

**March 1, 2018**

**COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

On Thursday, March 1, 2018 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 Dave Harper  
Councillor Bill Rodnick  
Councillor Richard Shalla

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

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

Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

After Item #4 – a statement from the Mayor

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by: D. Harper**

**Seconded by: J. Florent**

**Res. # 18-046**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated and amended for the regular Council meeting of March 1, 2018.”

**-Carried-**

**4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None**

**A Statement from Mayor Dumas:**

“As the Head of Council it is my duty to enforce and maintain, on all occasions, the observance of order and decorum among Members and any and all persons present during the proceedings. At the February 1, 2018 Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin statements were made during a delegate presentation and later during council discussion directed to Councillor Joe Florent.

The Township Procedural By-Law is clear on the management of conduct during Delegations. Section 5.6.9 states, “Any individual or group making delegation before Council, Committee or Local Board shall conduct themselves with decorum at all times and shall refrain from using slanderous or abusive statements or behaviours.”

Further Section 5.6.10 of the Procedural By-Law states, “If the Chair/Presiding Officer determines that decorum has been breached, the delegation will be immediately stopped and the offender provided an opportunity to retract their statements and apologize to Council or Committee.”

Furthermore, the Township Procedural By-Law speaks to the Duty of the Head of Council, Presiding Officer or Chair during a Council meeting.

Section 4.11.6 states, it is the Duty of the Head of Council “to restrain Members within the Rules of Order, when engaged in debate”; and

Section 4.11.7 states it is the duty of the Head of Council “to enforce and maintain on all occasions, the observance of order and decorum among Members and any and all persons present during the proceedings”;



## **7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Councillor Florent thanked Mayor Dumas for apologizing.
- Discussion on procedure for reintroducing the by-law for changing the name of Landsdown Avenue to Jocko Lane. Also discussed the possibility of introducing a motion to change the name to a combination of the two names. Talked about the possibility of having a meeting with the delegations to discuss a monument. There was a suggestion of naming a nearby private drive that has four residential dwellings Jocko Lane.

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

### **Fire**

A written report was provided in the council package by Fire Chief J. Stubbs.

Verbally Reported:

- Has one new recruitment and one pending.
- Discussed new proposed regulations under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act calling for mandatory training and certification for firefighters. The proposed regulations will cause a hardship for small volunteer-based stations. The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer will write a letter asking for an extension and reconsideration.
- The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer and the two Fire Chiefs met last Friday and reviewed the Burning By-Law and the Establish a Fire Department By-Law.
- Procedure for new recruits should be that volunteer packages are picked up from the township office and then taken to the fire chief.
- The March 15, 2018 Human Resources and Administration meeting has been changed to a Budget and Fire Committee Meeting.

*Fire Chief Stubbs left at 8:02 p.m.*

### **Administration**

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

Verbally Reported:

- The Toy Bus will be in Whitney on Thursdays; there may be a day for older kids during March Break.
- Lame Duck By-Law will be presented at the next council meeting.

### **Public Works/Operations**

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

Verbally Reported:

- Generator was delivered to Madawaska on Tuesday; installation will start on Monday.
- Councillor Shalla has been doing a fabulous brushing job at Centennial Park.
- Circulated sketches of new storage containers.
- Old plow truck will be sold as a surplus.

### **Recreation**

Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- Trivia Night will be April 9<sup>th</sup> in Madawaska and May 7<sup>th</sup> in Whitney

## **Mayor**

Mayor Dumas verbally reported:

- The number of EMS calls from the Whitney site have been going up.
- Renovation work will soon be done on the former Whitney Public School in preparation for DNSSAB use.

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

- Chief Corwin Quade/Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association, RE: Fire Medic Resolution, *resolution*
- Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association, RE: Mandatory Training and Mandatory Risk Assessments, *staff to send a letter*

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

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

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

**Moved by: J. Florent                      Seconded by: D. Harper                      Res. # 18-052**

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes staff to purchase two custom used shipping containers for storage of equipment at the Works Yard at a cost of \$13,940.00 plus HST from Secure Store.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent                      Seconded by: J. Brown                      Res. # 18-053**

**“WHEREAS** Bill 160, the Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act amended the Ambulance Act to permit the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to enable two pilot projects hosted by willing municipal governments to allow fire fighters, certified as paramedics, to treat patients while on duty with a fire department; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario is committed to proceeding with the pilots and enabling the fire-medical model despite the absence of objective evidence to show that it would improve patient outcomes or response times; and

**WHEREAS** the current interest arbitration model, particularly in the fire services sector, allows arbitrators to impose awards on unwilling employers that directly impact the employer's ability to determine how it will deploy its workforce, as evidenced by the experience of many municipalities in regards to the 24-hour shift; and

**WHEREAS** in the absence of legislative protection, unwilling municipalities may be forced to enter into a pilot or adopt a fire-medical model as a result of interest arbitration; and

**WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its municipal members have called on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislative amendments to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 and the Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act to preclude arbitrators from expanding the scope of work for fire fighters and paramedics respectively through interest arbitration awards; and

**WHEREAS** there is precedent for a restriction on the scope of jurisdiction of arbitrators in section 126 of the Police Services Act which precludes arbitrators from amending the core duties of police officers; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has committed that no unwilling municipal government will have a fire-medical pilot or program imposed upon them.

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that:

1. The Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin calls on the



**THIRD READING**

**Moved by: J. Brown**

**Seconded by: R. Shalla**

**Res. # 18-059**

“**BEING A BY-LAW** to provide for the indemnity and defence of Councillors and Employees of the Township of South Algonquin against liability incurred while acting on behalf of the Township of South Algonquin and that it be read a third time and passed and numbered **18-556** 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-**

**FIRST AND SECOND READING**

**Moved by: J. Florent**

**Seconded by: D. Harper**

**Res. # 18-060**

“**BEING A BY-LAW** to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Township of South Algonquin and that it be read a first and second time and be referred to a committee of the whole council.”

**-Carried-**

**THIRD READING**

**Moved by: S. Collins**

**Seconded by: R. Shalla**

**Res. # 18-061**

“**BEING A BY-LAW** to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Township of South Algonquin and that it be read a third time and passed and numbered **18-557** 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-**

**FIRST AND SECOND READING**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: S. Collins**

**Res. # 18-062**

“**BEING A BY-LAW** to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk Treasurer to sign and execute the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund-Application Based Funding Component Agreement (2017 Top-Up Intake) and that it be read a first and second time and be referred to a committee of the whole council.”

**-Carried-**

**THIRD READING**

**Moved by: D. Harper**

**Seconded by: B. Rodnick**

**Res. # 18-063**

“**BEING A BY-LAW** to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk Treasurer to sign and execute the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund-Application Based Funding Component Agreement (2017 Top-Up Intake) and that it be read a third time and passed and numbered **18-558** 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: R. Shalla**

**Res. # 18-064**

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the payment of all bills as recorded for the meeting of March 1, 2018: Batch 2018-00008 for \$367,914.10, and Batch 2018-00010 for \$18,161.66 included in the council package and Batch 2018-00012 for \$77,142.71 as presented at the table.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: B. Rodnick**

**Seconded by: R. Shalla**

**Res. # 18-065**

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the regular meeting of March 1, 2018, at 8:51 p.m.”

**-Carried-**

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor Jane A. E. Dumas

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Holly Hayes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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Deputy Clerk Carla Gatley  
Recording Secretary