Village of South River

Council Meeting – February 22, 2016

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, February 22, 2016 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

Susan L. Arnold; Clerk Administrator

**Public in Attendance**: Randie Doornink; East Parry Sound Literacy Council

Tiffany Elliott; East Parry Sound Literacy Council

Tim Hainsworth; Almaguin Chamber of Commerce (FAB16)

Martha Jacobs; Almaguin Chamber of Commerce (FAB16)

**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**

East Parry Sound Literacy Council

Randie Doornink from the East Parry Sound Literacy Council thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to it regarding the organization. Randie introduced employment intern, Tiffany Elliott, and complimented her on her hard work.

The East Parry Sound Literacy Council is a self-directed learning centre for adults. Well over 50% of registrants come to complete high school credit and the centre has a good success rate.

It can operate with one-on-one sessions or a small class situation with students working on independent assignments. This year the Centre has 127 clients registered. The East Parry Sound Literacy Council has three centres located in Burks Falls, South River and Powassan. The Powassan Centre operates for six (6) hours three (3) days a week during the traditional school year. South River and Burks Falls operates between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for five (5) days a week year round.

The East Parry Sound Literacy Council is funded as one learning centre instead of the three which it is due to the large geographical distance between communities in this region. The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities provide $162,000 in funding annually shared between the three learning centres.

The centres each pay rent, utilities and share staffing and for the first time are experiencing a deficit position. The East Parry Sound is asking surrounding municipalities to help with a donation of .45 per capita.

Randie and Tiffany left the meeting at 6:50 p.m after thanking Council for its time.

FAB16

Tim Hainsworth and Martha Jacobs addressed Council regarding the Street Fair scheduled to take place in South River Saturday, June 11, 2016. The Trade Fair will be held at the arena at the same time.

A request was made to close Ottawa Avenue from Highway #124 east to Hunter Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Council expressed some safety concerns. Tim advised that insurance is covered under the Almaguin Chamber of Commerce insurance and that signage would advise the travelling public that Ottawa Avenue east to Hunter Street will not be accessible from the highway.

A suggestion was made to have volunteer crossing guards positioned at the highway #124 and Ottawa Avenue intersection helping to remind pedestrians that Highway #124 is not closed to traffic and caution will have to be observed when crossing Highway #124. Tim and Martha both thought the crossing guard idea was sensible and a necessary addition to the plan.

Council agreed to approve the street closure by resolution and would advise emergency services of this closure well in advance of June 11, 2016.

Tim Hainsworth and Martha Jacobs left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

37-2016 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the addition of the JBC Resolution #2016-12 (February 18, 2016) as item 6.3.3 to the February 22, 2016 South River Council Agenda.**

Carried

**4.** **Adoption of Minutes**

38-2016 Brandt/ Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, February 8, 2016, as printed.**

Carried

**5. Accounts -** Nil

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

39-2016 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the closure of Ottawa Avenue from Highway #124 east to Hunter Street on Saturday, June 11, 2016 for the FAB16 Street Fair from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Carried

40-2016 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the request for funding from the East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair in the amount of $100.00 for 2016 with the expense coming from the Community Donation & Grant budget line.**

Carried

41-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the request for funding from the South River Lions Club for the Don Ivens Memorial Community Volunteer Award in the amount of $167.00 for 2016 with the expense coming from the Community Donation & Grant budget line.**

Carried

42-2016 Brandt/Smith

**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

43-2016 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Resolution #2016-07, 2016-08 and #2016-11 from the South River Machar Fire Committee Meeting draft minutes of February 2, 2016.**

Carried

44-2016 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Committee Reports Items #1 to #4.**

Carried

6:50 p.m. Suzanne learn entered the meeting.

**7. Reports from Shared or Regional Committees** - NIL

45-2016 Brandt/ Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation from the Joint Building Committee (Res #2016-12) to increase the JBC employees wage by 2% for 2016, retroactive to 2016.**

Carried

46-2016 Brandt/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Regional Committee reports Items #1 to #3.**

Carried

**8. Correspondence**

47-2016Smith/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive Correspondence Items #1 to #3.**

Carried

**9.**  **Council Information Update**

* **The next construction meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2016.**
* **MTO has denied our request to use its infrastructure to mount security cameras. Another option has been suggested and will be explored.**
* **The office is busy preparing for the year-end audit, 2016 budgets and other annual government reporting deadlines.**
* **Taxes will be prepared and sent out no later than the last week of February. The first installment is March 31, 2016.**
* **Councillor Brandt asked if there were any grants which could be used at the train station for summer students. She was advised the Heritage Improvement Society (HIPS) usually submits its own applications for summer students.**
* **Councillor Sewell advised he had met with Jennifer Love (North Bay Parry Sound) regarding a program which encourages healthy snacking at arenas. The information he received will be presented to the Arena Committee at the next meeting.**

**7:19 p.m. Suzanne Learn left the meeting. Before leaving she requested a copy of the February 3, 2016 Unapproved Arena Committee meeting. The Clerk Administrator will forward an electronic copy after the meeting.**

**10.** **In Camera**

48-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (e & f) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.**

Carried

49-2016 Brandt/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:39 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

The Clerk Administrator was given direction.

**11. By-laws –** Nil

**12**. **Confirming By-law**

50-2016 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 #5-2016, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 22nd day of February, 2016 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12**. **Adjournment**

51-2016 Sewell/ Brandt

**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 14, 2016 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: 8:40 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**