

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN**  
**SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

On Tuesday, March 19, 2019 the Social & Health Services Committee held a meeting.

Council Present:

Mayor Dumas, Chair  
Councillor Sandra Collins  
Councillor Joe Florent  
Councillor Dave Harper  
Councillor Bongo Mike Kalimin  
Councillor Richard Shalla  
Councillor Joey Vermaire

Township Staff Present:

Holly Hayes, CAO/Clerk Treasurer  
Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator, *Recording Secretary*

Chair of the Social & Health Services Committee, Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

**ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: S. Collins**

To adopt the agenda as prepared for the Social & Health Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, March 19, 2019 as circulated.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- As Chair of the Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee Mayor Dumas provided a brief history of why and how the Committee was established. The five current municipalities that comprise the Committee are Madawaska Valley, North Algona Wilberforce, Killaloe Hagarty and Richards, Brudenell Lyndoch and Raglan, and South Algonquin. These municipalities contribute funds to the Committee so that they can continue to recruit physicians to the area. Mayor Dumas circulated a Succession Planning-Needs Assessment that demonstrated that there is currently a need for up to five physicians in the Committee area. Recruitment of a physician can take up to 12 to 18 months during which time the physician may be sponsored to visit the area several times. A physician's decision to locate here may also depend on employment opportunities available for their partner.
- Discussion regarding how someone can be taken on by a Family Health Team. Members of the public that do not have a family Physician should contact "Health Care Connect". This will result in their name being placed on the list that physicians can use to bring new people in to their practice. This list also provides the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care with data as to where Physicians are needed the most.
- The Cassellholme 2019 Operating Budget was received and the Municipal Levy has increased 2% from last year.
- The Northern Physician practice model which the South Algonquin Family Health team belongs to is different than the model that this Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee is working within.
- Staff recently received notification that the Madawaska Valley Family Health Team will no longer be applying for a grant to implement a Madawaska Valley Family Health Team Mobile Hub.

**Moved by: J. Florent**

**Seconded by: S. Collins**

To adjourn the Social & Health Services Committee meeting of March 19, 2019 at 12:27 p.m.

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Mayor Jane A.E. Dumas  
Emergency Services Committee Chairperson

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Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator  
Recording Secretary