

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Monday, May 8, 2017

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, May 8, 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
Chris Fraser, Almaguin By-law Officer
Susan L. Arnold; Clerk Administrator

Public in Attendance: Nil

1. **Call to Order** –The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:32 p.m.
2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
None Declared
3. **Guests & Deputations** – Ingrid O’Gorman; Almaguin Community Policing
Ms. O’Gorman attended Council to advise Council she will be our representative on the Community Policing Committee. The Committee is a volunteer organization formed to help improve our area and make it safer by working with Crime Stoppers. The Committee presented Council with a sign to be placed in a prominent place in our committee. The sign asks the public to report crimes anonymously to Crime Stoppers using the posted phone number. The Committee takes part in fundraising activities to raise money for such items as the signs and other items which can help the communities of Central Almaguin stay safe.

Council thanked Ms. O’Gorman for joining the committee and for presenting the sing to this community.

Ingrid O’Gorman left the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Mr. Joe Coombs had requested time to speak to the Cemetery Board but was not present. Council decided to continue with the agenda to give Mr. Coombs time to attend in case he was running late. The Cemetery Commission will convene at the end of the committee reports on the agenda.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**
113-2017 Mahon/Sewell
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, April 24, 2017 as printed. Carried

5. **Accounts**
114-2017 Smith/Mahon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the following reports:
 - 1) **Income Statement to April 30, 2017**
 - 2) **Cheques to April 30, 2017.**Carried

6. **Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**
115-2017 Sewell/Mahon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff recommendation and direct the Treasurer to book a 20-year rate term loan with the TD Commercial Bank in the amount of \$350,000 with blended principle and interest payments. The interest rate as of Friday, May 5th, 2017 was 3.03% with no annual renewal fees for the life time of the loan. Carried

- 116-2017 Brandt/Smith
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the request from the Highlander Brew Co. to locate a temporary office behind the main building located at 309B Highway #124, South River, Ontario for a period commencing May 15, 2017 and not to extend beyond October 31, 2017. Carried

- 117-2017 Brandt/Sewell
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve, with pleasure, the request from the Kawartha credit Union to use a portion of the sidewalk on Friday, June 30, 2017 to host the annual fundraising BBQ. Carried

118-2017 Smith/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

119-2017 Brandt/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the following amendments to the South River Lions Club Pavilion Agreement as per Machar Township's suggestion at its April 24th, 2017 meeting:

- i) Item 3(b) shall read "any unused donations shall be placed..."
- ii) Remove Item 4 (c); and
- iii) Include a termination clause as Item #5

And authorizes the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to sign the documents and forward to Machar Township.

Carried

120-2017 Sewell/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the signing and submission of the building permits for the South River Lions Club Pavilion when the Village receives confirmation that Machar Township has approved the signing of the South River Lions Club Pavilion Agreement.

Carried

121-2017 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Committee Reports: Agenda Items #1 to #3.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees - Nil

122-2017 Sewell/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby convene as the South River Cemetery Commission at 6:30 p.m. with Jim Coleman as the Chair.

Carried

Mr. Coombs had asked to meet with the Commission regarding the cracks in the mortuary. Although Mr. Coombs was not present Staff advised a Building Inventory had been conducted of all municipally-owned buildings in 2015 by AECOM Engineering. Included in this inventory was the mortuary. Pictures had been taken to show the cracks on the exterior and how they appear in the interior both upstairs and downstairs. In the document it was stated the building would need work eventually but did not require action in the foreseeable future. A local contractor reviewed the building recently and advised the cracks are due to frost. Every year the same cracks could be expected as the building is not insulated or heated. The only way to eliminate the cracks would be to tear down the building, repair the foundation and rebuild. The building still had an expected life of ten years. The Cemetery Commission wondered if filling the cracks was an option. An estimate is being prepared by a local mason regarding the filling of the cracks but this action would be ongoing every spring. The funeral home in South River does use the mortuary during the winter, when necessary, but the Sundridge Funeral Home uses the Sundridge mortuary. With the number of cremations taking place the mortuary was only used three times in the past five years. The Commission would review the cost estimate when it was received.

123-2017 Brandt/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Commission meeting be adjourned and reconvene as the Council of the Village of South River at 6:48 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

7. Correspondence

124-2017 Smith/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 –

- Red Oaks have been ordered and we'll arrange pick-up in the next few weeks
- Public Works has spoken with Sign Craft regarding street banners
- The Clerk Administrator will be away May 15-19th
- The office will be closed Monday, May 22, 2017 for Victoria Day
- The Treasurer will be away from the office May 23-26th
- Budget Discussions and Wish list items will take place at the first meeting in June and several options will be brought to the second meeting of June for consideration.

9. In Camera

125-2017 Mahon/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under subsection 239.2 (b) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the possibility of selling property.

Carried

126-2017 Brandt/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:06 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

Council had received an offer to purchase a small property on Broadway. The property is not big enough to allow construction. Given certain circumstances the Municipal Act allows Council to sell property without going through the tender process. In this case the property would not be attractive to anyone other than the adjacent property owner. It was, therefore, deemed to be in the best interest of the community to accept the offer put forward.

127-2017 Sewell/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the sum of \$2,500 and the Village 's legal costs from Brad Gilson and Robert Gilson for Plan 48, Lot 5 Broadway Street West known as 14 Broadway Avenue.

Carried

10. By-laws

128-2017 Smith/Brandt

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 #14-2017 being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law

129-2017 Smith/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 #15-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 8th day of May, 2017 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

130-2017 Mahon/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby adjourn to meet again as the South River Council on Tuesday, May 23, 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: 7:11 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator