

**December 3rd, 2009**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

On Thursday, December 3rd, 2009 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a regular meeting.

Present – Mayor Percy Bresnahan                      Staff- Harold Luckasavitch, Clerk Treasurer  
                    Councillor Jane Dumas                                      Sue Klatt, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer-Recording Secretary  
                    Councillor Joe Florent                                      Gerry Dunn, Works Superintendent, CBO  
                    Councillor Dave Harper  
                    Councillor Randy Jessup  
                    Councillor Richard Shalla  
                    Councillor Robert Ogilvie

Guests: Randy Dunlop –RCAT, Bob Pyle -Aylen Lake Opeongo Snowbird, Sandra Collins and Ian Collins-All Star Resort

Delegations:Terry Vaudry- Snow Country District 6, Brian Ackney-Emergency Management Coordinator

**Moved by: J. Florent                                      Seconded by:R.Jessup                                      Res. # 09-536**  
“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin calls to order the Regular Council Meeting of December 3rd, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.”

**-Carried-**

*The Mayor extended a welcome greeting to guests and delegations*

**2.ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA-none**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:R. Jessup                                      Seconded by: R.Ogilvie                                      Res. # 09-537**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the agenda as prepared and circulated for the meeting of December 3rd, 2009” as amended.

**-Carried-**

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

**5.PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS**

**A)Terry Vaudry- Manager of Snow Country OFSC District 6**

Mr. Vaudry updated Council on the status of the replacement of the Madawaska Trestle Bridge

- Explained the position of the Ministry of Natural Resources and elaborated about the Environmental Assessment(EA) process undertaken to determine the future of the existing structure and will consider four alternatives. The third preferred alternative is to seek a partnership in the replacement of the trestle to ensure its continued use and contribution to the local community.
- This group has been successful with retaining federal funding towards this project.
- 99% of the required preliminary work , such as the drawings, studies, preliminary surveys and soil examinations have been completed.
- There is a public meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 7:00p.m. at Spectacle Lake to review the recommendations.
- Seeking a letter of support from Council to send with their recent application as well as a resolution granting permission to the ATV Clubs to rebuild the access to the Madawaska Trestle Bridge on the Municipal Road Allowances adjacent to the bridge along the Madawaska River.
- Discussed ways presently being reviewed to minimize the environmental impact.
- Concerns were expressed with ways to redirect the snowmobile trail while the bridge is out of service. Discussed a floating bridge or a temporary “bailey bridge” and the possibility of designating a portion of the roadway as an alternate snowmobile route which would fall under the Ministry of Transportation authority.
- Randy Dunlop explained the upcoming construction scheduled for mid February to March to prepare for the new bridge approaches, stone, gravel, silk fencing, and parking lot. One major concern is to find a way to get this work done prior to half loads and needing permission to stockpile materials at the site between the boat launch and the bridge ramp. Pit locations and ways that Council can assist in support of this initiative were elaborated on and discussed.
- The Mayor congratulated this group for their continued effort in fundraising and for their work towards repairing the trestle bridge to ensure safety and continued economic benefits to the community.

*Randy Dunlop, Bob Pyle, Sandra Collins, Ian Collins and Terry Vaudry left at 7:30p.m.*

**B)Brian Ackney- Community Emergency Management Coordinator-**

- Updated Council on the recent Canadian Red Cross training that was completed.
- Requested that Council consider appointing the Deputy Clerk Treasurer as Community Emergency Management Coordinator Alternate.
- Explained the process leading to the signed agreement with the Parish Hall and outlined the details of the agreement and the conditions within.
- Upcoming goals for Emergency Management include introducing formal training to a shelter

- program, pursuing the 911 civic addressing and the need to investigate an animal shelter.
- Request that Council consider designating one day a week solely for Emergency Management to allow him to continue to develop the plan and have time for its implementation.
- Discussed the status of the generator at the Lester Smith building and the Multipurpose Building and Council's input as it pertained to upcoming JEPP grant applications.
- Mr. Ackney outlined the details of the Emergency Management Plan for the Township of South Algonquin and highlighted changes that have been implemented including additions of agreements and changes to the appendix.

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Ackney for his continued efforts towards the development and implementation of the Emergency Plan for the Township.

*Brian Ackney left at 8:05p.m, a short recess was called and everyone present returned at 8:15p.m.*

## **6.MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved by: R.Ogilvie**

**Seconded by: R.Shalla**

**Res. # 09-538**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 19th, 2009 and the Special Meeting of November 26th, 2009 as circulated and amended.

