

Village of South River
Council Meeting – March 27, 2017

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, March 27, 2017 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillors Sharon Smith, Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt and Les Mahon.

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

Public in Attendance: Nil

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**

66-2017 Sewell/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the addition of the participation of the Village of South River in the Joint Compliance Audit Committee to be established as per Section 88.37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* onto the agenda of March 27, 2017 as Item number 6.1.4.

Carried

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

67-2017 Smith/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, March 13, 2017 as printed.

Carried

5. **Accounts** – Nil

6. **Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**

68-2017 Mahon/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby review the current status of the Snow Removal Reserve and agree to change its name to “Winter Reserve” with the following conditions:

- i) **The Village will continue to place any surplus of the annual snow removal budget into the Winter Reserve;**
- ii) **The Village will transfer from the Winter Reserve any funds over and above the annual snow removal budget should the winter have more snow events than is normal;**
- iii) **Use some of the Winter Reserve funds when purchasing winter snow removal equipment becomes necessary;**
- iv) **The Winter Reserve will be reviewed annually by council during the budget process at the same time other municipal reserves are reviewed.**

Carried

69-2017 Mahon/Smith

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) is now seeking stakeholder and public input through a comprehensive consultation on changes being considered to the Building Code Act, 1992 and the Building Code; and

WHEREAS the changes to B-08-09-03 specifically, requiring mandatory five year septic tank pump out and records retention by the owner; and

WHEREAS that same change requires Municipalities to administer and enforce this change; and

WHEREAS the change document fails to identify the administrative costs to Municipalities; and

WHEREAS the change document fails to identify any transfer of Provincial funding to offset these downloaded costs; and

WHEREAS many municipalities already have by-laws to regulate septic systems, especially near waterways; and

WHEREAS the majority of homeowners pump out their septic tanks on a regular basis whether regulated to or not; and

WHEREAS there are many more important issues on which to spend taxpayer's money than "enhancing" maintenance on existing functioning systems; and

WHEREAS the adequate legislation already exists to correct malfunctioning systems; and

WHEREAS Premier Wynne stated on Monday, January 30, 2017 at the ROMA Conference that the Province recognizes that "one size fits all" solutions do not always work in rural Ontario; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Village of South River respectfully requests the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to rescind proposed building code change B-08-09-03;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party; Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and to Mr. Norm Miller, MPP Muskoka Parry Sound;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Carried

70-2017 Brandt/Mahon

WHEREAS Section 88.37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* requires that a council shall, before October 1 of an election year, establish a compliance audit committee; and

WHEREAS economics of scale shall be realized by participating municipalities through the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS the important role of the Almaguin Clerk's Group in facilitating this joint initiative, and subsequent cost savings to each municipality is recognized; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of South River deems it necessary to enter into an agreement with other interested municipalities to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2018 election and subsequent term thereafter ending on November 30, 2022.

Carried

71-2017 Brandt/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff Reports: Agenda Items #1 to #4.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Joint Committees

72-2017 Mahon/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Committee Draft Minutes for:

1. The South River Machar Fire Committee (March 7, 2017) and supports motions 2017-20 to 2017-25 specifically #2017-22 approving the Fire Chief to purchase a Hurst eDraulic SC 757 E2 Combination Tool as approved, in principle, in the 2017 Fire Department Budget and #2017-24 accepting South River Machar Fire Department PTSD Policies #SRMFD-001 and #SRMFD-002;
2. The South River Machar Fire Committee (March 21, 2017) and supports motions 2017-26 to approve the tender received from Carrier Centre Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$463,478.30 + HST for a ULC-rated Pumper for the South River Machar Fire Department;
3. The South River Machar Medical Centre Board of Management (March 21, 2017) and supports motions #1-#4;

4. **The South River Machar Joint Culture & Recreation Committee (March 1, 2017) and received Machar Township correspondence. South River is no longer willing to have arena staff operate the soccer program.**
5. **The South River Machar Arena Committee (March 1, 2017) and supports motions #2017-07 to #2017-012 specifically motion #2017-09 to prepare an RFP for the operation of the canteen and #2017-10 to change the non-prime time arena usage rates to \$75.00;**
6. **The South River Machar Union Library (March 7, 2017) and supports all motions as presented.**

Carried

73-2017 Smith/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend that both the Culture & Recreation Committee and the Arena Committee be dissolved effective December 31, 2017 and that operational decisions relating to these two departments be made at Joint Council.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees -

74-2017 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the draft Regional Committee Draft Minutes for:

1. **The Central Almaguin Economic Development Association (March 2, 2017) and supports motions #2017-15 to #2017-23.**

Carried

7. Correspondence

75-2017 Sewell/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the correspondence Item #1..

Carried

8. Council Information Update -

- **The municipal audit field work began on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 and the auditors left Friday March 17, 2017. There continues to be requests from the auditors as they work through the auditing process. The audit was clean and the auditors were very happy with our Treasurer's day-to-day efforts and the organized presentation of accounts and back-up material.**
- **The new PAC process was started last week at the water treatment plant. To date the results are very encouraging but OCWA staff remain cautiously optimistic until we have a full year of data which will include another spring and fall when the manganese is traditionally higher in the river water.**
- **Councillor Brandt asked if the CodeRed notification also called to notify when an alert has expired. The Clerk Administrator said she would find out. Following the meeting it was determined a follow-up call will take place when there has not been a definite end date established in the alert. In the case of a Boil Water advisory this could be because additional samples maybe required. Therefore an alert announcing the Boil Water Advisory has ended is necessary. In the case of a water restriction it was identified as being in effect until a specific date so a follow-up call is not necessary unless the restriction needs to be extended.**
- **Councillor Sewell had been approached by a rate payer expressing concern about the new casino proposed for North Bay and wondered if there was anything South River could do to express these concerns. The Council of South River has no jurisdiction in the municipality of the City of North Bay.**
- **Sherrri Hawthorne advised she had received \$500 worth of free lightbulbs for the municipal office from "Save on Energy"; a company contracted by Hydro One to provide free on-site assessments.**
- **Council and staff welcomed Councillor Les Mahon back to the table following some health concerns.**

9. In Camera

76-2017 Brandt/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (d) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:38p.m. for the purpose of discussing a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipal or local board.

Carried

77-2017 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:45 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

10. By-laws - Nil

11. Confirming By-law

78-2017 Brandt/ Sewell

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 #7-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 27th day of March, 2017 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

79-2017 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, April 10, 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: 7:45 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator