COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

On Thursday, February 21st, 2008 Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held their second regular meeting for the month.

Present:

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

Regrets: Mayor Percy Bresnahan; Councillor Sid James

Guests: Florence Martyniuk; Linda Elliott; Brenda Robertson; June Fuller; Lino Berani; Alexander Nicholas; Lois Kukhta; Gladys Dubreuil; Terry Dubreuil; Luella August; Norman Jarvis; Phyllis Luckasavitch; Linda Lynch; Trevor Murchison.

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: R. Shalla** **Res. #08-83**

"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin calls to order the Regular Council Meeting of February 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m."

-Carried-

ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

⇒ Delete Item #4 –Guest Larry Taylor from Northern Mines and Development will not be in attendance.

⇒ Add Item 9(a) – Interim Tax Bill By-Law

Moved by: R. Shalla **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. #08-84**

"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the agenda as prepared and circulated for the meeting of February 21st, 2008."

-Carried-

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None at this time.

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. #08-85**

"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7th, and the Special Meeting of February 12th, 2008 as circulated and amended."

-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. #08-86**

"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin appoints Councillor Randy Jessup to Chair the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2008 in the absence of Mayor Bresnahan."

-Carried-

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

⇒ Councillor Ogilvie advised that three Councillors, the Mayor and their spouses would be attending the Physician Appreciation Night on behalf of the Township of South Algonquin.

⇒ Councillor Ogilvie provided Council with an update with respect to his investigation into South Algonquin's designation and contribution to a Home for the Aged. Emails had been exchanged with the Chair for the Champlain LHIN along with verbal conversations with Mayor Bresnahan regarding the boundary issue between the Champlain LHIN and the Northeast LHIN to which the Township of South Algonquin presently belongs. Each member of Council was given the opportunity to express their opinions/concerns regarding this issue and as a result of this discussion, Councillor Ogilvie was directed to invite representatives from the two LHIN's to a future meeting of Council to discuss this issue in more detail.

⇒ Councillor Harper requested to know the status of the Summer Job 2008 and the Ranger Stewardship Program applications. Clerk H. Luckasavitch advised that Councillor Shalla had just submitted the paperwork for the Stewardship Program today and the Summer Job 2008 application was almost complete.

⇒ Councillor Harper requested to know if a letter had been sent to all the forty-three (43) applicants who had applied for the position of "Entry Level Office Assistant". The Clerk advised that yes this had been completed and that the Township was already in receipt of several responses.

Clerk H. Luckasavitch presented Council with a draft By-Law prepared by R.B. Howe for the proposed arrangement with the Whitney Seniors New Outlook building at Hay Creek Road and Third Avenue. This matter was deferred to the March 6th meeting of Council.

Clerk H. Luckasavitch informed Council that he had received a telephone call from the Whitney Public School Board requesting to renew their lease agreement, which expires at the end of this month, for the rent of office space located in the basement of the Seniors Building, but it was his understanding that the Seniors were also interested in retaining that office space for their own purposes.

Moved by: R. Ogilvie Seconded by: R. Shalla Res. #08-87
"Be it resolved that the Corporation for the Township of South Algonquin enter into negotiations with the Whitney Seniors New Outlook Inc. for the purpose of transferring ownership of the Seniors Centre to the Township and for arranging joint tenancy between the two organizations."
-Carried-

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: None at this time.

ROADS/WASTE MANAGEMENT/BUILDING CODE REPORT: Gerry Dunn, Works Superintendent/Chief Building Official presented Council with a written and verbal report which outlined the following:

- Truck #5 – 2000 International – unit has been returned to the Madawaska Patrol Yard. There has been interest expressed to purchase parts of this damaged unit. Decision of Council to advertise this unit in the Truck Trader Magazine – resolution to be prepared and presented during "Motions of Council".
- Replacement Unit for Truck #5 – new unit was picked up yesterday.
- Tenders – ¾ Ton Truck and Plow – document is still in the preparation stages.
- Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative - application has been completed and submitted.
- Canada/Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) – providing Council with a heads-up that Intake #4 may be coming out within the next few weeks – guidelines for eligible projects are available on the COMRIF website. Council to review the guidelines and recommend possible projects. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 3rd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish Hall to discuss the COMRIF information. Council to be provided with copies of the COMRIF guidelines.
- Council directed the Works Superintendent to have the parking lot sanded at the Parish Hall for the dates on which the Township is holding a meeting.
- Schedule meeting with Senior Project Manager, Kevin Mooder for Jp2g Consultants –Works Superintendent, G. Dunn to work with Mr. Mooder and schedule a date to meet with Council.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection – date has been set for August 9th, 2008 – DrainAll has been contacted and in the process of obtaining the necessary approvals and permits. Notice/advertisement to be prepared for public information.
- Hay Lake Waste Collection – consideration to relocating the garbage bins to one area and have all residents bring waste to the bins. Defer discussion to a Waste Management Committee Meeting.

