

Village of South River
Council Meeting – March 11, 2019

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman and Councillors Ian McNeil, Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt and Brenda Scott.

Staff in Attendance: Sherri Hawthorne; Treasurer
Susan L. Arnold; Clerk-Administrator
Janice Coombs, Administrative Assistant

Public In Attendance; Lyall Hall, General Manager of Northern Ontario Affordable Housing(NOAH);
Bill Atkinson, Chairman of Northern Ontario Affordable Housing –(NOAH)

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:25 p.m.

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

3. Guests and Deputations;

Bill Atkinson gave a presentation about Affordable housing in the Almaguin area, there is a major shortage and a lack of affordable housing available. A lot of seniors cannot afford to leave their homes as there is nowhere for them to go, they end up staying in their homes which have 3 or 4 bedrooms, and we have shortage of houses available for families in the communities. If we can help with places for Seniors to go, that would open up houses for families.

Northern Ontario Affordable Housing would like to address these issues, in small phases to start.

They would have apartments, such as bachelor, 1 or 2 bedrooms. Rent would be set as market or near market values.

The elderly is the initial focus, would like to offer transitional housing, for people waiting to go to long term care homes, or require Assisted living.

Currently exploring financial options from CHMC and Fednor.

NOAH is looking for support from our Council.

6:13 pm Mr. Hall and Mr. Atkinson left the meeting

67-2019 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the addition of the support in principle letter to NOAH as agenda #8.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

68-2019 McNeil/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, February 25, 2019 as printed.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

69-2019 Brandt/McNeil

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

- 1) Income Statement to February 28, 2019
- 2) Cheques to February 28, 2019
- 3) List of Municipal Reserves
- 4) List of Liabilities and Long Term Contracts
- 5) List of Prepaid Expenses

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

70-2019 McNeil/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Public Works Committee recommendations #8-2019 and #9-2019 and approve the purchase of water meter parts and register kits as outlined in the quote from Municipal metering Services at a cost of \$5,574.84 plus applicable taxes and approves the purchase of a new trackless MT7 Articulating All-Season Tractor at a cost of \$135,680 and a winter sander attachment at a cost of \$7,270.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

71-2019 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the addition of the Township of Strong to the Code Red Notification System which would further reduce the cost for the Village of South River and the Township of Machar which currently share the cost of the notification system.

Carried

72-2019 McNeil/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principle the Non-Profit Organization for Almaguin Housing(NOAH) in their efforts to develop and Manage affordable housing facilities in the Central Almaguin Area and the Village of South River are pleased to support in principal its goals and the NOAH projects.

Carried

73-2019 Brandt/Sewell

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 #8.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Joint Committees –Nil

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees – Nil

7. Correspondence

74-2019 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1.

Carried

8. Roundtable – Nil

8:05pm Janice Coombs left meeting

9. In Camera

75-2019 Sewell/Brandt

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 8:08 p.m. for the purpose of Discussing 3 personnel issues.

Carried

76-2019 Sewell/McNeil

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:26 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

77-2019 Brandt/McNeil

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Personnel Committee's March 8, 2019 recommendation and approves the position of Public Works Chief Operator be filled by Bob Dell for a trial period of sixty (60) calendar days and shall be paid according to the first level of the Public Work's Chief Operator's pay grid according to the appropriate category.

Carried

78-2019 McNeil/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Personnel Committee's March 8, 2019 recommendation and approves the position of Part time Public Works Operator which had been laid-off in the fall of 2018 be recalled back to work on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 and be scheduled to work forty hours per week until further notice.

Carried

79-2019 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Personnel Committee's March 8, 2019 recommendation and approves the position of Clerk Administrator be advertised and a replacement selected in time for a June 1, 2019 start date which will allow for training prior to the current Clerk Administrator retiring effective December 1, 2019.

Carried

10. Bylaws – Nil

11. Confirming By-law

80-2019 Scott/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#11-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of March, 2019 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

81-2019 McNeil/Scott

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, March 25, 2019 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: 8:31 p.m.

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator