

**COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES**

On Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held their second regular meeting for the month.

**Present:**

Council: Mayor Percy Bresnahan                      Staff: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Geraldeen Dubreuil  
          Councillor Joe Florent                              Works Superintendent/CBO, Gerald Dunn  
          Councillor Dave Harper  
          Councillor Randy Jessup  
          Councillor Robert Ogilvie  
          Councillor Richard Shalla

Regrets:            Councillor Jane Dumas and Clerk-Treasurer, Harold Luckasavitch

**Moved by: J. Florent                                      Seconded by: R. Shalla                                      Res. #09-274**  
“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin calls to order the regular Council meeting of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.”  
**-Carried-**

**ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**Moved by: J. Florent                                      Seconded by: R. Jessup                                      Res. #09-275**  
“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the agenda as prepared and circulated for the meeting of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.”  
**-Carried-**

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

**PRESENTATION on Nipissing District Housing Needs, Supply & Affordability Study presented by Bill White, CAO & David Plumstead, Researcher District of Nipissing Social Services and Administration Board.**

Subject matter presented:

- Why the study was conducted? - lack of affordable housing;
- Who was the target group? – affordable housing for people within the community (not just for low income or individuals on social assistance);
- Where? – Nipissing District and its municipalities and areas;
- Objectives? – impact that housing development and municipal planning have on the affordability of housing; affordable housing needs and gaps in Nipissing District; current capacity of existing public and private housing supply/stock and the secondary rental market; current housing development alignments and affordability rates within the District of Nipissing;
- Best Practices – Community Housing Strategies; Seniors Housing through the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program;
- What has happened since the Nipissing housing study was completed? – more affordable housing; increased awareness of the Nipissing housing issues; and community capacity building.
- Government funding available: Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (for projects shovel ready); funding to repair/renovate existing social housing stock owned and operated by District or private sector; Northern Housing Repair Program coming soon – for repair to homes owned by low income home owners (wells, septic, safety issues, improve energy systems).

Council was given the opportunity to ask questions and/or have their concerns addressed or issued clarified.

- Clarify difference between single household income and lone-parent families income;
- Home repair program – qualification should not just be for low income but middle income families as well;
- Household growth – no Official Plan which prevents the growth of houses;
- Who subsidizes the low income group?

Mayor Bresnahan addressed the South Algonquin Best Start Programs (daycare program in Whitney & Madawaska) and requested to know if funding would continue to flow from the DNSSAB for these two (2) sites.

Bill White, CAO advised the following:

- funding had been set aside for this program (licencing and enrollment);
- use of the program determines the assistance allocated (funding);
- services are being provided at no cost; long-term models developed in South Algonquin will continue in other communities;
- service will be available where there is fifteen (15) or more children and will be broadened;
- program will assist parents by accommodating early drop off and later pickup;
- partial assistance available for middle income and full assistance for low income.

Mayor Bresnahan expressed concern regarding the economy, DNSSAB's financial capabilities and/or affect on the Township of South Algonquin.

Bill White, CAO advised the following:

- DNSSAB is in a good financial position - average increases to the Township has been approximately 2%;
- DNSSAB does not maintain the maximum allotment for reserves but significant reserves have been established to cover unforeseen financial problems;
- DNSSAB has identified an increase in case loads due to the economy;
- approximately one third (1/3) of costs (DNSSAB costs) to municipalities will be uploaded to the province by 2010/2011.

**Meeting adjourned for a five (5) minute break at 8:07 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m.**

**DELEGATION:** Greg Laginski attended this meeting to express the concerns of his daughter (M. McCloskey) and neighbouring landowner (N. Eastman) with respect to the drainage lines/pipes from private properties being cut off or disconnected from the municipal drainage system and/or along the municipal right-of-way as proposed for the Reconstruction of Post Street in Whitney. Mr. Laginski provided Council with a brief history on how and/or why the current drainage lines/pipes came to be in these locations and requested that these lines/pipes be given approval to be reconnected to the new drainage system and/or along the municipal right-of-way as was done in the past.

Mayor Bresnahan thanked Mr. Laginski for his presentation and assured him that Council would take his concerns into consideration when making their decision.

**Moved by: D. Harper**

**Seconded by: R. Shalla**

**Res. #09-276**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and the Emergency Council meeting of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as circulated.”

