

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – January 23, 2017

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, January 23, 2017 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman and Councillors Sharon Smith, Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt and Les Mahon.

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

**Public in Attendance:** Mayor Bruce Baker; Joly Township

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 - Nil**

4. **Adoption of Minutes**  
14-2017 Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, January 9, 2017 as printed.**

Carried

5. **Accounts - Nil**

6. **Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**  
15-2017 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the amount of \$167.00 as the Village of South River’s portion of the \$500.00 cash award for the 2017 Don Ivens Memorial Community Volunteer Award.**

Carried

Council discussed the second item of allowing CGIS to share information for the purposes of establishing broadband in the community and for that purpose alone.

16-2017 Mahon/Smith

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

Carried

6.2 **Reports from Joint Committees**  
17-2017 Brandt/Mahon

Councillors discussed the South River Machar Fire Committee’s proposal to Joly Township to provide supplemental fire protection to Joly Township. The Township of Joly does not have its own fire department and purchases fire protection service through two agreements: with the Sundridge Strong Fire department and the South River Machar Fire Department. In accordance with current Mutual Aid requirements both fire departments must respond to an occurrence in Joly Township in order to provide complete coverage just as both services respond to events in South River, Machar, Sundridge and Strong. By responding together to events the municipalities have complete coverage. The average cost, per household, was calculated for South River and Machar and it is this annual cost which has been recommended to Joly Township, in the amount of \$16,250.00. Joly Township will also have to pay a service agreement fee with Sundridge Strong Township. The increase to Joly Township is \$9,753 over the amount in the previous agreement however this jump in costs will bring the Joly Agreement in line with the actual operating costs per household and future increases would be minimal in comparison.

Mayor Baker expressed concern at such a large increase and requested that Council reconsider as Joly Township is small and, like other small municipalities, struggling with increased costs for policing. He stated the Township wants to pay for service and not have ownership of the department.

Council did agree to send the discussion back to the February 7<sup>th</sup> fire committee table as it was considered a more appropriate place for the members from South River and Machar Township to discuss the matter and provide a recommendation to both councils. Council stood firm in its view that it wouldn’t be fair to South River and Machar tax payers to charge Joly Township residents less for fire protection per household than the residents in the Village of South River and the

**Township of Machar pay.**

17-2017 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Minutes from the January 10, 2017 South River Machar Fire Committee and supports the Committee's recommendation including resolutions 2017-07 and 2017-08 (prepare a tender and amend Appendix 'C' to the E & R by-law); and**

**Further, the Village of South River does hereby declare surplus the Drager Low Pressure Units. The assets will be disposed of as per the Village of South River's Procurement By-law policies.**

Carried

Mayor Baker thanked Council for its time and left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

18-2017 Brandt/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Committee Reports Items #2 to #4 and supports the Arena Committee recommendation #2017-05 to provide one free hall rental to the South River Curling Club.**

Carried

**Reports from Regional Committees**

19-2017 Sewell/Smith

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

Carried

**7. Correspondence**

20-2017 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the correspondence items #1 and #2.**

**8. Council Information Update –**

- Councillor Sewell advised he had attended “Dinner for 50” which was put on by a local couple, Paul & Monica Beattie. The Lunch is hoped to be served once a month and the 1<sup>st</sup> lunch was very well attended. If anyone would like to contribute or help please contact Paul or Monica.
- Councillor Brandt advised she would be attending the Joint Culture and recreation meeting to be held in Sundridge.
- The Clerk Administrator is trying to find a meeting date when representatives from OCWA can speak to either the Public Works Committee or Council for an update on the manganese situation, planned 2017 equipment upgrades and how new equipment and practices established in 2016 have been working.

**9. In Camera**

21-2017 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under subsection 239.2 (b and d) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue and the possibility of acquiring or disposing of land by the municipality.**

Carried

7:20 p.m. Sherri Hawthorne left the meeting.

22-2017 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:49 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

The Clerk Administrator was given no further direction regarding the possibility of acquiring or disposing of land.

23-2017 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the recommendation of the Personal Committee at its January 17, 2017 meeting and support recommendation 2-2017 regarding the Clerk Administrator's annual increase for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019.**

Carried

**10. By-laws - Nil**

**11. Confirming By-law**  
24-2017 Sewell/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 #3-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23rd<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**  
25-2017 Brandt/ 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, February 13, 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: 8:10 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**