

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Monday, May 14, 2018

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, May 14, 2018 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
Lanny Dennis; Municipal Planner

Public in Attendance: None

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**

Lanny Dennis, Municipal Planner, provided Council with a first look at the draft Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The Community Improvement Plan is a tool which allows a municipality to direct funds and implement planning policy initiatives towards a specifically defined project area. Section 28 of the Ontario Planning Act provides the enabling legislation allowing municipalities to include such policies in their Official Plans, enabling them to prepare a Community Improvement Plan. The CIP is intended to encourage rehabilitation initiatives and/or stimulate development. Once implemented, the plan allows municipalities to provide tax assistance, grants or loans to assist the rehabilitation of lands and/or buildings within a CIP area.

The Village of South River has recently seen a shift in commercial activity from its historic downtown area, Ottawa Avenue to that of Highway #124 (formerly Highway #11). This is a result of the relocation of the new Highway #11 by-pass. There has been a decline in commercial activity along Ottawa Avenue particularly from Ottawa Avenue/Hunter Street intersection east towards the railroad tracks wherein higher density residential seems to be replacing the commercial uses. Highway #124 now seems to be the focus of commercial activity rather than Ottawa Avenue. Potential for future development and success seems evident however incentive is needed to bring into fruition and to maintain the vision and needs of the community for the new Commercial Business District (Highway #124) while at the same time assisting with the transition of the former CBD.

The purpose of this CIP is to offer the property owners, tenants and developers within the project area the ability to pursue a wide range of incentives that support the strengthening, rehabilitation, improvement, construction and restoration of the buildings and uses found along Highway #124 and Ottawa Avenue. The CIP establishes a framework to implement incentive programs that will promote investment and achieve improvements in the quality of land-use in the Village of South River's new Downtown and Ottawa Avenue area.

Council's goals are to develop a strong planning framework in order to maintain the Village of South River as a desirable place to live; improve the appearance of the Project Area; promote new development in the Project Area and to promote rehabilitation and capital improvement within the Project Area.

Council asked Lanny several questions regarding the process of implementation of the CIP. Council was advised the next step would be to have an Open House to the public in June for public input to the project. Information, in detail, will be available at the public meeting. Plans are being made to have the Public Meeting take place on Monday, June 11, 2018 between 4:00-5:30 p.m. Council will then consider the comments made at the Open House during its regular council meeting.

Council thanked Lanny for his hard work and efforts bringing this draft CIP to the meeting and look forward to presenting to the public. Lanny informed Council he would be in attendance at the Open House to address questions from the residents.

Lanny left the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

113-2018 Sewell/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, April 23, 2018, as printed.

Carried

5. Accounts

114-2018 Smith/Sewell

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

- 1) **Income Statement to April 30, 2018**
- 2) **Cheques to April 30, 2018**

Carried

115-2018 Mahon/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River, in response to the April 3, 2018 letter from Assistant deputy Minister Allan Doheny, does hereby formally request the Village utilize the new high-tonnage property tax rate for 2018 since the railroad which cuts through the Village of South River is a direct link from Southern Ontario into the north with trains running several times each day.

Carried

116-2018 Brandt/Mahon

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is making \$26 million available for allocation for the purposes of supporting municipal Main Street Revitalization Initiatives in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, Ontario municipalities as represented by AMO are signatories to Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative Transfer Payment Agreement on March 12, 2018 (the "OMAFRA-AMO Agreement"), whereby AMO agreed to administer Main Street Revitalization funds made available to all Ontario municipalities, excluding Toronto; and

WHEREAS the OMAFRA-AMO Transfer Payment Agreement contains a framework for the transfer of provincial funds to Ontario lower-tier and single-tier municipalities represented by AMO; and

WHEREAS the Village of South River wishes to enter into this Agreement in order to participate in Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative; and

WHEREAS AMO is carrying out the fund administration in accordance with its obligations set out in the OMAFRA-AMO Agreement and it will accordingly undertake certain activities and require Recipients to undertake activities as set out in this Agreement; now

THEREFORE the Corporation of the Village of South River agrees to the terms of the Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative Transfer Payment Agreement as described in the Agreement.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

117-2018 Sewell/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee (May 3, 2018 Resolution #17-2018) and approves the watermain in Happy Landing Commercial Court be relocated by municipal staff and external contractors with a budget not to exceed \$60,000 + HST.

Carried

118-2018 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and approve the replacement of the following sidewalks:

1. **Ottawa Avenue Main Street to Broadway Sidewalk (northside)**
2. **Ottawa Avenue Dufferin to Railway sidewalk (southside) at a cost, together, not to exceed \$10,000 + applicable**

And, further, to approve the Chief Operator's recommendation to replace the dock at Tom Thomson Park with a dock from "Buy the Dock" at a cost not to exceed \$5,904.00 + applicable taxes.

Carried

119-2018 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and approve the installation of a permanent sign on the municipal boulevard in the front of the District of Social Services Toronto Avenue building and that all responsibility for the installation and maintenance and removal, when necessary, be at the sole expense of DDSAB.

Carried

120-2018 Mahon/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the South River Water Treatment Plant Quarterly Operations Report from Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Carried

121-2018 Smith/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees: Items #1 to #4.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Joint Committees – Nil

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees - Nil

7. Correspondence

122-2018 Brandt/Smith

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 Election 2018 Nomination Period has now opened. The Nomination period runs from May 1, 2018 to July 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Nominations will not be certified until July 30, 2018.
- Flower planters will be filled mid to end of June in time for Canada Day celebrations.
- Heather Plater has agreed to work on the Tom Thomson large garden beginning in June. We have contracted her for 80 hours to begin and more as required. The invasive weed growth cannot be irradiated in one year and will be an ongoing problem but we can made huge inroads to getting it under control an, in time, it will require only a few hours of maintenance at the beginning of each year. Heather will also be working on the gardens around the municipal office.
- A power outlet will be placed under the council table (flush to the floor) on Tuesday, May 15th. This installation will remove the tripping hazard which is present when power cords are in use in this room.
- Resumes for the full time public works position and the part time public works position are coming into the office. Resumes will close on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- The upgrade to the office computer equipment will take place on Thursday, May 24th, 2018 by the VS Group.
- Budget discussions are ongoing and a first draft will be presented to Council at the May 28th meeting. This draft will be only an exercise in how the numbers are shaping up. Fine tuning will be done and several drafts and options will be available for the first meeting in June with plans to pass the budget at the last meeting in June.
- Councillor Smith advised she will not be able to attend the June 11, 2018 meeting due to a work commitment.
- Mayor Coleman advised that Mr. Dennis Tremblay has repaired the Village's Voyageur Canoe and it may be moved to its new home. The Clerk Administrator will discuss the relocation with the Public Works Chief Operator.

9. In Camera

123-2018 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Section 239.2 (e) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a potential litigation and information from the insurance lawyer regarding the matter.

Carried

124-2018 Smith/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:21 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

No direction was given and no further action to be taken at this time.

10. By-laws - Nil

125-2018 Mahon/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#18-2018, being a by-law to authorize the participation in and the signing of the Ontario Main Streets Revitalization Initiative

Agreement with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law

126-2018 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#19-2018, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of May with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

12. Adjournment

127-2018 Brandt/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 Monday, May 28, 2018 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: 7:26 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator