

November 17, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, November 17, 2016 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Council Meeting.

Present- Mayor Dumas
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Dave Harper
Councillor Bill Rodnick

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

Regrets: Councillor John Brown
Councillor Richard Shalla
Fire Chief 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: None

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: D. Harper Seconded by: B. Rodnick Res. # 16-284

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the Agenda as circulated for the regular Council meeting of November 17, 2016.”

-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: Holly Hayes declared a conflict of interest on Action Item #3, Application for Consent and will not participate in discussion or decision making on this subject.

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS None

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: B. Rodnick Seconded by: D. Harper Res. # 16-285

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 3, 2016 as circulated.”

-Carried-

Moved by: B. Rodnick Seconded by: J. Florent Res. # 16-286

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Zoning By-Law Meeting of October 25, 2016 as circulated and amended.”

-Carried-

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

-H. Hayes has been in contact with EMS Manager Jim Stewart, he is happy to attend a council meeting in January to discuss the seasonal schedule of the ambulance attendants.

-H. Hayes has not yet been successful in contacting Algonquin Park Superintendent Dave Coulas regarding monthly stats of Park users.

-J. Dumas will talk to Jean Guy Belzile at the DNSSAB meeting in December regarding the request of a defibrillator by a business owner.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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

Madawaska Fire Department

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

Whitney Fire Department

A written report was provided in the council package by Fire Chief Stubbs. Councillor Harper verbally reported:

-New compressor is being installed tonight.

- Had a call out to a grass fire today on McGuey Road.
- Had a couple of failures on FIT testing.

Councillor Florent

A verbal report was given by Councillor Florent:

- He and the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer attended the last Recreation meeting.
- Councillor Florent discussed several little unfinished projects with the Works Superintendent.
- Funeral Committee has dissolved. Their bank account was closed and funds dispersed to three churches in Madawaska. A new committee is being formed.
- Attended Valley Manor Redevelopment Information Session today.

Mayor Dumas

Mayor Dumas verbally reported:

- Attended Physician Recruitment and Retention meeting today. There are three new physicians that will be joining.

Fire Chief Thom left at 7:34 p.m.

Administration

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

Verbally discussed:

- Auditors were here for one day only, audit went well.
- Will have to put out a RFP for new Finance Manager shortly.
- Discussion on feasibility of being ready for a budget meeting this early; consensus was to cancel Monday, November 21st Budget Meeting.
- Discussion on Municipal Elections Training. Consensus was to not do ranked ballots. Consensus was to do the same voting method as the 2014 elections, vote by mail only.
- The Municipal Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years.
- Been in discussion with another municipality about social media.
- Been contacted by the organizers of the Festival of Outdoor Rinks, there will be an event again this year.
- Will research volunteers compared to recreation members; will update the recreation volunteer form.
- Received two letters of interest so far for the vacant council seat.

Works

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

Verbally discussed:

- Streetlight layout for Hilltop Crescent received from Hydro One; can be done by year end.
- May want to consider purchasing a used chipper.
- Need a hiring committee for second Madawaska Rink Attendant for week of November 28th, Councillors Florent and Harper are available.

10. CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items-

- Secret Sisters, RE: Donation of Hall, *resolution*
- Cathy Ostroskie, RE: Recreation Application, *resolution*
- Tracy Cannon/Municipal Operations Clerk, RE: Application for Consent, *resolution*
- Municipality of Neebing, RE: Resolution Regarding Schedule 5 of Bill 7 of the Housing Act, *resolution*

11. CORRESPONDENCE -Information Items

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

13. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res. # 16-287

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports resolution #2016-10-261 received from the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing opposing the passage of Schedule 5 of Bill 7 of the Housing Act which will download the enforcement of residential tenancy standards to Municipalities without any compensation to the Municipalities for the increased workload that will result.”

-Carried-