Meeting adjourned for a five (5) minute break at 8:35 p.m.

Meeting reconvened after five (5) minutes.

GUESTS: Trevor Murchison and Alexander Nicholas were present at this meeting to request a donation from Council for a "Children's Fishing Day" that will take place on Saturday, March 1st, 2008 on Galeairy Lake in Whitney. Through some internet research Trevor was able to obtain the information and assistance for this event.

Counicllor Florent stated that for an individual of Trevor's age to take on such an event, he should be commended, and hopes that this can become an annual event.

Moved by: R. Shalla Seconded by: J. Florent Res. #08-88
"Council agree to allow the beach area to be opened up for 'Fishing Day' also agrees to donate $100.00 towards prizes for the Children's Fishing Day, Saturday, March 1st, 2008 on Galeairy Lake in Whitney."
-Carried-

Council directed Works Superintendent, G. Dunn to have the road to the public beach area opened for this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

BY-LAW:

First Reading: Moved by: R. Shalla Seconded by: J. Florent Sess. #08-89
Second Reading: Moved by: D. Harper Seconded by: R. Ogilvie Sess. #08-90
Third Reading: Moved by: J. Florent Seconded by: D. Harper Sess. #08-91

"A By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy of 50% of 2007 Final Taxes levied. The date of demand shall be March 1st 2008 payable in two instalments due March 31st, 2008 and April 30th, 2008 penalty and interest at a rate of 1.25% will be added on the first day of each and every month in default, as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a first, second and a third time**,** passed and numbered **08-302** 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: J. Florent Sess. #08-92
Second Reading: Moved by: J. Florent Seconded by: R. Shalla Sess. #08-93
Third Reading: Moved by: R. Ogilvie Seconded by: D. Harper Sess. #08-94

"A By-law to establish a line of credit with Desjardins Credit Union with a borrowing limit of up to $200,000.00 to cover overdrafts within any given year, as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a first, second and a third time**,** passed and numbered **08-301** 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-

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Ogilvie verbally informed Council that since the attendance at the Community Workshops regarding the proposed Official Plan was smaller than hoped, there is a need to have the questionnaire distributed to the residents in the Township of South Algonquin. Professor Fullerton and his associates at Brock University in conjunction with Township Staff have suggested that possibly a notice could be included with the 2008 Interim Tax Bill which would be a cost savings to the Township and at the same time provide the residents with the necessary information.

Councillor Harper verbally reported that there is an upcoming Library Board Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2008, and that he had nothing to report with respect to the Fire Departments at this time because he unfortunately missed the meeting on Tuesday night.

Councillor Florent verbally reported that he had attended the Murchison and Lyell Recreation Committee Meeting with Councillor Jessup and that the Committee requested a copy of the 2007 financial report for Recreation. The Deputy Clerk will prepare this report for Councillor Florent to pick up on Friday.

Councillor Jessup verbally advised that he had not yet completed the minutes from the Human Resources Committee Meeting that was held on Wednesday, February 20th, 2008 but would provide Council with a copy, once completed.

ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

⇒ Add Correspondence as Item #10(a)
⇒ Add Closed Session as Item #12(a)

CORRESPONDENCE:

⇒ Item #3 – Operation Clean Sweep – Pitch-in Canada. Information to be deferred to a future Waste Management Committee Meeting for further discussion.
⇒ Item #4 – Invitation to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation – Maintenance Technology Project Open House, March 5th, 2008 in North Bay. G. Dunn Works Superintendent to register and attend if weather permits.
⇒ Item #5 – Ontario Stewardship Ranger Work Request 2008. Application for the Township has already been completed.

Clerk H. Luckasavitch provided Council with a copy of the current lease agreement in place for the rent of the office space located in the basement of the Whitney Seniors Centre. The Clerk was directed to inform the Whitney Seniors Board Members to continue as usual with the lease until the negotiations with the Township have been finalized.

