

July 16, 2015

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, July 16, 2015 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Council Meeting.

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| Present- Mayor Dumas | Staff- Sue Klatt CAO/ Clerk –Treasurer |
| Councillor John Brown | Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent |
| Councillor Joe Florent | Tracy Cannon, Operations Clerk-Recording Secretary |
| Councillor Dave Harper | Fire Chief Aurel Thom |
| Councillor Bill Rodnick | Fire Chief Brian August |
| Councillor Richard Shalla | |
| Councillor Linda Thom | |

Guest: Jamie Robinson, Project Planner of MHBC Planning Limited

2. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Petitions, Delegations and/or Presentation - Patrick Towns, Planner of MHBC Planning Limited was unable to attend.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: J. Brown

Res. # 15-179

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the regular Council meeting of July 16, 2015.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Payment of Accounts - Councillor Brown & Councillor Shalla

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS:

Jamie Robinson, Project Planner of MHBC Planning Limited provided a planning services introduction and Mayor Dumas and each Councillor gave a brief introduction and background of themselves.

Mr. Robinson also described what planning entails, such as how the official plan is a policy and sets out the goals and the objectives of the municipality and how the Provincial Policy Statement sets the standard of the Province. The zoning by-law is the applicable law and is a very important document. It sets the land uses, setbacks etc. Mr. Robinson also stated how municipalities use planners; explained the consent process and delivery service options.

A planning meeting was scheduled for August 25th 7 p.m. for the Planning 101 session with staff and council. Council will provide the Operations Clerk with a list of concerned topics pertaining to planning prior to the August 25th meeting.

5 minute recess

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: D. Harper

Seconded by: J. Florent

Res. # 15-180

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 2, 2015 as circulated and amended.”

-Carried-

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Cleaning of the furnace room at the Mervin Dupuis Building has taken place. Water has damaged the drywall in the women's washroom as well. Works Department will check to ensure no further damage has occurred. May have to replace damaged drywall.
- The hot water heater at the Lester Smith Building is now running on electricity.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Letter to a concerned resident regarding access at Poverty Lake has been composed but has not been sent at this time; however there has been dialogue between staff and the individuals involved.
- The dangerous tree at Whitney Beach will be taken down next week and staff will look into additional picnic tables.
- "No Smoking" signs have been erected. A review of the no smoking signs will be conducted and additional signs will be installed if necessary.
- The additional barbeque for Tom & Mick Murray Park has not been located. Staff will review stock and if required additional barbeques will be budgeted for during the budget process.

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

Whitney Fire Department

A written report was provided in the council package by Chief August.

Discussions included:

- Tanker Drafting/Different Type of Lift
- There was one EMS assist with Boggan/Sleigh and one burning permit issued.
- Attended the Fire Chief's meeting in Cobden and a letter will be forwarded to Council in regards to the aging equipment in Renfrew County's Communication System.
- Municipal Operations Clerk stated that it was reported by Kathy Noblett, Bell Canada that TAS Page currently has all their equipment updated and are compatible with 9-1-1.
- MNRF has notified Chief August that any day burning permits issued are required to be reported to MNRF.
- Chief August thanked Fire Chief Thom and all South Algonquin fire fighters for all the assistance in fighting the fire at Brown's Auto. Special thanks also went out to Charbonneau's Freshmart for donating the food for the crew and to the municipal staff for the road control.
- Some members of the Whitney Fire Department are qualified to perform the fire truck inspections. Chief August will make a recommendation to Council.

Madawaska Fire Department

A written report was provided in the council package by Chief Thom.

Discussions included:

- One vehicle fire.
- Rescue sled required.
- Minutes and other documents were forwarded to the CAO/Clerk Treasurer.
- Great display and turnout for the fireworks on July 1st.
- Waiting for contact information from a resident regarding a letter that is required for insurance purposes from the Township regarding fire services in the area of Reids Lane.
- CAO/Clerk Treasurer contacted Fire Marque and they will make presentation to all interested fire departments and we could host the presentation at the Madawaska Complex. Chief Thom will provide the necessary contacts to the CAO/Clerk Treasurer.

South Algonquin Public Library

A written report was provided in the council package.

Discussions included:

- It was recommended that the library board offer more functions/activities for children.

Roads

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

Discussions included:

- Calcium application in progress. Discussion regarding the calcium process and a review of the roads that receive calcium will be reviewed at the next Roads Meeting.
- Brushing operations has begun.
- Emily Tieu, MOECC attended both landfill sites. A written report will be forwarded.
- Remaining tree cleanup on South McKenzie Lake Road will be conducted.
- Staff to speak to Pecarski Paving Ltd. regarding the placement of gravel at the Whitney Fire Hall.
- As the parking at the EMS Building is sometimes used for parking of large vehicles/equipment. It was recommended when parking township equipment/vehicles, staff should be considerate that there is adequate space available for others to park.
- Wash board corners on Aylen Lake Road have been recently graded.
- Next Roads/Waste Management Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th.

Administration

A written report was provided at the table by CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer S. Klatt:

Discussion included:

- Grant Accessibility approval of \$3,270.00 for Madawaska Complex door openers.
- Grant Accessibility approval of \$2,594.00 for Seniors Building lighting and handicap door opener.
- Canada Day Grant for \$3000.00 was approved. This will cover both Whitney Recreation and Madawaska Recreation fireworks, a portion of the bouncy castle and some licensing and food expenses. Funds will be transferred to respective fundraising accounts once all invoices are received.
- Thank you letters will be sent out at the end of the week for Canada Day Volunteers.
- MMAH has agreed to extend the deadline for the ODRAP funding.
- As requested by the Whitney Recreation Committee a response letter was sent to a concerned resident regarding profanity during a recreation activity. Council directed staff to forward a letter expressing that staff will examine the existing policies in place as it pertains to dress code and profanity.

A written report was provided at the table by the Deputy Treasurer:

- Reviewed and filed.

Madawaska Recreation

Councillor Thom brought forward some previous maintenance issues at the Madawaska Complex. Staff made note and will look into the concerns.

Madawaska Fire

Councillor Florent attended the fire department meeting and observed the hose tester. Hoses are required to be tested annually.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items

- The Corporation of the Township of Montequ, RE: Community Mailboxes, filed
- New Tecumseth, RE: Electricity Rates, filed

11. CORRESPONDENCE -Information Items

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussions regarding a verbal request to use the Lester Smith Building to host a benefit function. A resolution will be brought forward at an upcoming meeting.

13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL: None

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: None

15. BY-LAWS: None

Moved by: B. Rodnick

Seconded by: L. Thom

Res. # 15-181

“THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the payment of all bills as recorded and presented for the meeting of July 16, 2015 Batch 2015-066 in the amount of \$70,980.34” and Batch 2015-068 to 070 in the amount of \$123,139.71 (as presented at the table) .”

-Carried-

Moved by: B. Rodnick

Seconded by: R. Shalla

Res. #15-182

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the regular meeting of July 16, 2015, at 9:55 p.m.”

-Carried-

The next council meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Jane Dumas

CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Klatt

Operations Clerk, Tracy Cannon
Recording Secretary