



South Algonquin Township Newsletter

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Civic Addressing

The Township is currently in the process of implementing the 9-1-1 system. The system is not in effect at this time. Emergency calls are to be directed to the previous emergency numbers. The Township will send out a notification of when the 9-1-1 system is active.

Building Department

Just a reminder for residents requiring a Building or Septic Permit that it is required to send payment and a detailed drawing. Sketches are not acceptable with the application. Electronic applications are not accepted. Application packages are available at the Township Office.

Emergency Services

Please remember that it is the responsibility of the homeowner/renter to ensure that driveways are kept clear of snow and other obstacles to enable emergency service vehicles access to your residence.

Load Restrictions

In accordance with the provisions of By-law No. 07-268, certain roadways will be posted and enforced for load restrictions. The reduced load period is deemed necessary to ensure the movement of people and goods by protecting the roadways during the spring thaw. Reduced load restriction signs will be erected in the appropriate locations at the direction of the Works Superintendent when conditions warrant.

Council

MAYOR

Jane Dumas
613-637-5261 (H) 613-332-8357 (C) mayor.tsa@xplornet.ca

COUNCILLORS

Airy Ward(01)

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Sid James 613-637-2772 latherguy@nexicom.net

Dickens Ward(02)

Bill Rodnick 613-756-7016 bkrodnick@gmail.com

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Joe Florent 613-637-2139 j-florent@hotmail.com

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Richard Shalla 613-637-2114 richard.shalla@gmail.com

Ontario Electronic Stewardship Program

Electronic recycling program is in full operation at the Whitney Landfill Site. Please review the website or contact the municipal office for a complete list of acceptable items. Residents of Murchison, Lyell and Dickens can drop off their electronic waste at the Murchison Landfill Site and it will be transported to the Whitney site. When taking electronic waste to either landfill site please notify the attendant so these materials can be placed in the storage unit.

Library Hours

Whitney Public Library -613-637-5471

Tuesday 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday 11:00am to 6:00pm

Thursday 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Looking for volunteer board members from the Whitney area. CNIB Daisy Reader now available with many titles for children and adults with visual difficulties.

Madawaska Public Library -613-637-1099

Monday 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Tuesday 10:00pm to 12:00pm 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Thursday 12:30pm to 3:00pm 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Reminder: anyone under the age of 10 must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Medical Centre

27 Medical Centre Road 613-637-2170
Whitney, ON K0J 2M0

Regular Office Hours for the Medical Centre are:

Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Emergency Contacts

Hospitals:

- St. Francis Memorial Hospital (Barry's Bay).....(613) 756-3044
- North Hastings District Hospital (Bancroft).....(613) 332-2825
- Whitney Medical Centre.....(613) 637-2170

Ambulance:

- Ambulance Service (Barry's Bay).....(613) 756-3090

Police:

- OPP Emergency Call.....1-888-310-1122
- OPP Whitney Station.....(613) 637-2622
- OPP Killaloe Station.....(613) 757-2600

Fire Departments:

Township of South Algonquin Fire Dept. - Whitney Station for residents in Airy and Sabine Wards and the West side of Lyell Ward, Hwy.#127

Non-Emergency Calls Contact

- Chief, Brian August.....(613) 637-5555
- *Emergency Calls Only*.....(613) 637-2002

Township of South Algonquin Fire Dept. –

Madawaska Station for residents in Dickens and Murchison Wards and the east side of Lyell Ward, Hwy. #523

Non-Emergency Calls Contact

- Chief Aurel Thom.....(613) 637-5533
- *Emergency Calls Only*.....(613) 637-5556

Community Emergency Management Coordinator:

- Brian Ackney.(613) 334-2072

Canine Control:

- Township of South Algonquin Animal Control.....(613) 637-2650 ext 203

Road Conditions:-Township of South Algonquin

- Roads Dept.....(613) 637-2650 ext 203

Recreation News

Whitney Recreation

Skate-A-Thon -Feb 2, 10-2 pm

Valentine Day Pot Luck Feb 14, 5:00 pm. Every one welcome. Call Joe by Feb 9th. 613-334-6200 to pre-order a Rose for your Valentine.

Kids and Cops Fishing Derby- Feb 16. 10:00 am. Kids 16 and under. Lunch, drinks and prizes. FREE TO ALL.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance- March 16, 5:00 pm.

March Break FREE events all week with lunch for kids. More info will be available closer to the date. If anyone has any questions call Joe Avery at 613-334-6200.

The Whitney Rec. Committee would like to thank the following people for all their hard work and countless volunteer hours. Each person will be missed in many ways: Janice Chynoweth, Hilary Francis, Sandra Courneyea, Joyce Tansley. Thank you again for everything you have done in the past year.

Murchison & Lyell Recreation

Our Rink is open daily – weather permitting.

Broomball Tournament – February 10 at 9 am. Participants must be at least 9 years old. Cost is \$2.00 per person. Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Drinks will be available.

At the Community Hall:

Free Exercise Sessions every Wednesday starting January 23, from 1- 2 pm.

Bunko – February 20 at 6:30 pm. Come and bring a friend.

Pot Luck Dinner Every 3rd Tuesday of the month. at 5:30 pm. Adults only. Bring a dish of your choice and enjoy the evening with others from the Community.

Afternoon Socials Every Tuesday (except Pot Luck Tues.) 1:00 pm

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre - February 16 at 6:30 pm. It is a 1950's theme, the meal will be hamburgers, fries, dessert and a beverage. Tickets are \$10.00 - restricted to 18 yrs. and over. Call Brenda for tickets –613- 637 - 2029.

Spaghetti Dinner – February 23 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Cost \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for children under 10 and 2 and under eat free.

Madawaska Maplefest – April 6, The Madawaska Maple Products Sugar Bush, 4199 on Hwy 523, will be open to visitors from 10am – 2pm. Stop by for Taffy on the snow, Hot Chocolate or Coffee and find out how the sap is processed.

Maple Brunch – April 7, 9am to 1pm. Brunch consists of: Maple Syrup, pancakes, bacon, sausages, scrambled eggs, homemade fresh bread, baked beans, home fries, muffins, jams & jellies, juice, coffee and tea. Cost: Adults - \$9. per plate, Children 10 and under - \$5. per plate. 2 and under eat free.

Trivia Night – Monday April 29 at 7 pm. **sharp**. Cost is \$10. per person with 6 people on a team. Get a TEAM together and come to join the fun.

Annual Duck Race – May 26 – place for the race will be determined by the water levels in the creeks. Time and place will be posted well in advance.

Softball will begin in May as soon as weather permits.

Waste /Disposal News

Airy and Lyell Waste Disposal Sites will be open on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Please note: The Spring/Summer Waste Collection Calendar will be enclosed with the Interim Tax Bill. Please keep this calendar for reference.

Fire News

Fire Safety Tips For Cold Weather: Burn dry, well-seasoned wood in fireplaces and woodstoves to reduce the risk of excessive creosote build-up in chimneys. Allow ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.

-Keep intake and exhaust vents for furnaces and heating appliances free of ice and snow accumulations to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide build-up from inefficient combustion. Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to alert you to the presence of this deadly gas.

-Keep space heaters at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn, including curtains, upholstery, and clothing.

-Replace worn or damaged electrical wires and connections on vehicles and extension cords and use the proper gauge extension cord for vehicle block heaters.

-Consider using approved timers for vehicle block heaters rather than leaving heaters on all night.

-Ensure that vehicles are not left running inside any garage or building.

-Install smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. Develop and practise a home fire escape plan so that everyone knows what to do if a fire occurs.

Important Fire Safety Tips During Power Outages:

-To reduce fire risk during a power outage, the Office of the Fire Marshal recommends following the following safety tips.

-Electrically-connected smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms will not work when the power is out. Homeowners should ensure they have battery-operated smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to provide early warning of fire and carbon monoxide.

-During a power outage, families should make sure electric stove elements and small appliances are OFF or unplugged to prevent fires from starting when the electricity is restored. Everyone should know how to get out immediately if there is a fire.

-Cordless phones will not work when the power is out, so it is recommended to have at least one phone that does not require electricity to operate.

-Use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns instead of candles or hurricane lamps. If using candles, place them in a secure holder and cover them with a glass chimney.

-Propane and charcoal barbecues are for outdoor use only. Do not bring them inside.

-Only use portable space heaters that have been designed for indoor use and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Provide adequate ventilation by opening a window slightly while the heater is in use. Before refueling, turn off the heater, wait for it to cool and take the heater outside to refuel.

-Purchase generators with recognized approval labels. Make sure the unit has proper connection receptacles and circuit breakers.

-Portable generators should only be used outdoors and carefully located to ensure that exhaust fumes do not enter the home. Allow the generator to cool before refuelling. Refuel the generator outside, following the manufacturer's instructions. Store fuel for the generator in approved containers, outside the home.

Whitney Seniors New Outlook

Valentine's Day Pot Luck February 7th. Social hour 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm.

St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck March 18th. Social hour 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm.

