

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES**

On Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a special meeting.

**Present:**

Council: Councillor Jane Dumas                      Staff: Clerk, Harold Luckasavitch  
            Councillor Randy Jessup                      Deputy Clerk, Geraldeen Dubreuil  
            Councillor Robert Ogilvie  
            Councillor Richard Shalla

Regrets: Mayor Percy Bresnahan  
            Councillor Joe Florent  
            Councillor Dave Harper

**Moved by: R. Ogilvie                      Seconded by: R. Jessup                      Res. #09-055**  
"To appoint Jane Dumas to Chair the Special Meeting for January 30, 2009 called for the purpose of reviewing and receiving an update on the Official Plan for the Township of South Algonquin."  
**-Carried-**

**ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None at this time.

**Moved by: R. Shalla                      Seconded by: R. Jessup                      Res. #09-056**  
"To adopt the Agenda as circulated."  
**-Carried-**

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** Chris Fullerton, Professor from Brock University who has been hired to develop an Official Plan for the Township of South Algonquin along with four (4) university students (interns) were present at this meeting to provide Council with an update on the technical aspects of the Official Plan.

**Timelines:**

- approximately 1 ½ yrs into the process of developing the Official Plan;
- project moving along quite well with the development of the following reports: Township of South Algonquin Community Profile; Preliminary Issues Report; Community Meetings and Workshops Summary Report; Community Questionnaire Results and Analysis Report; and Youth Integrated Planning Assessment Report;
- enough information/data has been collected to begin drafting proposed policies;
- anticipate that a draft Official Plan will be ready for Council's review in the Spring of 2010;
- public meeting will be required after the draft has been prepared with copies being circulated in the community i.e. Public Library, Municipal Office; Township Website, etc.;
- once Council is satisfied and adopts the Official Plan document it will then be forwarded to the Minister for approval;
- once the Minister approves and signs the plan it takes effect;
- Planning Board to be formed after the Official Plan has been adopted.

**Budget:**

- proposed budget will continue for the duration of 2009 and 2010 with no major changes required at this time;

**Public Participation Process:**

- information/data collected from public workshops, local schools, churches, public libraries, recreation groups, public survey, etc;
- approximately twenty (20) participants at each local workshop;
- public requests that the rural character of the Township be preserved and that the natural environment be maintained;
- proposed to include an update with the 2009 Interim Tax Bills or a separate general notice/ mailing as a means of informing the public, advertising the information or a means for collecting more data.

During this presentation Council was provided the opportunity to ask questions and express their concerns such as:

- When the Planning Board is formed;
- Official Plan should designate other settlement areas – permit other areas to develop outside Whitney/Madawaska;
- Function of the Official Plan Committee;
- Flow of information - through the Township Office/Chair of the Official Plan Committee;
- Providing all stakeholders the opportunity to participate.

**Proposed Official Plan Committee:**

- committee to act as an advocate to keep both the public and Professor Fullerton informed;
- committee will be an official means of communication between Council, Professor Fullerton and the general public/stakeholders;
- Council to discuss the process for determining who and how many public participants to allow on this committee.

**Moved by: R. Jessup**

**Seconded by: R. Ogilvie**

**Res. #09-057**

“To adjourn the Special Meeting of January 30, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.”

**-Carried-**

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(Mayor – Percy Bresnahan)

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(Clerk– Harold Luckasavitch)