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Ethel LaValley
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November 21, 2024

Dear Ms. LaValley,

We are writing in follow-up to recent Township of South Algonquin Council Meetings.

In reviewing the minutes from the October Council Meeting, we would like to offer our enthusiastic support and commend Township Council for deciding to continue broadcasting Council meetings via YouTube Live. We believe that this is an important step in ensuring ongoing accessibility and transparency of Council meetings and fosters opportunities for greater community engagement with the important discussions and decisions that take place at the Council table. We appreciate and applaud the decision of Council in supporting open and accessible mechanisms for the community to observe and participate in Council meetings.

The South Algonquin Business Alliance is committed to supporting effective and meaningful community engagement for our members and for the greater community of South Algonquin. As such, we believe it is our responsibility as community members to stay informed about the matters before Council so that we can be supportive and effective partners in shared stewardship of South Algonquin. To this end, we have noticed that, at the time of writing, the minutes from the October and November Council Meetings have not yet been posted on the Township website. While we understand that everyone has very full plates, we would welcome any information regarding the usual or expected service standard on the timeline for posting of Council minutes following meetings. Knowing when to expect to see the minutes posted will help us ensure our members are informed and able to engage meaningfully with the Township and Council. Relatedly, we have noticed that some links to information packages and notices of meetings/events appear to be out of date or directed to links that do not work. We know



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that Council, Township staff, and community members alike all rely on the Township website to access accurate and timely information, and that it would be in the best interest of everyone to ensure the information and links on the Township website are actively maintained.

We would welcome any opportunity to work with and support the Township in its efforts to ensure timely, accurate information is available to the community and look forward to continuing to support meaningful engagement and collaboration between Council, the Township, and the entire South Algonquin Community.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Pollak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Pollak, PhD

Chair, South Algonquin Business Alliance

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