Trivia Night April 3rd - Call Elaine Szczygiel 613-637-2193 or Paula Stewart 613-637-2133 by March 27th for pre-registration.

Winter Schedule of Activities:

Mild Aerobics - Mon and Wed 10:30 a.m.

Shuffleboard - Mon and Wed 1:15 p.m.

Euchre - Tue 7:00 p.m.

Algonquin Land Claim

On December 12, 2012 the Algonquin Land Claim Agreement in Principal was released to the general public including a map outlining parcels of Crown Lands being proposed for transfer to Algonquin ownership within the Township of South Algonquin. For a complete overview of the AIP, material is accessible through the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs website at <http://www.ontario.ca/landclaims> Hard copies of the AIP which does not include Appendix 15.2, being the ratification voting rules can be purchased from the municipal office at a cost of \$5.00 per copy to cover printing costs. We ask that you please call 613-637-2650 in advance to order your copy as this is a large document and copies will not be printed ahead of time. It is the purchaser's responsibility to make arrangements to have the copy picked up at the office as copies will not be mailed out at this price.

General Contact Information

Municipal Office Open Monday – Friday

8:30am -4:00 pm. The office is closed on **All Statutory Holidays** – and will be closed on February 18th, March 29th and April 1st.

Township of South Algonquin

Municipal Office..... (613) 637-2650

Works Garage (Madawaska).....(613)637-5343

Township of South Algonquin Recreation Facilities

Madawaska Complex. (613) 637-1109

Lester B. Smith Bldg.. (613) 637-9963

To rent a facility for any event, including funerals, contact Carla at (613)637-2650 ext200

Taxation Update

Interim Tax Billing:

Tax bills will be sent out the first week of March with due dates of March 31 and April 30.

The Interim taxes equal 50 per cent of your previous year's taxes adjusted for any supplementary taxes or cancellations done for a portion of the year, as if the additional taxes or cancellation had applied for the entire year. For accounts that did not exist in the previous year, interim taxes will be approximately 50 percent of a full year's taxes.

Payment Options:

*At your local financial institutions, by telephone or on line banking (please use your roll number 4801- XXX-XXX-XXXX and omit the last 4 zeros)

*By mail

*Arrangements with postdated cheques accepted

*Cash or Cheques at the Twp office 8:30a.m-4:00pm. at 7 Third Avenue in Whitney (no credit cards or debit accepted)

*Drop Box available outside the Twp. office

Address Changes: Please notify the office if your current mailing address has changed or is incorrect (if emailing or leaving a message please list all applicable roll numbers)

Administration News

Congratulations to Administrative Assistant Carla Gatley, on successful completion of the four units and comprehensive exam of the Municipal Administration Program offered by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.

Official Plan Update

The Official Plan has been forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Ministry is requesting modifications pertaining to fish habitat, potential aggregate resources, habitat of threatened and endangered species, etc. before final adoption is received. Municipal Affairs and Housing have until November 22nd, 2012 to compile a complete list of modifications.

The next step would be for Council to address all modifications required by way of passing a resolution. It is anticipated that the Official Plan will not receive consent until Mid 2013.

TIP FOR A GOOD LIFE

Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. Buy a lock if you have to

Dog Tags

Residents of the Township of South Algonquin who own or harbour dogs are required by **BY-LAW #12-430** to purchase a DOG TAG for each animal they are responsible for. Dog tags are issued for a fee of \$10.00 for the lifetime of the dog. Dog tags are not transferable. They can be purchased at the Municipal Office located at 7 Third Avenue in Whitney.

For dog owners registered with the National Kennel Club please contact the Municipal Office for further information on applicable fees.

All dog owners in the Township of South Algonquin are to be advised that any dogs captured that are not wearing a tag will be taken to the dog pound facilities in Bonnechere Township - Eganville. As per **BY-LAW#12-430** the dog owner will be required to pay the stated costs at the Municipal Office prior to authorization being given to have the dog released. These costs will be in excess of \$200.00

Emergency Management

With ice storms, floods, or house fires that leave families homeless, every 4 hours someone in Canada needs disaster relief. The Canadian Red Cross helps by meeting basic needs, and providing help and hope. Our Disaster Management Team is seeking volunteers to respond to emergencies in Renfrew County and the Township of South Algonquin. To give back to your community, meet people, have new experiences, and help your neighbours in times of crisis, volunteer for the Red Cross! Contact RenfrewDM@redcross.ca or call 1-800-850-9777.

Pic of the Past



Do you know what year this school bus is and who owned it?

Answer from last newsletter: Picture was of the Round House, Water Tower and Freight Sheds in Madawaska.

