

two pays again, one in November and one in January or one pay in early December which will mean office staff will have to receive final summary of hours early enough to do so.

Fire Report (Madawaska)

Councillor Florent verbally reported:

- At a Mutual Aid meeting Andre Dallaire from Remote Response Station Inc. said he would donate two fire bombs which the fire department can use to help extinguish a house fire.

Roads Report

Works Superintendent, CBO Gerry Dunn verbally reported:

- Highway 60 Bridge-Whitney- Contacted John Potts, Contracts Superintendent-Ministry of Transportation, Bancroft- advised that this structure falls under the jurisdiction of MTO-North Bay-North Eastern Region. Required bridge inspections were completed in 2010-the under surfaces of the structure are good but the upper exposed surfaces-railings, walkway and paved surface in need of a facelift. It will be late March before the reports are finalized.
- Whitney EMS/Fire Hall- Damage due to eavestroughing over entrance doors to EMS part of building as a result of ice building up and then sliding off metal roof-at least this section of eavestroughing should be replaced.
- Municipal Water System- Madawaska Multipurpose Building – Met with Greg Kirke, Public Health Inspector, Renfrew County and District Health Unit. A water sample was taken from the rink building and will be analysed, a letter from the Health Unit will be forthcoming on what we have to do for a start-this is generally preliminary at this time. It was suggested that we should start water testing at other facilities to build up a history. Inspection of recreation hall to be done at Madawaska Multipurpose Building Kitchen. Rink building to be inspected annually-barbeque on site-hamburgers in freezer.
- Ontario On-Site Waste Water Association- Conference at Deerhurst, will be in Huntsville on April 4-5 for appointments and would like to attend at least one of those days.

Administration Report

Clerk-Treasurer Harold Luckasavitch verbally reported:

- He and Mayor Dumas attended the Algonquin Land Claim meeting on February 9th; affected municipalities will be advised in the near future as to what areas are of interest, land tax is an issue.
- Armed forces from Petawawa are on a snowmobile trip from Madawaska to Dwight and back. They will be camping at the AFA yard in Madawaska and using the Madawaska Complex's washroom and shower facilities on February 22nd and February 24th. An invitation has been extended to the Clerk-Treasurer and the Mayor to visit them at the AFA yard on February 24th.
- Spoke to Bruce Douglas-there will be no changes to the fire agreements, 2013 new agreement will be neutral.
- Contacted Philippe Geoffrion regarding CEMC alternate – not required but recommended. Free course offered September 28/29, 2011, can be a council or staff member.
- Spoke to Sharon Graham of Templeman Consultants Group who was hired last time we did our pay equity; she will send quote to update our pay equity now that we have implemented the wage grid.

10.CORRESPONDENCE-Action Items- reviewed and filed

-Information Items-received and filed.

Item #2 Brian Ackney can take the Wildfire Strategies & Tactics course with Chief Thom, he is qualified to instruct this course.

Item #3 G. D. Jewell Engineering still negotiating with the contractor over the floor and countertop issues.

Item #4 Madawaska Communities Circle of Health Care inserts will not be going in with our tax bills but information will be added to our next newsletter.

11.NEW BUSINESS

- Summary from HR/Staff meetings. H. Luckasavitch and G. Dunn will go through summarized list and prioritize and report back to council at the next regular meeting as to how items will be dealt with.

12.MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: B. Rodnick

Res #11-051

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin wishes to extend the February 17, 2011 meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. at the call of the Chair.”

-Carried

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res #11-052

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes Works Department staff to erect “Load Restriction” signs on municipal roads and streets when conditions warrant and that notices be placed in local business establishments and local papers.”

-Carried

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: B. Rodnick

Res #11-053

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin hereby appoints the following to

the Whitney Recreation Committee, Trevor Murchison, Janice Craftchick, Elaine Greene, Hilary Francis and Sandra Courneyea”.

