Village of South River

Council Meeting – February 8, 2016

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman and Councillors, Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt and Les Mahon.

Council Smith was absent with notice.

**Staff in Attendance**: Sheri Hawthorne, Treasurer

 Susan L. Arnold; Clerk Administrator

 Chris Fraser, Almaguin By-Law Officer

**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**

 Chris Fraser, Almaguin By-law Officer, introduced himself to Council and discussed how he would like to proceed within the boundary of his job description. He presented a template for reporting to Council and asked if Council had any additional information it would like to see included on the report. Council was pleased with the report as presented. Property Standards and Property Maintenance by-laws will be the focus for the spring and a reminder to residents regarding the by-laws will be placed in the next Ripples newsletter prior to Chris contacting specific property owners directly. Chris will provide quarterly reports of all his by-law activities beginning in April.

Council welcomed Chris to the municipal team and Chris thanked Council for the opportunity to work in this community.

Chris Fraser left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

23-2016 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, January 25, 2016, as printed.**

Carried

**5. Accounts**

24-2016 Sewell/Brandt

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

1. **Income Statement to January 31, 2016**
2. **Cheques to January 31, 2016**

Carried

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

25-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a 2% rent increase for municipally owned buildings.**

Carried

26-2016 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve, in principle, the By-law Department 2016 budget in the amount of $59,455.90 with South River’s share being $14,864.00**

Carried

27-2016 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the South River Machar Fire Committee’s recommendation (Res #2016-11) and approve the Fire Chief purchase the necessary communications equipment upgrade for the capital project, prior to February 12, 2016 to avoid the anticipated 9% increase and as per the 2016 Draft Budget amount of $27,500.**

Carried

28-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby request the amended draft RfP be returned to the February 22, 2016 Council meeting for approval.**

Carried

29-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**The Council of the Village of South River, as a host municipality for the 2016 AMCTO Zone 7 Spring meeting, hereby supports the conference with a contribution in the amount of $500 with the expense charged to the Community Grants & Donations budget line.**

Carried

30-2016 Mahon/Sewell

**WHEREAS the proposal for a *Contemporary Health System to Better Serve the Residents of Muskoka* from Bracebridge mayor Graydon Smith and Huntsville Mayor Scott Atchinson, was presented on February 1, 2016; and**

**WHEREAS the members of the Task Force representing Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) and the NSM-LHIN are encouraged to consider the recommendations set out in the proposal as a framework for the development of a mutually acceptable long-term hospital service plan for the area serviced by MAHC; and**

**WHEREAS the proposal for a *Contemporary Health System to Better Serve the Residents of Muskoka* was circulated to the municipalities in the District of Muskoka, other municipalities in the MAHC catchment area for endorsement; now**

**THEREFORE the Council of the Village of South River does hereby endorse the *Contemporary Health System to Better Serve the Residents of Muskoka* and that this resolution be forwarded to MPP Norm Miller and MP Tony Clement for their information.**

Carried

31-2016 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 #7.**

Carried

**7. Reports from Shared or regional Committees** – NIL

**8. Correspondence**

32-2016 Brandt/Sewell

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

Carried

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

* **The next construction meeting will be held in the South River Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. on February 16, 2016**
* **The Clerk Administrator will be out of the office beginning Thursday, February 11, 2016 and returning on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.**
* **The Source Water Protection signs have arrived and will be installed in the spring**
* **Research is continuing on a vacant building by-law.**
* **Work is continuing through OCWA for the Village’s Drinking Water License Renewal. The process is almost complete.**
* **Parry Sound Council has approved the ambulance base lease agreement and it will be forwarded to this office for signing at both South River and Machar Township.**

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

33-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (d) and (f) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:45 p.m. for the purposes of discussing the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and labour relations**

Carried

34-2016 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:36 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

The Clerk Administrator was given instructions.

**11. By-laws – Nil**

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

35-2016 Brandt/Mahon

**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 #4-2016, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 8th day of February, 2016 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12**. **Adjournment**

36-2016 Brandt/ 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, February 22, 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**