

March 20, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, March 20, 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	Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent
Councillor Dave Harper	Carla Gatley, Administrative Assistant-Recording Secretary
Councillor Sid James	
Councillor Bill Rodnick	

Regrets: Councillor Richard Shalla
Councillor Linda Thom

Mayor Dumas called to order the March 20, 2014 Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin at 7:04 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: B. Rodnick **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. # 14-065**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the agenda as circulated for the regular Council meeting of March 20, 2014.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: Councillor James

- Declared a pecuniary interest in item number one in the Resolutions requesting support section of the Councillor’s package for the meeting of March 20th 2014 as he could potentially be part of the LIPI focus group.

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS: None

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: B. Rodnick** **Res. # 14-066**

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2014 as circulated and amended.”

-Carried-

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Discussion on waste collection calendar. Roads Superintendent to investigate garbage collection schedule for efficiencies; final calendar to be approved at the April 3, 2014 council meeting.
- Discussion on two-way radios-problem with the Roads department being able to hear the Fire Department’s transmissions.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Update on Official Plan- Appeal period for the Official Plan has passed with no appeals. We should be receiving a final copy of the plan in approximately two weeks. Mayor Dumas suggested that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be contacted and a request be made that a representative attends a meeting to provide information on the next steps that should be taken.

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

Fire Report- Madawaska:

Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- Chief Thom and Chief August are presently attending the Northeastern Fire Education Conference in North Bay.
- The three Captains on the Madawaska Fire Department attended the Wildfire Strategies and Tactics Workshop.
- Fit Testing will be in Madawaska on April 14th.
- Madawaska Firefighters have been getting the vehicles ready for summer.

- Fire Chiefs receive Fire Marshal's Communiqué on a regular basis.
- Chief Thom will take an on-line course regarding vulnerable persons.

Recreation Report- Madawaska:

Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will follow up with Recreation committee on information pertaining to bank statements.
- Committee is working on a purpose for fundraised dollars.
- Committee wanted confirmation that funds for washrooms and change rooms were transferred into reserves in December of last year.
- Ball field needs work.
- Committee would like new flags.
- Committee is requesting an estimate on a price for a generator for the Madawaska Complex.
- Discussion on 20lb. propane tank -committee will be advised that it can be stored in the storage shed.
- Committee is requesting that the sprayer for the new sink be a separate unit, not a pull out.

Fire Report- Whitney:

Councillor Harper verbally reported:

- There was discussion at the March 18th meeting pertaining to where firefighters can respond to on snowmobile trails. Chief August advised that they were not to leave the municipality with the exception of going down the hydro line.
- There are four possible drivers to take DZ training.
- There is a mandatory four hour training course for all first responders; Book 7 training is a prerequisite.

Mayor Dumas recommended that both Fire Chiefs attend council meetings to provide council with updates from their departments.

Library Report:

Councillor Harper verbally reported:

- Asked Chief Librarian for clarification on library statistics.

Roads Report

Works Superintendent, D. Gatley provided a written report:

Progress:

- Focus on labour allocations for the balance of the year within the parameters of the 2014 Works Department Budget.

Winter Service:

- The long term forecast shows a trend of return to seasonal temperatures starting Friday, March 28. Half Load will be posted and enforced no later than Monday, March 31.
- A work program will be conducted to open drainage paths to ditches and culverts to direct spring thaw water from roads.

Equipment:

- Truck #7 - The fuel tank and sender unit have been replaced after a major fuel leak was detected. (Salt & sand damage)
- Volvo Grader - The float leveler and speedometer are repaired.
- Brusher Grader - Maintenance and Service work will begin shortly.
- Truck #8 - Repairs to the spinner mechanism have been made. (Normal wear)
- Truck #20 - Repairs to the plow and spreader unit have been made. (Salt damage & normal wear)
- Service of spreaders and plow equipment will be done at the end of the winter service season to make ready for the 2014-15 season.

Facility:

- Lester B Smith Building – The boiler has been serviced, the faulty expansion tank and faulty pressure relief valve have been changed.
- Multi Use Building – The soap dispenser for the dishwasher has been repaired. Replacement of the pot sink and faucet is underway.
- Township Office – The boiler has been serviced and a faulty circulator pump was replaced. The “summer use” electric hot water was found left on and was missing one

valve to isolate it from the system. A valve was installed and the tank turned off.