-Carried

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: S. James

Res #11-054

“WHEREAS the concrete bridge over the Madawaska River in the Hamlet of Whitney in the Township of South Algonquin is showing evidence of drastic erosion on the railings and is in the most disrepair of any bridge in the eastern region of Ontario and we have been advised that there have been Consultant Firms doing survey work on the bridge within the last number of years, indicating that work is urgently required to make improvements to the bridge structure and

WHEREAS the Township of South Algonquin is concerned about the safety of individuals using this structure and

SINCE the addition on the south side of the bridge which was installed approximately 30+ years ago to provide a walk way for the public and as well was used by Snow Machines, All Terrain Vehicles and subsequently had barricades installed to prevent Snow Machines and All Terrain Vehicles from using the walk way access and

WHEREAS the bridge is centered in both the commerce and residential portion of the Hamlet of Whitney and provides a main link on Highway 60 to the community, also links the Snow Mobile Trail and All Terrain Vehicle Trails between Pembroke and Barry’s Bay area to the east, Bancroft trails to the South and Haliburton trails to the south west and

SINCE the Snowmobile and All Terrain vehicle industry are a crucial part of the economy and provide business in the Whitney Tourism Area during the recreational off season and

WHEREAS the bridge is located on Highway 60 which is a significant corridor for traffic to and from areas such as Pembroke and Ottawa to the east and south from Bancroft, Peterborough, Oshawa and Kingston to the eastern entrance of Algonquin Park, as well this portion of Highway 60 is heavily travelled by visitors that access Algonquin Park and area from the west and

SINCE the bridge is a focal area of beauty in the community due to its proximity to the area below the Ministry of Natural Resources Water Control Dam and is an area in the heart of the community that is used by recreational white water enthusiasts and summer visitors, the Township of South Algonquin has provided lights that illuminate year round its beauty and focuses the pride of the community on and displays the beautiful water falls on the Madawaska River and

THEREFORE the Council for the Township of South Algonquin requests that the Ministry of Transportation expedite the plans they have for the restoration, repairs, improvements or replacement of the total bridge structure since it is located in such a strategic tourism area at the Gate Way to Algonquin Provincial Park

AS well the Township of South Algonquin would like to be informed of the plans for the bridge and as well would like to be included in the planning process for the structure with the intention of having the bridge constructed or reconstruction done in a manner to allow for the Township to identify additional enhancements such as travel ways for All Terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles, battery operated Scooters which is the only source for four residents within the community to travel at the present time and are forced onto the travelled portion of the highway bridge, would also like to include brackets on the bridge for the installation of flower pots etc; thus allowing for further demonstration of the communities’ pride in the Township to the many provincial, national, and international visitors travelling to or through Whitney to visit Algonquin Park, the jewel of the Province

THEREFORE the Council for the Township of South Algonquin requests the Ministry of Transportation advise council and the citizens of the township of the imminence of the bridge restoration plans, provide opportunities for input during the planning and also that the various Ministries consider our request and work together to complete this project in a timely manner .”

Cc Ministry of Transportation

Minister of Economic Development and Trade

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Minister of Tourism and Recreation

MMP John Yakabuski

-Carried

Moved by: R. Jessup

Seconded by: B. Rodnick

Res #11-055

“The Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the Clerk to complete an application for funding to Service Canada under the Canada Summer Jobs Program.”

-Carried

13.BY-LAWS

First Reading Moved by: **D. Harper** Seconded by: **R. Shalla** Sess. # **11-056**

Second Reading Moved by: **R. Jessup** Seconded by: **S. James** Sess. # **11-057**

Third Reading Moved by: **R. Shalla** Seconded by: **B. Rodnick** Sess. # **11-058**

“That a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the Corporation the Renewal for the Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement between the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Jan Krawczyk and the Community Sponsor being the Township of South Algonquin for the period of February 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011 , as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time passed and numbered 11-393 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: J. Florent

Seconded by: D. Harper

Res. # 11-059

“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 February 17, 2011.”

-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla

Seconded by: J. Florent

Res#11-060

“That Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Council meeting of February 17, 2011 at 10:10 p.m.”

-Carried-

Mayor Jane Dumas

Clerk- Harold Luckasavitch