

October 7th, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, October 7th, 2010 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Regular Council Meeting.

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| Present | Mayor Percy Bresnahan | Staff- Harold Luckasavitch-Clerk/Treasurer |
| | Councillor Jane Dumas | Sue Klatt, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer- Recording Secretary |
| | Councillor Dave Harper | Carla Gatley, Administrative Assistant |
| | Councillor Randy Jessup | Gerry Dunn, Works Superintendent, CBCO |
| | Councillor Robert Ogilvie | |
| | Councillor Richard Shalla | |
| Regrets | Councillor Joe Florent\ | |

Guests: Sid James, Re: By-Law #10-385, Fire Department Fees
Karen Johnson, Re: road conditions for Algonquin Street and Algonquin Crescent
Brian August, Re: Dry Hydrant

Moved by:J. Dumas Seconded by:R. Jessup Res. #10-348
“That the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin calls to order the Regular Council Meeting of October 7th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.”
-Carried-

2.ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- 2.1 Delegation- 5.3 Brian August
- 2.2 New Business: 11a- police report-Mayor Bresnahan

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: R.Ogilvie Seconded by: R.Shalla Res. #10-349
“That the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopts the agenda as circulated and amended for the meeting of October 7th, 2010”.
-Carried-

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

5.PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS and/or PRESENTATIONS:

5.1-Sid James: Re: By-Law #10-385, Fire Department Fees

Mr. James outlined his concerns with the draft By-Law #10-385 and he elaborated on the following issues for Council consideration:

- a. *Cost to residents:* Mr. James objects to the new proposed By-Law #10-385 as it now includes that residents will have to pay for the service; he added that taxation should include this cost to residents.
- b. *Fire Services By-Laws:* Mr. James referenced and elaborated on previous By-Laws and Resolutions that pertained to Fire Services and highlighted some of their differences in terminology and intent. He requested that Council ensure all previous By-Laws and/or Resolutions pertinent to the fire services and/or rates be reviewed to ensure there is no conflict as some may need to be rescinded. On this topic, Mr. James emphasized that the By-Law should not receive any readings while still in draft form.
- c. *Proposed revisions:* Mr. James had issues with the terminology and intent in the following sections:
 - “*Fee Schedule*”-Equipment to be billed at“Contractors Rate”-each contractor has a different rate and nowhere in the By-Law does it state what the proposed contractor rate is.
 - “*Extraordinary Expenses*”- should include “or appointed designate” to the Fire Chief as a Captain or Deputy Fire Chief may not be available.
 - “*Extraordinary Expenses*”- states the owner shall be charged those expenses incurred but under *Administration and Enforcement, Section 4-* it states the Corporation shall mail an invoice to each owners insurer upon whom a fee is imposed under this By-Law.
 - “*Administration and Enforcement*”- The fees imposed by this By-Law may be waived or reduced where circumstances warrant with the approval of the Township of South Algonquin Fire Chief..” the criteria for circumstances should be listed within the By-Law.
- d. *Insurance:* It was previously stated that this By-Law was needed to adhere to insurance requirements. Mr. James questioned if Council had sought the opinion of different insurance brokers and other Councils to investigate what potential advantages this would generate and if it is necessary. He fears that adopting this By-Law as presently drafted, it will result in increased

insurance premiums.

e. *Billing Requirements*: The By-Law should itemize what types of fires will be subject to the proposed costs as outlined in the schedule of fees: structural, chimney, grass fires, etc. The By-Law should also state how call-outs will be interpreted (ie. Floods, Burning without a permit.) One example given was if a neighbour calls to report a grass fire-who will be billed. He added

f. *Purpose*: It was questioned that if the main purpose of implementing this By-Law was to generate revenue to upgrade existing and necessary equipment, in his opinion, these items should be budgeted for from taxation, not acquired through more fees to the residents. It was added that the issue of aging and obsolete equipment was brought up in 2004 and that Council should be budgeting for replacement.

g. Mr. James urged Council to consider his concerns and added that this By-Law without further details or modifications, does not work in the best interest of rate payers.

5.2-Karen Johnson, Representing Ann Boldt, Edmund Kuiack-RE: Algonquin Street

Ms. Johnson wanted to address the deteriorating condition of Algonquin Street and Algonquin Crescent. She informed Council that ten(10) residents had signed a petition stating discontent with the state of the road and pictures of the deteriorating road were distributed for Council to view. Ms. Johnson added that this issue has been brought forward to Council in previous years and they would like immediate action taken to upgrade and repair these roads. The width of the road, the lack of drainage as well as the severe erosion of the shoulders all need to be addressed.

It was added that property owners along these roads have drainage and water problems on their properties as a direct result of the condition of the road and lack of proper culverts. On behalf of the delegation, Ms. Johnson is requesting feedback from Council and an action plan for rehabilitation as soon as possible.

Mayor Bresnahan thanked Ms. Johnson for her presentation and added that this proposed road rehabilitation is not in the 2010 budget. The concern with the rehabilitation of these roads is that in order to correct the issues, the road would have to be widened requiring surveys, etc. This road has been identified as a priority and it will require some provincial funded grants due to the cost of this project. This issue will be discussed at a roads meeting and feedback will be provided to the concerned group.

A Recess was called at 7:20p.m. for a brief service award presentation to the Works Superintendent/CBCO; the meeting was called back to order at 7:45p.m.; Delegations (with the exception of Sid James) and the Deputy Clerk Treasurer did not return to the meeting. The Administrative Assistant will be the recording secretary for the remainder of the meeting.

5.3 Brian August; Dry Hydrant

Mr. August elaborated on correspondence received from the Ministry of Natural Resources pertaining to a work application to dig a pond “on natural creek Lot 7 Concession 5 Airy Township”(behind firehall) submitted June 15, 2010. The letter states that the application will require approval under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act and further detailed information will be required. One of the concerns within the application checklist, was the requirement for an Engineers stamp and signature. Further discussion about location, safety and water quality took place.

Mr. August left the meeting at 8:00p.m.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved by: D. Harper

Seconded by: J. Dumas

Res. #10-350

“That the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 16, 2010 and Special meeting of September 22, 2010 as circulated.”

-Carried-

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Waiting on AV Locksmith to finish cutting keys that will access all rooms (except for janitor’s room) for Madawaska Complex.
- Heat at Lester Smith building has been turned on for the winter.
- Heat at Madawaska Complex will be turned on for the winter; McGrath Plumbing and Heating there today.
- Truman Hawley fixed the problem of no hot water at the Lester Smith building – installed back up water heater (for summer months when furnace isn’t running).
- Councillor Jessup suggested that instructions were needed on how to adjust the furnace at the Madawaska Complex.
- Rink attendant positions were advertised.
- Sign advertising old Recreation/Fire Hall for sale isn’t very visible, only facing Whitney direction.
- Councillor Dumas spoke to Heather Caloren regarding restorative justice week, a spokesperson would be happy to attend next council meeting.

Percy Bresnahan
Mayor

Harold Luckasavitch
Clerk/Treasurer