COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

On Thursday, July 3rd, 2008 Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held their first regular meeting for the month.

Present:

Council:	Councillor Jane Dumas	Staff:	Clerk, Harold Luckasavitch
	Councillor Dave Harper		Deputy Clerk, Geraldeen Dubreuil
	Councillor Joe Florent		Works Superintendent/CBO, Gerald Dunn
	Councillor Randy Jessup		
	Councillor Robert Ogilvie		
	Councillor Richard Shalla		

Regrets: Mayor Bresnahan

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: R. Shalla** **Res. #08-331**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin calls to order the regular Council meeting of July 3rd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Jessup **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. #08-332**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin appoints Councillor Harper to Chair the meeting of July 3rd in the absence of Mayor Bresnahan."
-Carried-

Moved by: J. Dumas **Seconded by: R. Shalla** **Res. #08-333**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the agenda as prepared and circulated for the meeting of July 3rd, 2008."
-Carried-

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

- Councillor Shalla declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item #13 "Bills for Payment".
- Councillor Harper declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item #7 "Third reading of by-law for the Unopened Lakeshore Sales on Lyell Lake".

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: J. Dumas** **Res. #08-334**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of June 19th, 2008 and June 24th, 2008 as circulated."
-Carried-

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Councillor Jessup – follow-up: request for keys to the new door at the Murchison & Lyell Community Hall; water damage inspection at the Madawaska Rink Building by Councillor Florent; removal of dangerous trees at the Murchison & Lyell Community Hall and the Bark Lake Park.
- Councillor Shalla – follow-up: funding for two new picnic tables at the Public Beach in Whitney. Clerk H. Luckasavitch advised that funding was not included in the 2008 Budget Estimates. The Works Department is to utilize two existing township picnic tables and have them secured at the above mentioned location.
- Councillor Harper – MNR Permit Summary follow-up: the facilities in question are located outside the boundaries of Algonquin Park and funding is not available but other means of assist may be available such as, materials for dock repairs, bumpers, etc.; also exploring this avenue of assistance with the MNR in Bancroft.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- Councillor Ogilvie – requested to know the status of the Township's application to NOHFC for funding to renovate the Seniors Centre in Whitney. Clerk H. Luckasavitch advised that NOHFC had received the Township's application and it had been approved to proceed to the Committee Stage.
- Councillor Ogilvie – Dombrowski/Henry issue regarding gate on laneway to these properties – recommendation that Council not get any further involved at this time.
- Councillor Shalla – requested to know if the Township had received any information from Skypower with respect to the environmental assessment for their project. Clerk H. Luckasavitch was directed to do a follow-up on this matter.
- Councillor Harper – requested an update with respect to the Doug Adams issue. Clerk H. Luckasavitch advised that Mr. Adams only owned Part 6, the balance of the property in question may be the riverbed and if so Mr. Adams would deal with the MNR in Bancroft

to acquire that property and a letter to this affect had already been forwarded to Mr. Adams.

- Clerk H. Luckasavitch informed Council that the Township had not received any response with respect to the Murchison & Lyell Janitorial Services Contract that had been advertised. Inquiries will be made to other individuals as to their possible interest.

BY-LAWS:

First Reading: Moved by: J. Florent Seconded by: J. Dumas Sess. #08-335
Second Reading: Moved by: R. Shalla Seconded by: R. Ogilvie Sess. #08-336
Third Reading: Moved by: R. Jessup Seconded by: J. Florent Sess. #08-337

"A By-law to adopt Tax Ratios as follows: Residential 1.0000; Commercial 1.9800; Commercial Vacant Units/Lands 1.3860; Industrial Vacant Units/Lands 1.7095; Farmlands/Managed Forest 0.2500 for the Taxation year 2008 as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time**,** passed and numbered **08-314** and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and 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: R. Ogilvie Sess. #08-338
Second Reading: Moved by: J. Florent Seconded by: J. Dumas Sess. #08-339

"A By-law to establish the expenditure and revenue estimates for the municipality and the amount $1,287,847 required through taxation to address the costs for municipal services in 2008, be received and read a first and a second time and be referred to a committee of the whole Council. Final reading of this By-law to take place on July 17th, 2008."

-Carried-

First Reading: Moved by: R. Jessup Seconded by: J. Dumas Sess. #08-340
Second Reading: Moved by: J. Dumas Seconded by: R. Ogilvie Sess. #08-341
Third Reading: Moved by: J. Florent Seconded by: R. Shalla Sess. #08-342

"A By-law to rescind and replace By-law #07-276 amending Section 13 of By-law #06-262, and to be replaced with the following: Effective June 5th, 2008 Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin passed By-law #08-312 entering into an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley for Animal Shelter Services in Eganville. Any dog impounded and confined may be claimed by or on behalf of its owner within the period of five days (which shall not include any Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday) next following the date on which the dog was impounded upon payment to the Bonnechere Valley Animal Shelter for all impoundment fees, plus the cost of $200.00 incurred by the Township of South Algonquin for the capture and delivery of dog(s) to the Animal Shelter in Eganville, as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time**,** passed and numbered **08-315** and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be entered in the By-law Book."

-Carried-

Councillor Harper declared a conflict of interest with respect to the "Third reading of the by-law for the Unopened Lakeshore Sales on Lyell Lake" and excused himself from the Council Chambers.

Moved by: J. Florent Seconded by: J. Dumas Res. #08-343

"To appoint Councillor Jessup in the absence of the Chair Councillor Harper due to a Conflict of Interest declared."