**-Carried-**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES and/or UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Councillor Florent follow-up on Resolution #09-272 (test hole work for proposed MMPB site) – a quote/price along with the required contractor insurance was not submitted to the Township for the proposed work so the Township is not permitted to hire him for this job but he was willing to volunteer his time and equipment for this purpose.

Mayor Bresnahan follow-up on Resolution #09-270 (hire Tony Gardynik Engineering for the preparation of the Engineered Drawings for the MMPB) – confirmation had been received that Mr. Gardynik was unable to do the necessary work.

Councillor Harper follow-up on Fire Chief B. August's report from the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting of Council RE: purchase of newer tanker for the Whitney Fire Station. Chief August was requesting Council's authorization to travel and view proposed tankers for possible purchase. Council recommended that Chief August meet with Council to discuss and/or determine the necessary specifications of proposed vehicle prior to any search/site visits.

Councillor Jessup a new engineer is required to prepare the necessary drawings for the MMPB, possibly Jp2g Consultants or G.D. Jewell Engineering would be interested in performing this work. Works Superintendent/CBO, G. Dunn informed Council that G.D. Jewell had verbally expressed interest in this project.

Councillor Ogilvie requested confirmation as to whether or not the proposed site for the MMPB had been surveyed. Councillor Jessup advised that the boundaries had been identified but the existing buildings and/or services had not yet been identified on the site plan.

Councillor Ogilvie follow-up on the list being compiled in the Municipal Office with respect to the 3G Internet Stick provided by Roger for testing – Council and/or staff who tested this



**Moved by: R. Jessup**                      **Seconded by: R. Ogilvie**                      **Res. #09-282**  
“To have the Clerk arrange to have the flag pole assembly and generator shed removed from the Municipal Office in Madawaska and installed at the New Municipal Office in Whitney at a location as determined by Council.” **-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Jessup**                      **Seconded by: J. Florent**                      **Res. #09-283**  
“To have the Clerk get an appraisal from three (3) Real Estate Firms on the Municipal Office & property in Madawaska for consideration by Council.” **-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Jessup**                      **Seconded by: J. Florent**                      **Res. #09-284**  
“To have the Clerk arrange to have the present and past Mayor & Council members portraits displayed in the Council chambers at the New Municipal Office in Whitney; and **FURTHERMORE** have Councillor Dumas’s portrait taken to be included in the aforementioned portrait; and **FURTHERMORE** that this be done prior to the suggested Open House.”  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Jessup**                      **Seconded by: J. Florent**                      **Res. #09-285**  
“To have the Clerk arrange for one (1) tandem load of cold mix asphalt purchased and picked up for the Madawaska Rink, to be place and compacted on the exterior of the rink boards in all low areas, with threaded plugged ABS drainage from those areas and said costs to be paid from fundraised dollars in the budget for this project.”  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent**                      **Seconded by: R. Jessup**                      **Res. #09-286**  
“**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of South Algonquin accepts the tender for the Reconstruction of Post Street submitted by Eastway Contracting Inc.-Pembroke in the amount of \$493,449.60 including GST.”  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent**                      **Seconded by: R. Jessup**                      **Res. #09-287**  
“**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of South Algonquin accepts the tender from Morris Chemicals Incorporated for the supply and application of 150,000 litres of liquid calcium at a total cost of \$38,666.25 including GST.”  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent**                      **Seconded by: R. Jessup**                      **Res. #09-288**  
“That Township staff contact Jewell Engineering regarding the Multi-Purpose Building in Madawaska to determine their interest in providing architectural drawings, tendering & job supervision, including all drawings required.”  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent**                      **Seconded by: R. Shalla**                      **Res. #09-289**  
“That Council explore the idea of coming up with a new name for the New Municipal Office. The current name of Seniors Centre not being descriptive of the new use of the building.”  
**-Carried-**

