



# South Algonquin Township Newsletter

June 2009

## Budget News

On Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> Council approved the 2009 Budget for the Township of South Algonquin which represents a decrease of approximately 4% in the Municipal Tax Rate over the 2008 Tax Rate along with an additional decrease in the Education Tax Rate.

The Final Residential Tax Bills will be issued during the first week in August with the first 50% installment being due on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, and the second 50% installment being due on September 30, 2009. Default payment for penalty/interest is set at 1.25%. Commercial and Industrial Tax Bills will be printed and distributed during the first week of September.

## Building Construction Projects

Funding for a Madawaska Multi-Purpose Building Project in the Village of Madawaska has been approved at \$1,500,000. The Township contribution is \$500,000 which represents one-third (1/3) of the total project cost. An application has been submitted to Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) requesting 50% support of the Township's share. The balance of the funding for this project will also be shared between the Provincial and Federal Governments at one third (1/3) each.

## Capital Purchases

South Algonquin's Fire Department – Whitney Station has proposed and been approved by Council for the capital purchase of a newer tanker truck.

## Current News

A Notice was recently issued to residents by the two School Authorities regarding the amalgamation with Renfrew County District School Board. This issue has been discussed by Council and letters in support of these two Local School Boards has been issued.

## Emergency Planning News

### DO YOU KNOW THE 3 STEPS?

#### STEP 1 - Know the risks

Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks specific to your community and your region can help you better prepare.

#### STEP 2 - Make a plan

It's easy and essential. Every Canadian household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do if disaster strikes. Make your own plan and print it out today.

#### STEP 3 - Get a kit

It doesn't take long – find out what goes into an emergency kit, or where you can buy one. An emergency kit helps ensure you and your family are ready to cope on your own for at least the first 72 hours of an emergency.

## Employment/Volunteer News

The following Volunteer Fire Fighters received their 25-year pin: Andrew Aleck, Brian August, Joe Florent, Neil Haskin, Marvin Siydock, Richard Szczygiel, Aurel Thom

The following Volunteers will have been recognized for their years of dedication: Brenda Drew (5 yrs), Terry Levean (5), Rosemary Shalla (10), Josephine Lentz (10), Edward Lentz (10), Jesse Griffith (10)

Josephine Lentz has been recognized as the Senior of the Year for her years of tireless service in the Community.

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Whitney Recreation Committee is seeking volunteers to support the community recreation events and initiatives in the Town of Whitney.

*Contact the Township Office if you are interested in either of these opportunities.*

## Events News

Father's Day Dinner was held at the Murchison & Lyell Community Hall on June 26, 2009 from 3-7 (St. Anthony's and Holy Trinity Anglican Churches)

Canada Day Event were held at the Lester Smith Building on July 1/09 including cake and fireworks (Whitney Recreation Committee)

Flying Feathers Archery Tournament was held on July 11-12 in Madawaska

Annual Parish Turkey Supper being held at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church on Post Street on August 2, 2009

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is Saturday, August 8, 2009, 10:00 am-3:00 pm (these hours are subject to change)

Swimming Lessons are proposed for Aug 4-14, more to come. (Whitney Recreation Committee)

Day care spots are still available in Whitney and Madawaska with the Best Start Program. Contact the District of Nipissing Social Services for more information regarding spaces and subsidizing. 1-877-829-5121 [www.dnssab.on.ca](http://www.dnssab.on.ca)

### Fire News

Reminder that there is no daytime burning from April 1 to October 31. Controlled burning is permitted between 7 p.m. and 9 a.m.

### Official Plan News

That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin appoints the following community representatives to the Township Official Plan Committee. These individuals will act in a non-voting advisory capacity on the Committee and will be reimbursed for travel to meetings at the current Township rate. The community representatives are: Georgina Bresnahan, Edward Lentz, Robert Tompkins, Ronald Wowk

### OPP News

*A special message from the OPP Marine Unit.*

- **Always Wear your Lifejacket** – If you don't wear it, it won't work. Examine PFD's and lifejackets for wear and tear and identify those that need replacing. If you have inflatable PFD's be sure to be familiar with their operating instructions.
- **Don't Drink & Boat** – It is unacceptable to drink and drive a motor vehicle and the same holds true for drinking and boating. If you are caught operating a vessel while impaired you will also lose your ability to operate your motor vehicle.
- **Check your Boat** - Familiarize yourself with the boat you are operating. Check the condition of your vessel and ensure it is properly prepared for the boating season.
- **Be Prepared** – Mechanical breakdowns account for a significant number of calls for assistance to the Ontario Provincial Police. Most of these embarrassing incidents are preventable by ensuring your vessel is serviceable, you have sufficient gas. Part of being prepared is also making sure that the weather and water conditions are suitable for your day out on the water.
- **Planning** - Remember when things go wrong on the water, it happens very quickly and you don't

always have time to react. A prudent skipper always discusses his or her plans with a family member before they set out.

### Road Construction Projects

Funding for the Post Street Reconstruction Project in the Village of Whitney has been approved at \$558,678. The Township's contribution is \$186,226 which represents one-third (1/3) of the total project cost. The balance of the funding will be shared between the Provincial and Federal Governments at one-third (1/3) each. Construction will begin week of July 13. Traffic will be interrupted. If possible residents are requested to use alternate routes.

Gravel resurfacing has been approved for Sabine Ward (McKenzie Lake Road).

Funding for the Lake Street Reconstruction Project in the Village of Whitney has also been approved at \$500,000. The Township's contribution is \$166,666 which represents one-third (1/3) of the total project cost. The balance of the funding will be shared between the Provincial and Federal Governments at one-third (1/3) each.

Public docks (D)/boat launches (BL) slated for repair /replacement: Hay Lake BL, McKenzie BL, Tom & Mick Murray Park BL/D, Madawaska River D

### Waste Disposal News

Airy and Lyell Waste Disposal Sites are open Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Collection at Aylen Lake is Wednesdays and Sundays 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Residents are advised when delivering waste materials to the landfill that these materials should be secured on the vehicle or covered to prevent debris from being scattered on roadways.

Residents who place garbage at the roadside for collection are encouraged not to put their waste out any earlier than two (2) hours before their scheduled pickup. However if it is necessary, please place garbage in a secure container to prevent waste from being spread by birds and animals.

*Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on. Bob Newhart*