.”

**-Carried-**

#### **14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: None**

#### **15. BY-LAWS:**

##### **FIRST and SECOND READING**

**Moved by: B. Rodnick**

**Seconded by: J. Brown**

**Res. # 16-084**

“**BEING A BY-LAW** to provide for the stopping up and closing parts of the shore road allowance along Hay Lake in front of Lot 6 Concession 9 Summer Resort Location GT 123 and described as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 36R-13884 and part of the road allowance

abutting Lot 6 Concession 9 Summer Resort Location GT 123 and described as Part 5 on Reference Plan 36R-13884 in the Geographic Township of Sabine, in the Township of South Algonquin, in the District of Nipissing and that it be read a first and second time and be referred to a committee of the whole council.”

**-Carried-**

**THIRD and FINAL READING**

**Moved by: J. Brown**

**Seconded by: B. Rodnick**

**Res. # 16-085**

“**BEING A BY-LAW** to provide for the stopping up and closing parts of the shore road allowance along Hay Lake in front of Lot 6 Concession 9 Summer Resort Location GT 123 and described as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 36R-13884 and part of the road allowance abutting Lot 6 Concession 9 Summer Resort Location GT 123 and described as Part 5 on Reference Plan 36R-13884 in the Geographic Township of Sabine, in the Township of South Algonquin, in the District of Nipissing and that it be read a third time and passed and numbered **16-500** and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO/Clerk Treasurer-sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be entered in the By-Law Book.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: B. Rodnick**

**Seconded by: J. Florent**

**Res. #16-086**

“**THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the payment of all bills as recorded for the meeting of April 7, 2016 and included in their council package Batch 2016-0030 to Batch 2016-0032 for \$11,193.57 and Batch 2016-0034 for \$70,073.61 and Batch 2016-0036 for \$57,171.50 (as presented at the table)”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: B. Rodnick**

**Seconded by: D. Harper**

**Res. # 16-087**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the regular meeting of April 7, 2016, at 9:05 p.m.”

**-Carried-**

The next council meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The next Roads/Waste Management Committee meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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~~Mayor Jane Dumas~~  
Councillor Shalla

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Deputy Clerk Carla Gatley

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Municipal Operations Clerk Tracy Cannon  
Recording Secretary