

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – August 14, 2017

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, August 14, 2017 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillors Sharon Smith, Doug Sewell and Les Mahon.

Teri Brandt was absent with notice.

**Staff in Attendance:** Sherri Hawthorne, Treasurer  
Susan L. Arnold; Clerk Administrator

**Public in Attendance:** Bruce Campbell; OTN Services (AHHC)  
  
Willie Hollet; Almaguin Chamber of Commerce  
Dave Gray; Burks Falls & Area Community Economic Development  
Andrew Farnsworth; CAO Magnetawan

Lanny Dennis; Wayne Simpson & Associates Planners

1. **Call to Order** –The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**  
None Declared

3. **Guests & Deputations**

Bruce Campbell addressed Council to provide information on the status of existing OTN service equipment and the future plans to replace this equipment. The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee was informed the life expectancy of the OTN service equipment at the Burks Falls site would reach its life expectancy in April of 2018. There is currently no financial commitment from the Province to replace the equipment which means municipalities will be required to fund the entire equipment replacement. The estimated cost, as reported from two separate sources, would be \$21,000.00-\$25,000.00.

OTN utilizes telecommunications technology to provide clinical health care to Ontarians at a distance, through face to face webhosting. The use of the OTN telecommunication network site within Burk's Falls allows Almaguin Highlands residents to access medical services not available in rural communities. These services include oncology, mental health, urology, and cardiovascular surgery follow up just to name a few.

The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee is requesting financial support in the amount of \$500 annually for the next five years beginning in 2018 toward the cost of OTN Telecommunication equipment replacement.

Council thanked Mr. Campbell for his presentation.

Bruce Campbell left at 5:34 p.m.

Willie Hollet, Dave Gray and Andrew Farnsworth spoke to Council next regarding a regional economic development initiative. Currently, Community/Economic Development in the Almaguin Highlands exists only with the support of federal and provincial investment. The focus of the regional economic development initiative is to provide data to prove feasibility of establishing a regional community and economic development department with a three-year CIINO investment and MNM/OMAFRA provincial funding.

There are currently three departments in the region each working independently but where the primary focus is on local initiatives. A regional community and economic development department would prioritize the CED initiatives that benefit the entire Almaguin highlands.

Funding for the current CED will expire by April 2019, leaving 15 municipalities and the regional Chamber of Commerce without a CED presence. The regional CED model will see investments increase over the funding term with the goal of self-sufficiency for the CED with little additional funding.

The delegation requested a resolution to support the initiative, in principle.

Willie Hollet, Dave Gray and Andrew Farnsworth left the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Lanny Dennis, planner for the Village of South River provided Council with four options regarding the future development of the Happy Landing Commercial Court. Council was pleased with all the options

but favoured Option 4. The planner was asked to provide some minor changes and staff was asked to circulate Option #4 and the amended option to any potential commercial land developers. Mr. Dennis also advised the zoning in the recently amended Official Plan would also require an amendment to keep in step with the village's future commercial potential.

Lanny Dennis left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Discussion regarding the three deputations ensued with the following resolutions being passed:

187-2017 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a donation to the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre in the amount of \$500 annually for five years beginning in 2018 towards the cost of OTN Telecommunication equipment replacement. The donation will be expensed from the Community Grants and Donations budget.**

Carried

188-2017 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support, in principle, the establishment of an Almaguin Highlands Regional Community and Economic Development Department.**

Carried

189-2017 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve Option #4 for the future development of the Happy Landing Commercial Court.**

Carried

#### **4. Adoption of Minutes**

190-2017 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, July 24, 2017, as printed.**

Carried

#### **5. Accounts**

191-2017 Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the following reports:**

- 1) **Income Statement to July 31, 2017**
- 2) **Cheques to July 31, 2017**
- 3) **Ontario Regulation 284/09**

Carried

192-2017 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive and adopt the attached report, as required by the Municipal Act 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09 Section 92 (a), (b) and Section 3.1 and 2.**

Carried

193-2017 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the quote provided by McLaren Builders in the amount of \$9,419.00 + HST pending proof of valid GST/HST number, WSIB Certificate in Good Standing, General Liability Insurance in the amount of not less than \$2,000,000 and Working At Heights Certificates for all employees who will be working on the project. Emergency repair work to begin as soon as possible with the completion of the project in 2018.**

Carried

194-2017 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby declare as surplus the municipally-owned property described as Con 2, PT Lot 4 RP42R12194 Part 2 PCL 17100 NS known as 281 Highway #124, South River.**

Carried

195-2017 Smith/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a donation to the South River Machar Agricultural Society for the Fall Fair in the amount of \$500.00.**

Carried

Council reviewed the first draft of the village noise by-law. In general, Council was satisfied with the content of the draft and made several suggestions to clarify or expand circumstances in which a noise by-law would be beneficial for the community without becoming too restrictive.. A second draft will be brought to the council table in the fall for Council's review.

Council has agreed to Monday, October 23, 2017 (as per Machar council's alternate joint meeting

date). Council has proposed a start time of 5:00 or 5:15 in order to accommodate both council's regular council meetings. South River Clerk Administrator is to communicate South River's agreement with the alternate date.

Carried

196-2017 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff Reports: Agenda Items #1 to #7.**

Carried

**6.2 Reports from Joint Committees -Nil**

**6.3 Reports from Regional Committees –**

197-2017 Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Committee Reports: Agenda Items #1 and #2.**

Carried

198-2017 Smith/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Regional Committee Reports: Agenda Items #1 and #2.**

Carried

**7. Correspondence**

199-2017 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence Items #1 to #4.**

Carried

**8. Council Information Update –**

- There will only be one scheduled council meeting in August, as per the Procedural By-law, and the next scheduled council meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2017. Enjoy the break!
- Final 2017 tax bills will be mailed to property owners prior to the last week of August with tax due dates being September 29<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. The on-line payment option continues to be very popular. There are instances where payments are made to water accounts and property owners are reminded to select the appropriate payee, either Taxes or Water, when making on-line payments.
- Staff Sergeant Stacey Whaley will be attending the September 11, 2017 meeting to provide Council with an annual report.

**9. In Camera – 3 Personnel Items**

200-2017 Smith/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (c) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing three personnel issues.**

Carried

201-2017 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session At 8:38 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

The Clerk Administrator was given direction.

202-2017 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Personnel Committee resolution #7-2017 to rescind the first part of Village of South River Resolution #178-2017 and replace it by having on-call being paid during the hours when there is one employee working or when the arena is not staffed and call-back will be as per the Collective Agreement.**

Carried

**10. By-laws – Nil**

**11. Confirming By-law**

203-2017 Smith/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby read a first, second and third time and finally pass By-law #24-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

204-2017 Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby adjourn to meet**

again as the South River Council on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the South River Council Chambers located at 63 Marie Street or at the call of the Mayor. Time of Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**