MOTIONS OF COUNCIL:

Moved by: R. Jessup Seconded by: J. Florent Res. #08-95

"**Whereas** the M&L Recreation Committee has requested revisions to the 'Regulations regarding the use of the Township of South Algonquin Community Hall' By-law #05-228 Schedule 'C' namely # 4 and #5; and **Whereas** Council has agreed to change the wording of #4 but not #5. **Therefore be it resolved** that the wording for #4 will be changed to read: The hall permit holder shall be responsible to the Township of South Algonquin for any damage to the hall, hall

equipment and property that arises from the hall permit holder negligence or wrong doing and shall indemnify and save harmless the Township with respect to same and from any claim whatsoever resulting from the negligence or wrong doing of the hall permit holder arising out of the use of the hall and property under such permit."
-Carried-

Amendments to be made to Recreation Hall Rent Agreement By-Law, advertise and bring forward to the March 6th, 2008 meeting of Council for approval.

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: R. Ogilvie** **Res. #08-96**
"**Whereas** the Township has replaced the plow Truck #5 with a new unit. **Therefore be it resolved** that the Township declares Truck #5 surplus and that we advertise in Truck Trader Magazine for its sale. Township is inviting offers, accepted in writing only."
-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: R. Shalla** **Res. #08-97**
"**Whereas** the decision has been made to move the Municipal Office to the former Seniors Centre in Whitney; and **Whereas** it has to be decided in what direction Council goes in regards to the former Municipal Office. **Therefore be it resolved** that Council form a Committee of the Whole and set a date for a meeting to investigate our options."
-Carried-

Council scheduled Monday, March 3rd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for the meeting to investigate and discuss the options available for the former Municipal Office Building in Madawaska.

Moved by: R. Shalla **Seconded by: J. Florent** **Res. #08-98**
"Council supports the Farm Tax Rebate resolution received from Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus requesting the Province of Ontario reimburse the municipalities for 75% rebate presently allowed through the taxation system."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. #08-99**
"To authorize Bills for Payment as recorded and circulated and amended by Resolution #08-100 for the meeting of February 21, 2008."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. #08-100**
"That the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin pay LBR contracting Ltd. $8,400.00 of the $16,487.23 holdback on the Medical Centre contract."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla **Seconded by: R. Ogilvie** **Res. #08-101**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin authorize Dave Harper, Administrator for the Shoreline Allowance Sales to proceed with the following applications: Peter & Robert Quail; Stephen Carr; Tom Brooke."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. #08-102**
"**Whereas**, infrastructure is critically important to our municipality; and **Whereas**, there is considerable infrastructure deficit throughout Ontario; and **Whereas**, Canada's federal government has committed, in Budget 2007, a seven-year, $33 billion infrastructure program – the biggest federal commitment since World War II – the Building Canada Plan; and **Whereas**, in order to access the Building Canada program a province must sign a Framework Agreement with the federal government, and Ontario has not done this yet; **Whereas**, four other provinces (British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador) have already signed a Framework Agreement with the federal government. **Be it resolved** that the Mayor and Council of South Algonquin call upon Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty to direct his officials to work with the Government of Canada to develop an appropriate Framework Agreement under the Building Canada plan. As the elected representatives responsible for the continued prosperity and safety of our community, we urge our counterparts at the province of Ontario to make negotiation of the Framework Agreement and access to this funding one of the highest priorities of their government."
-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: R. Shalla** **Res. #08-103**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin move into a closed session of Council at 9:55 p.m. to consider subject matter regarding: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose." **-Carried-**

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: R. Shalla** **Res. #08-104**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the closed session of Council for February 21st, 2008 at 10:25 p.m."
-Carried-

Moved by: D. Harper **Seconded by: R. Ogilvie** **Res. #08-105**
"To authorize the meeting of February 21, 2008 to extend beyond 10:00 p.m. at the call of the Chair."
-Carried-

Moved by: J. Florent **Seconded by: R. Ogilvie** **Res. #08-106**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin regretfully accepts Councillor James resignation from Council effective February 18th, 2008. Council extends its sincere gratitude to Mr. James for his participation and dedication during his term of office."
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Shalla **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. #08-107**
"To request from the Chair of the Whitney Recreation Committee, a written report of the occurrence that took place at the Committee Meeting February 18, 2008.
-Carried-

Moved by: R. Ogilvie **Seconded by: D. Harper** **Res. #08-108**
"That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2008 at 10:27 p.m."
-Carried-

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