

January 9, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, January 9, 2014 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Council Meeting.

Present- Mayor Jane Dumas Staff- Harold Luckasavitch Clerk Treasurer
Councillor Joe Florent Tracy Cannon, Administrative Assistant-Recording Secretary
Councillor Dave Harper
Councillor Sid James
Councillor Bill Rodnick
Councillor Richard Shalla
Councillor Linda Thom

Mayor Dumas called to order the January 9, 2014 Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin at 7:02 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: B. Rodnick Seconded by: L. Thom Res. # 14-001

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the agenda as circulated for the regular Council meeting of January 9, 2014.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

- Councillor Shalla - Payment of Accounts

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS:

- Offer of Employment – Successful Candidate (Closed Session)

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: L. Thom Seconded by: B. Rodnick Res. # 14-002

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2013 as circulated and amended.”

-Carried-

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Report

Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- A local resident approached Councillor Florent inquiring about the use of the Madawaska Rink after hours. A donation was offered to help cover expenses. H. Luckasavitch will contact the interested party and confirm a date and if the user still would like to make a donation to the Recreation Committee it would be appreciated, however a donation would not be necessary.
- CPR/First Aid Training will be available on January 20th in Madawaska and in Whitney on January 21st. It was suggested that staff requiring the training should schedule a location.

Recreation Report- Madawaska: None

Fire Report- Madawaska: None

Fire Report- Whitney: None

Recreation Report- Whitney:

Councillor Shalla verbally reported:

- Satellite dish at the Lester Smith Building is now working. Thank you to staff for making the arrangements.
- Inquiry – If notification is being sent to committee members when the Township newsletters are being prepared. It was noted that a mass email by administration is sent to Township committees 3 weeks in advance informing members of the release.
- Discussion regarding the Hall Rental Agreement and how volunteers are to deal with disturbances. This document to be made available to committee members.

Administration Report

Clerk-Treasurer H. Luckasavitch provided a written report:

- An application for the rehabilitation of Ayleen Lake Road for the Small, Rural, and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund (SRNMIF) Capital Program has been sent. A confirmation that the application was received has been attained.
- Township Office will be closed for web site training on January 28th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Auditor, Rick Eustace, CA of Welch LLP is scheduled to begin our year end 2013 audit mid-February.
- Discussion regarding H. Luckasavitch's suggestion to consider in the 2014 budget changing the oil furnaces to propane at the Lester Smith Building and the Mervin Dupuis Building. Staff to prepare cost benefit analysis between oil and propane. The Lester Smith Building has recently run out of oil and the concern is the amount of oil the building is consuming. H. Luckasavitch to advise the Whitney Rink Attendant to monitor hot water usage in the Zamboni, as the hot water is being heated by oil.
- Alternate cleaners have been scheduled for the Municipal Office and the Multipurpose Building.
- H. Luckasavitch will set up a meeting with Dale Rutledge to see what the fee would be to set up a Service Agreement for all the Township furnaces.

Moved by: D. Harper

Seconded by: S. James

Res. # 14-003

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin move into a closed session of Council at 7:41 p.m. to consider subject matter regarding labour relations or employee negotiations, regarding the hiring of a Works Superintendent.”

-Carried-

Moved by: B. Rodnick

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res. #14-005

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the closed session of Council, on January 9, at 8:46 p.m.”

-Carried-

Council took approximately a 10 minute recess

Roads Report

H. Luckasavitch-Clerk Treasurer provided a written report on behalf of the Works Superintendent:

- All snow banks on the roadways in Whitney were pushed back.
- Snow removal was completed on Ottawa Street.
- The Works Foreman is scheduled to return to work on Monday.
- Heater at the Madawaska Works Garage failed-New heater was purchased.
- Ford F150 Truck #22 is now operational. It took approximately three (3) weeks for Ford to ship the rear brakes.
- Winter tires have been installed on the 1 Ton - Ford F450, Truck #20.
- Waste Compactor is scheduled for Monday, January 13th at Valley Truck and Springs for an Emissions Recall.
- All smaller trucks have been undercoated.
- Discussion regarding the installation of the anti-rust devices on the smaller trucks.
- Discussion regarding a letter received from a resident on Pigeon Lane. It was determined that the Pigeon Lane sign will be removed and residents on that Lane will resume back to their original address of 681 North McKenzie Lake Road, however there will be a qualifier letter of A added and the property adjacent to the concerned resident will be tagged as 681 B North McKenzie Lake Road.