**Moved by: J. Florent**                      **Seconded by: D. Harper**                      **Res. #09-290**  
“**WHEREAS** the Minister of Education on June 1 announced that the Murchison & Lyell District School Area Board and the Airy & Sabine District School Area Board will be amalgamated with the Renfrew County District School Board effective September 1, 2009, and; **WHEREAS** there are a total of 20 School Area Boards being amalgamated with District School Boards, and; **WHEREAS** the Murchison & Lyell and the Airy & Sabine District School Area Boards which are located within the Township of South Algonquin in the District of Nipissing are in the unique position of being amalgamated with a Board, namely the Renfrew County District School Board which is not in Northern Ontario, and; **WHEREAS** the Council for the Township of South Algonquin recognizes the need for small communities, especially in Northern Ontario, to be able to provide education facilities within the Community to ensure growth within the Community, and; **WHEREAS** the Ministry of Education has placed a 30 month moratorium on the closing of any of the affected schools; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of South Algonquin petition the Ministry of Education and the Renfrew County District School Board to ensure that the students in the Murchison & Lyell Public School and the Airy & Sabine do not lose any of the social programs or special education programs available to them through the District of Nipissing; **AND LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ministry of Education ensure that none of these affected schools be closed, ensuring that small communities in Northern Ontario retain the ability to provide education facilities within the Community; **AND FURTHER** that copies of this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, Renfrew County District School Board, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities for distribution to its members, DNSSAB, MPP John Yakabuski, MP Cheryl Gallant; **AND FURTHER** that copies be sent to Murchison & Lyell and Airy & Sabine District School Area Boards.” **-Carried-**

**Moved by: D. Harper**                      **Seconded by: R. Shalla**                      **Res. #09-291**  
“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the proposal put forward by the Opeongo Outfitters to open a chip truck on their property located along Highway 60.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: D. Harper**                      **Seconded by: R. Shalla**                      **Res. #09-292**  
“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Township of Bonnechere Valley to petition for the Province to increase its annual grants to 15% of library revenue.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: D. Harper**                      **Seconded by: R. Shalla**                      **Res. #09-293**  
“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin supports the resolution from the Town of Smiths Falls to petition for the Province to increase its annual grants to 15% of library revenue.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: D. Harper**                      **Seconded by: R. Shalla**                      **Res. #09-294**  
“That Council for the corporation of the Township of South Algonquin agrees that entrances from Post Street onto lots 27 & 28 be constructed as per request letter from owners, June 15, 2009.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: D. Harper**                      **Seconded by: R. Shalla**                      **Res. #09-295**  
“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin agrees to facilitate St. Martin of Tours Catholic School’s request to use the beach area on June 24, 2009 under conditions similar to previous years.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: D. Harper**                      **Seconded by: R. Shalla**                      **Res. #09-296**  
“The Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin resolves to allow the affected individuals on Post Street to reconnect their existing footing drains to the proposed drainage system which will be installed during the reconstruction of Post Street.”

**-Defeated-**

Council requested that the Township Staff contact the Township’s solicitor to obtain a legal opinion regarding identified drainage pipes from private properties on Post Street – disconnection from exist township drainage system and/or the requirements to reconnect into the new drainage system.

**Councillor Florent requested a recorded vote on the following resolution.**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**                      **Seconded by: R. Ogilvie**                      **Res. #09-297**  
“Council agrees to accept the offer from the Town of Bancroft to do a presentation to Council which the Clerk should schedule.”

**Councillor Florent – No**      **Councillor Harper – No**      **Councillor Jessup – Yes**  
**Councillor Ogilvie – Yes**      **Councillor Shalla – Yes**      **Mayor Bresnahan - Yes**

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**                      **Seconded by: D. Harper**                      **Res. #09-298**  
“Council agrees to have the Clerk install blinds in the Township Office.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Ogilvie**                      **Seconded by: R. Jessup**                      **Res. #09-299**  
“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin request the Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter supporting Mayor Doug Martin and the Township of Fort Erie Ontario in their efforts to keep open their community hospital.”

**-Carried-**

**Councillor Florent requested a recorded vote on the following resolution.**

**Moved by: R. Ogilvie**                      **Seconded by: R. Jessup**                      **Res. #09-300**  
“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin contribute \$500.00 to the Wallaceburg Disaster Relief Committee.”

**Councillor Florent – No**      **Councillor Harper – No**      **Councillor Jessup – No**  
**Councillor Ogilvie – Yes**      **Councillor Shalla – No**      **Mayor Bresnahan - No**

**-Defeated-**

**Moved by: J. Florent**

**Seconded by: D. Harper**

**Res. #09-301**

“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 June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.”

**-Carried-**

**Moved by: R. Ogilvie**

**Seconded by: R. Shalla**

**Res. #09-302**

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the regular Council meeting of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10:00 p.m.”

**-Carried-**

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(Mayor – Percy Bresnahan)

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(Clerk– Harold Luckasavitch)