-Carried-

BY-LAW:

Third Reading: Moved by: J. Dumas Seconded by: R. Jessup Sess. #08-344

"A By-law to permanently close parts of the original 66ft unopened Shoreline Road Allowance, along the shore of Lyell Lake, in the former geographic Township of Lyell, as per Schedule "A" attached as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time**,** passed and numbered **08-316** and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be entered in the By-law Book."

-Carried-

Councillor Harper returned to the Council Chambers to participate in the balance of the meeting.

ROADS/WASTE MANAGEMENT/BUILDING CODE REPORT: Gerry Dunn, Works Superintendent/Chief Building Official presented Council with a verbal report which outlined the following: Gravel Crushing and Application Tender – still in negotiation stage with the MTO for gravel pits but should be completed for the next meeting of Council (July 17th); Cold Mix Paving Tender – opening scheduled for the next regular meeting of Council (July 17th); Truck #1 (1995

Ford) Tender For Sale – opening scheduled for the next regular meeting of Council (July 17th); Manual Worker advertisement – discussion to take place during the closed session of Council.

Councillor Florent advised that the dock located at the swimming area in Madawaska is in need of repairs or ribbon off as dangerous. Works Superintendent, G. Dunn to investigate this matter and report back to Council on July 17th with his suggestions/recommendations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Jessup:

- Murchison & Lyell Recreation - Committee meeting minutes were included in Council's correspondence package for information purposes.
- Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC): 2007/2008 survey complete and available for viewing at the Municipal Office; detachment is currently short staffed (authorized 27 constables presently have 25); approximately 50% of the accidents within the area are the result of animal collisions; ride programs, seatbelt checks, etc will be ongoing.

Councillor Dumas – currently getting briefed by Councillor Ogilvie on the Doctor Recruitment Committee issues.

Councillor Shalla – provided Council with a verbal update regarding the Canada Day events that were hosted by the Whitney Recreation Committee; thanked all volunteers and township staff for their assistance with these events; financial statement forthcoming.

Councillor Harper – Public Library Board prepared and distributed an information newsletter; Service Ontario Report forthcoming.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resolutions to be prepared and presented during 'Motions of Council' for the following correspondence: Item #2 – Town of Kearney dated June 12, 2008 RE: Forestry Tower Road Maintenance; Item #12 – Office of MPP John Yakabuski RE: Petition for Gas Tax Fairness.
- Works Superintendent, G. Dunn to prepare a thank you letter for Item #9 – Ontario Stewardship Program dated June 20th, 2008 RE: Madawaska River Clean Sweep Project, once completed.
- Councillor Ogilvie to contact the president of the Whitney Seniors, Linda Tripp to inform and pass on information with respect to programs available through the North East LHIN. Clerk H Luckasavitch to forward a copy of (Information Correspondence) Item #5 – North East LHIN dated June 20th, 2008 RE: Landmark Provincial Aging at Home Strategy to Ms. Tripp.

Meeting adjourned for a five (5) minute break at 8:44 p.m.

Meeting reconvened after five (5) minutes

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Ogilvie suggested/recommended that Council hold another Strategic Planning Session/Meeting as an opportunity to review or re-examine Council's priorities, accomplishments, new ideas which may also be very beneficial to new members of Council.

MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: R. Jessup **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. #08-345**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin endorses the petition as submitted by the office of MPP John Yakabuski regarding the fair distribution of gas tax revenues to all municipalities across Ontario, not just those with public transit systems."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Jessup **Seconded by: R. Ogilvie** **Res. #08-346**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin endorses the letter from the Town of Kearney dated June 12th, 2008 to the Ministry of Natural Resources wherein they request that forest access roads be financially supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources."
-Carried-

Moved by: J. Dumas **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. #08-347**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the First Whitney Cub and Scout Group to use the Centennial Park at the dam in Whitney for a Yard Sale on August 2nd, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: J. Dumas** **Res. #08-348**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin hold a Strategic Planning meeting in September 2008 at a time convenient to Councillors, at which to review and update planning activities last considered at a Planning Meeting on Feb 13th, 2007."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. #08-349**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin appoint Councillor Jane Dumas to the following Committees: Finance, Fire, Roads, Waste, and to act on behalf of the Township of South Algonquin on the Physician Recruitment Committee, effective immediately."
-Carried-

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: J. Dumas** **Res. #08-350**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin prohibits the use of Jake Brakes by big trucks on all streets within the hamlet of Whitney including Hwy 60."
-Defeated-

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: J. Dumas** **Res. #08-351**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorizes the moving of $2,000.00 from the library reserve into line 960 Ministry of Culture grant to fund upcoming literacy programs."
-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: R. Jessup** **Res. #08-352**
"Whereas on Jan 8th, 2008 Council passed a resolution #08-30 endorsing DStar Events to hold a WEMF in Madawaska and Whereas it has come to the attention of Council that DStar Events may not be living up to their commitment of OPP licensed security and Therefore Council withdraws their support of this event, unless shown sufficient proof that DStar Events have secured sufficient security for the event."
-Carried-

Councillor Shalla declared a conflict of interest and abstained from Council discussion and voting on the following resolution.

Moved by: R. Jessup **Seconded by: R. Ogilvie** **Res. #08-353**
"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 July 3rd, 2008."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: R. Jessup** **Res. #08-354**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin move into a closed session of Council at 9:27 p.m. to consider subject matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: R. Shalla** **Res. #08-355**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the closed session of Council for July 3rd, 2008 at 10:25 p.m."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: R. Shalla** **Res. #08-356**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin wishes to extend the meeting of July 3rd, 2008 beyond 10:00 p.m. at the call of the Chair."
-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: J. Dumas** **Res. #08-357**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the regular meeting of July 3rd, 2008 at 10:25 p.m."
-Carried-

(Mayor – Percy Bresnahan) **(Clerk– Harold Luckasavitch)**