**-Carried-**

## **7.BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- Councillor Florent asked for details and clarification as it pertained to resolutions #09-516 and #09-531 and brief discussions took place.
- Councillor Shalla was briefed by the Clerk regarding a previous request to contact Bell Mobility to advise of a reduction in the transmitting signals. The Clerk elaborated on his conversations with Mike Powell and Scott Lee of Bell Mobility as it pertained to this concern. It was reported that theft has occurred at the transmitting towers in Madawaska, Aylen Lake and Whitney where copper was stolen. Bell Mobility will investigate the transmitting signals as it has been increased to 4g which should generate a stronger signal than previously received. As of this month, wireless will be offered at a reasonable rate and a future tower on McGuey Rd is being proposed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:-none**

## **8.COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Whitney Fire Dept Report-** Fire Chief is seeking information to obtain a Nevada License

**Madawaska Multipurpose Building Report-**verbal update received and report was attached

**Murchison & Lyell Parks & Recreation Report-**verbal update received and report was attached

**Library Report-** a)Committee is investigating the cost and process to obtain a license to show pre-released movies. It was suggested Craig Kelley from Madawaska Valley Twp. be contacted..

**Whitney Recreation Report-**a)updated Council on the decision to cancel this year's door to door canvassing for the tree of lights and is hopeful this initiative will resume next year.

b)The Santa Claus parade is scheduled for December 12th, 2009 at 7:00p.m.

c)“Ride with Branden” initiative will bring increased recreational opportunities

d)Lights at the rink are leaking air and causing them to blow and will be addressed.

e)Proposed an emergency contact list be developed for individuals renting the facility

**Road Report-**Works Superintendent presented a written report on the following.

a)Madawaska Patrol Yard- update on the discussions with the Ministry of Transportation regarding deeming the building as surplus in the future and proposals to exchange Hwy 523 for the garage and equipment as part of a potential transfer as it refers to future land claims.

b)McCauley Lake &/Aylen Lake Gravel Pits-Justin Bryant-Aggregate Officer for the Ministry of Natural Resources stated that operations could be restricted at times due to the sensitive habitat area surrounding the gravel pits.

c)Lake Street extension Cleanup and brushing are nearing completion

**Waste Management Report-**

a)Lyell Waste Disposal Site- Recommendation-close this site on Wednesdays- low usage.

b)Airy/Lyell Waste Disposal Sites-Effective Dec. 12/09 the hours will be 8:00a.m to 12:00 noon for both sites as per resolution-09-404

**Animal Control Report-**

a)Stray Dog update- July 31/09-McKenzie Lake Road North- A summary of events and occurrences was given to explain the unpaid fees and subsequent actions that were taken. As a result of this episode, the Animal Control Officer has been advised that no animals are to be released from the compound in Eganville unless a receipt from the Township is provided or direct payment is made at the time of pickup.

**Municipal Facilities-**

a)Madawaska Hall Furnace- Tubes and a control unit have been installed and a circulating pump needs to be replaced.

b)Madawaska Multipurpose Building- The foundation work is completed, the cavity is filled and compacted. Concrete blocks should be done in the next few days and the framing will begin next week. The Access road to the rink building and pump house will be developed starting today.

c) Utilize the old road for the snowmobile trail – Discussion was had regarding the grading protocol at this location and it was added that signage at Riverland Camp should be moved.

**Whitney Rink**

a) Most of the boards have been replaced, as per budget line item 6-0610

**9. CORRESPONDENCE- Action Items-**

Item #3- Fowler Construction- Construction Lien- under the advice of Robert B. Howe, an extension will be requested and the holdback will not be released at this time.

Item # 4- land use permit (Lot 12 Conc. 1- Murchison #1634-1003706) issue discussed- a cheque has been issued and it was suggested that requests to purchase could be pursued at a later date.

Item #5- McNab Braeside – request for financial assistance with local disaster- filed

Item #6- Snow Country- replacement of Madawaska Trestle Bridge- Resolution to be approved

Item #7- 2009-10 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program- filed

Item #8- January 2010 reporting requirement- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

**CORRESPONDENCE- Information Items- received and filed**

**10. NEW BUSINESS** – Request staff summary/ report from Growth Plan October 23/09

**11. MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:**

**Moved by: J. Dumas**

**Seconded by: D. Harper**

**Res #09-539**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the Memorandum of Understanding as developed by Brian Ackney, Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), between the Township of South Algonquin and the St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish to establish the Parish Hall as the Emergency Reception Centre as part of the Municipal Emergency Response Plan.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Ogilvie**

**Seconded by: R. Jessup**

**Res #09-540**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin agrees to permit the local snowmobile and ATV Clubs to rebuild the access to the Madawaska Trestle Bridge on the Municipal Road Allowances adjacent to the bridge along the Madawaska River and that above noted Clubs accept all liability.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: D. Harper**

**Res #09-541**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin designate a staff member responsible for each Township Facility and that the Administrative staff prepare a poster or posters to be displayed in the appropriate locations within the facilities indicating all the necessary emergency information, contact names both during and after work hours.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: R. Jessup**

**Res #09-542**

“Be it resolved that the landfill hours for the Lyell Waste Disposal Site effective December 12, 2009 will be Saturday 8:00a.m. to 12:00 noon and the hours for the Airy Waste Disposal Site effective December 12, 2009 will be Wednesday 1:00p.m to 4:00p.m. and Saturday 8:00a.m. to 12:00noon.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: R. Ogilvie**

