

December 7, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, December 7, 2017 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Council Meeting.

Present- Mayor Dumas
Councillor John Brown
Councillor Sandra Collins
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Bill Rodnick
Councillor Richard Shalla

Staff- Holly Hayes, CAO/ Clerk –Treasurer
Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent
Carla Gatley, Deputy Clerk-Recording Secretary

Regrets- Councillor Dave Harper

1. OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Unfinished Business- Landsdown Avenue /Jocko Lane Letter to Residents

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: S. Collins

Seconded by: R. Shalla

Res. # 17-232

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the regular Council meeting of December 7, 2017.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS: None

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: J. Brown

Res. # 17-233

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Roads Committee meeting of October 11, 2017 as circulated and amended.”

-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: S. Collins

Res. # 17-234

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 2, 2017 as circulated.”

-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: S. Collins

Res. # 17-235

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting of November 2, 2017 as circulated and amended.”

-Carried-

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer circulated a letter for residents on Landsdown Avenue regarding changing the name of the first section of the road to Jocko Lane. Councillor Florent and D. Gatley will go to the location tomorrow and provide a measurement to be included in the letter and to mark the location. The letter will be mailed to residents after the measurement is provided.

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

Whitney Recreation

Councillor Shalla verbally reported he attended a recreation meeting:

-Discussion on Christmas Celebrations- there will be a breakfast with Santa. H. Hayes reported that there will be a parade later that same day.

-Tania Jermol stepped down as Chair of the Committee; Joe Avery was nominated and accepted

the position.

-A family has approached J. Avery offering to hold a Raise the Roof fundraising event on the Friday of the long weekend in August.

Administration

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

Verbally Reported:

- Discussion on requirement to offer participation in Omers Pension Plan if part time employees meet criteria. Staff will send letters to those that are eligible.
- Wi-fi will be purchased for use while the day care is at the Lester Smith; may want to consider keeping the wi-fi there for residents to use.
- Would like to cook breakfast for the staff on December 19th at 7:00 a.m. at the Madawaska Hall. Council gave permission to open the municipal office at 10:00 a.m. that day.
- Requested to take the first week of January off for holidays. C. Gatley and T. Cannon will attend the council meeting of January 4th.
- Had a request from the organizers of the Santa Claus Parade for a township truck to drive Santa in. Council approved.
- Scheduled a Human Resources and Administration Meeting for January 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Public Works/Operations

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

Verbally Reported:

- Meeting with Jp2g and the MOECC has been postponed until early January.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- B. G. Baker, RE: Request for Hydrological Diversion, *filed- D. Gatley spoke with Mr. Baker*
- National Eating Disorder Information Centre, RE: Eating Disorder Awareness Week, *filed*
- Mayor Dumas, RE: Letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, *resolution*

11. CORRESPONDENCE -Information Items

12. NEW BUSINESS: -None

13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: J. Brown

Seconded by: J. Florent

Res. # 17-236

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the use of the Lester Smith Building by Kidz Kastle for before and after child care starting January 8, 2018.”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: J. Brown

Res. # 17-237

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves delaying opening the Township office until 10 am on December 19th so that staff can attend a Christmas Breakfast, which will be provided, by Holly for all staff at the Madawaska Hall.”

-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: B. Rodnick

Res. # 17-238

“WHEREAS Section 34 (10.0.0.1) of the Planning Act states that when a jurisdiction's comprehensive Zoning By-law is repealed and replaced no person or public body shall submit an application for an amendment to the By-law before the second anniversary of the day on which the council passed the By-law; and

WHEREAS Section 34 (10.0.0.2) permits that Council may declare by resolution that Section 34 (10.0.0.1) does not apply to a specific Zoning By-law Amendment application, a class of Zoning By-law Amendment applications or Zoning By-law Amendment applications generally; and

WHEREAS Section 45 (1.3) of the Planning Act states that no person shall apply for a minor variance before the second anniversary of the day on which a by-law is amended; and

WHEREAS Section 45 (1.4) permits that Council may declare by resolution that Section 45 (1.3) does not apply in respect of such minor variance applications generally.

THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin declares by resolution that from this date Zoning By-Law #2017-527 amendment applications and minor variance applications will be accepted.”

-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: B. Rodnick

Res. # 17-239

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the hiring of Terrence Girouard and Jake Proulx as the Madawaska Rink Attendants for the 2017/2018 season; at Step #1 of the Recreation Wage grid.”

-Carried-

Moved by: S. Collins

Seconded by: J. Brown

Res. # 17-240

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the use of the Madawaska Hall for Chair Yoga on Monday afternoons starting in January.”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: R. Shalla

Res. # 17-241

“WHEREAS Council requested that staff report on the feasibility of changing the level of service on Victoria Lake Road, and

“WHEREAS the Staff report has been provided to council for review and consideration,

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin directs staff to implement Alternative as outlined below:

- 1- Maintain the level of service as a Class 6 Road.
- 2- Plan a replacement of the culvert at Blue Sea Creek with an appropriate replacement.
- 3- Approach the property owner of that portion of Clancy Township that is privately owned to partner with the Township in financing the cost of the replacement.”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Brown

Seconded by: J. Florent

Res. # 17-242

“WHEREAS, the Township of South Algonquin received the report of the Minister’s Expert Panel on Public Health: “Public Health within an Integrated Health System”; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Township of South Algonquin has significant concerns regarding the recommendations of the Expert Panel to integrate a population health approach into local planning and service delivery; and

WHEREAS, there is an apparent lack of empirical evidence base upon which the recommendations are founded; and

WHEREAS, the current mandate of public health to prevent disease, protect, and promote health should remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, public health must remain distinct from acute care health services and Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in terms of role, funding, governance, and accountability in order for public health to focus on a more upstream approach, the causes of poor health or the social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, the important linkages with local communities for programming, understanding local needs, and leveraging these partnerships will be undermined; and

WHEREAS, regionalization of public health units with centralized decision-making will have significant negative consequences for local public health and municipalities:

- Less municipal representation (400 Board of Health members reduced to approximately 180) and loss of local voice in governing and directing public health programs and services to understand and meet the needs of our communities;
- Substantial delays in responding to local program and service needs especially during emergencies;
- Adding another layer of bureaucracy resulting in increased costs and inefficiencies;
- Governance structure will not be flexible enough to meet/adjust/respond to local needs and negatively impact vulnerable priority populations;
- Potential loss of important local services fundamental to day-to-day public health unit operations and efficiencies (i.e., corporate services, finance, planning and evaluation, communications, information technology, etc.);
- Key positions (chair, vice-chair, finance, etc.) on regional boards of health should not be appointed Orders in Council to avoid political influence/interference; and

WHEREAS, the current cost-shared provincial/municipal funding formula (75%-25%) will not support the implementation of the proposed recommendations; and

WHEREAS, LHIN boundaries should be reconfigured to align with municipal, local public health, education, and social service boundaries to support their relationships with local public health and population health and health care system planning; and

WHEREAS public health can be integrated into the health care system without the significant system disruption, enormous cost, and risk of eroding community valued Public Health programs and services that would result with implementation of the Expert Panel’s recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of South Algonquin does not support the recommendations of the Expert Panel and is in agreement with the Association of

The next council meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jane A. E. Dumas

Holly Hayes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Deputy Clerk Carla Gatley
Recording Secretary