Health and Safety:

- Compliance - The inner departmental Health and Safety questionnaire has been completed by department employees and returned. Assessment of the results will be used to determine training requirements for the department.
- Training – Information gained from the recent “MOL: The Inside Scoop” course has been useful to sharpen daily note taking practices. The course also was helpful to increase the general awareness of potential liabilities for the Township.
- Hazards – Two verbal warnings have been given with verbal instruction for the corrective actions. The details are recorded in both the Superintendent’s and Foreman’s daily diaries.

Waste Collection:

- Efficiency, Safety and Accommodation.
- Support to enforce By-Law No. 06-261
- The Wednesday collection service for Aylen Lake. Why 2 pickups a week?

Waste Disposal:

- The development of a standardized “Daily Landfill Operation Record” form is continuing.
- Employee #92 has been using a Township vehicle while operating the Whiney Landfill site; no problems so far.

Administration Report:

Clerk-Treasurer verbally reported:

- Shelly Dumouchel/Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs stopped by the office and provided maps for the proposed land claim areas.
- Auditor will be here tomorrow.
- Half way done with budgets.

There was a ten minute break at 8:38 p.m.

Council will host a meeting in Madawaska at the Madawaska Complex on March 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. pertaining to high hydro rates. Councillor Florent will be the M.C. Residents will be invited to voice their concerns. Staff to advertise in papers, on the website, and on notice boards, as well as send flyers to residents.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items- reviewed and filed

- AMO-Reform joint and several liability.
- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs-Proposed Algonquin land selection -filed.
- Cheryl Gallant-Nuclear science and technology.
- Seguin Township-Making residents aware of the unfair proposed OPP funding model.
- COPKA-Membership.

11. CORRESPONDENCE Information Items- reviewed and filed

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget meeting scheduled for April 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: B. Rodnick

Seconded by: S. James

Res. # 14-067

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin endorses the recent Federal Speech From the Throne announced by the Conservative Government stating that Nuclear Science and Technology must be formally acknowledged as one of Canada’s priorities for its strategy to lever and grow the many opportunities and advantages that stem from a strong, stable and vibrant science, technology and innovation strategy.”

-Carried-

Moved by: S. James

Seconded by: B. Rodnick

Res. # 14-068

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports AMO recommendation to adopt the “Combined Model” on Municipal Liability Reform, which limits the impact of joint and several liability on damages that may be recovered from a municipality under limited circumstances.”

-Carried

Moved by: S. James **Seconded by: B. Rodnick** **Res. # 14-069**
 “That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Municipal Logo as prepared by Staff and presented for the meeting of March 20, 2014.”

-Carried-

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: S. James** **Res. # 14-070**
 “Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution received from the Town of Aurora requesting the Government of Ontario consider the implementation of recall legislation for Municipal Elected Officials.”

-Defeated-

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. # 14-071**
 “Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin hereby renews the Township’s 2014 Membership with COPKA.”

-Carried-

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. # 14-072**
 “Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the request received from Seguin Township dated March 10, 2014, requesting municipalities to forward a letter to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario objecting to the recent proposed OPP funding model, being a cost per household plus significantly increase OPP charges for “Fixed Costs”. The new model could have potential cost impacts on rural municipalities with a small tax base.”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. # 14-073**
 “Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of South Algonquin hereby authorizes Suzanne Klatt to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 Workshop in North Bay on Wednesday April 30th to May 2nd.”

-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. # 14-074**
 “Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of South Algonquin supports resolution number 3 passed on February 11, 2014 by the Municipality of East Ferris requesting the DNSSAB to consider permanent sustainable funding for Low Income People Involvement (LIPI) being a valuable service to low income people, the working poor and homeless residents in the District of Nipissing.”

Mayor Dumas Requested a Recorded Vote:

Mayor Dumas: Against *Councillor Harper: Against*

Councillor Rodnick: Against *Councillor Florent: For*

-Defeated-

Moved by: B. Rodnick **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. # 14-075**
 “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 March 20, 2014. Batch number 2014-00016 in the amount \$75,892.62, also Batch number 2014-00018 in the amount of \$143,109.42.”

-Carried-

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: Councillor Harper
 -Funding from Ontario Parks for the docking system in Whitney.

15. BY-LAWS: None

Moved by: S. James **Seconded by: B. Rodnick** **Res. #14-076**
 “That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the regular meeting of March 20, 2014 at 9:41 p.m.”

-Carried-

Mayor Jane Dumas

Clerk- Harold Luckasavitch