**Res #09-543**

“Be it resolved that the two (2) waste disposal sites be closed on Boxing Day, December 26, 2009 and that the waste collection schedule be adjusted to accommodate the Christmas and New Year’s Day holidays.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Ogilvie**

**Seconded by: R. Shalla**

**Res #09-544**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorize the municipal office be closed during the Christmas Season on the following days December 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and January 1st, 2010 reopening January 4th, 2009.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: D. Harper**

**Seconded by: R. Shalla**

**Res #09-545**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approves the acceptance of Tim Ronholm as a volunteer member of the South Algonquin Fire Department.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: J. Dumas**

**Res #09-546**

“That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin agrees a letter be sent to the Whitney Family Health Team, a copy to the Ministry of Health requesting proper funding be provided to ensure Home Care services are available within the Township as required at the present time, there are residents within the Township occupying beds in local hospitals and unable to receive Home Care services.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent**

**Seconded by: D. Harper**

**Res #09-547**

“Whereas due to consideration of the exorbitant costs involved and the probable disruption to Staff; therefore the Council of the Township of South Algonquin resolves to rescind Res#09-516 and not hire Gail Rappolt of Illumination.”

**RECORDED VOTE**

Councillor Dumas - Against

Councillor Jessup- Against

Councillor Florent- For  
Councillor Harper- For  
Mayor Bresnahan- Against

Councillor Ogilvie- Against  
Councillor Shalla- Against

**-Defeated-**

**Moved by:J.Florent**

**Seconded by:R.Shalla**

**Res #09-548**

“Whereas the discussion regarding Motion #09-531 occurred in camera and whereas there was inadequate discussion; therefore, that Resolution #09-531 be rescinded and reintroduced in the future with accompanying documentation.”

**RECORDED VOTE**

Councillor Dumas - Against  
Councillor Florent- For  
Councillor Harper- Against  
Mayor Bresnahan- Against

Councillor Jessup- Against  
Councillor Ogilvie- Against  
Councillor Shalla- For

**-Defeated-**

**Moved by:J.Dumas**

**Seconded by:D.Harper**

**Res #09-549**

“That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin agree to cancel the December 17th, 2009 Regular Council Meeting due to a conflicting meeting.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by:R.Jessup**

**Seconded by:R.Ogilvie**

**Res #09-550**

“That Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin approve the cost of \$50.00 per hour to a minimum of 4 hours to a maximum of 8 hours for the assistance of the Treasurer from Calabogie to assist with training and program set up and that training occur on Saturday for the Administrative Assistant and the Deputy Clerk Treasurer.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by:R.Ogilvie**

**Seconded by:R.Jessup**

**Res #09-551**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley requesting “Municipal Property Assessment Corporation(MPAC) to change the legislation of assessment back to values of 2008, a more realistic value for property owners based on the current market.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by:R.Ogilvie**

**Seconded by:J.Dumas**

**Res #09-552**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the City of North Bay endorsing the creation of the Nipissing Alternate Level of Care(ALC) Partnership Group to work with the N.E. LHIN to find community based solution for supporting people in need of ALC in local communities rather than in local hospitals whenever possible.”

**-Carried-**

### **13.BY-LAWS**

**First Reading Moved by:R.Jessup Seconded by:J.Florent Sess. # 09-553**

**Second Reading Moved by:D.Harper Seconded by:R.Ogilvie Sess. # 09-554**

**Third Reading Moved by:J.Dumas Seconded by:R.Shalla Sess. # 09-555**

“That a By-Law to approve the Municipal Emergency Response Plan for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin, in accordance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 09-357 and that the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be entered in the By-Law Book.”

**-Carried-**

**First Reading Moved by:R.Shalla Seconded by:J.Florent Sess. # 09-556**

**Second Reading Moved by:D.Harper Seconded by:R.Jessup Sess. # 09-557**

**Third Reading Moved by:J.Dumas Seconded by:R.Ogilvie Sess. # 09-558**

“That a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk of the Corporation of South Algonquin to sign the agreement with St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church deeming it as an Emergency Reception Centre in the event of an Emergency as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time passed and numbered 09-358 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be entered in the By-Law Book.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by:R.Jessup**

**Seconded by:J.Florent**

**Res #09-559**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin wishes to extend the meeting of December 3rd, 2009 beyond 10:00p.m. at the call of the Chair.”-Carried-

**Moved by:D.Harper**

**Seconded by:R.Shalla**

**Res. # 09-560**

“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 December 3rd, 2009.”-Carried-

**Moved by:R.Jessup**

**Seconded by:J.Florent**

**Res#09-561**

“That Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council meeting of December 3rd, 2009 at 10:31p.m.”

**-Carried**

Mayor Percy Bresnahan

Clerk- Harold Luckasavitch