Village of South River

Council Meeting – July 11, 2016

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman and Councillors Sharon Smith, Doug Sewell and Les Mahon.

Teri Brandt was absent with notice.

**Staff in Attendance**: Sherri Hawthorne; Treasurer

Susan L. Arnold; Clerk Administrator

**Public in Attendance**: Jackie Young, Director, Near North School Board;

Dave Thompson, Chair, Near North School Board;

Al Bottomly, Trustee, Near North School Board;

Chris Fraser, Almaguin By-law Officer

**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 presented the 2nd quarter report for by-law activities within the Village of South River. Most of the files are related to the Clean Yard by-law, neighbour-to-neighbour complaints and property standards issues. Many of the files required only conversations and education measures to resolve the issues but there are some ongoing matters which need to be taken care of by the property owners before the file can be closed. Some of the neighbour-to-neighbour complaints are related to matters not governed by municipal by-laws removing the matter from the jurisdiction of the by-law officer.

Council was pleased with the number of files which have been resolved and the work the by-law officer has been doing.

5:36 p.m. Chris Fraser left the meeting.

Al Bottomly, Near North School Board trustee introduced Jackie Young and Dave Thompson. Dave Thompson updated Council on the Board’s plans to increase communications with municipal stake holders. Annual visits to Council are planned as well as providing municipalities with the Board’s Capital Plan and Multi-Year Plan and seeking input from the municipalities.

Jackie Young, Near North School Board Director has moved from the southern part of the province and is enthusiastic about partnering with municipalities and finding new ways to communicate and work together. The Board needs to move forward with Ministry objectives and goals but the Board wants to work with municipalities as these goals are being reached. Input from the communities, as well as better program marketing, are two of the objectives Ms. Young is working to improve.

Al Bottomly explained the Ministry wants schools closed if they aren’t full. Closed schools do not help local communities.

Questions were asked by Council including the issue of school standings in Almaguin. Council was advised that school scores had increased by 15% in English in the last 18 months. Math scores are still not available.

6:31 p.m. The Board representatives thanked Council for its time and left the meeting.

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

161-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, June 27, 2016, as printed.**

Carried

**5. Accounts**

162-2016 Mahon/Sewell

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

**1) Income Statements from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016**

**2) Cheques to June 30, 2016**

Carried

Fire Chief Ristor Maki entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Council reviewed the amendments to the 2016 draft budget.

163-2016 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the 2016 Draft Budget Option ‘A’, being a 2.9% increase with total tax revenue for 2016 being $958,247.**

Carried

Due to the fact the Fire Committee is not scheduled to meet until September the Fire Chief brought forward two new candidates who have applied to be volunteer firefighters. This brings the fire department compliment back to a full complement of 25 firefighters.

The Fire Chief also advised Council of repairs to the fire pumper which will be necessary in the near future. However, until the issue is diagnosed, a repair estimate cannot be provided. The Chief will keep both councils updated.

164-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Fire Chief’s recommendation and appoints Brandon Arnold and Darren Ord for the position of Volunteer Firefighters upon successful completion of the interview process including criminal record check.**

Carried

7:30 p.m. Chief Maki left the meeting.

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

165-2016 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct the Treasurer to convert the 2015 highway land purchase in the amount of $282,950 from the Line of Credit to a fixed-rate loan with Infrastructure Ontario for a fifteen (15) year term.**

Carried

166-2016 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the 2016 General Reserve Report, as printed.**

Carried

167-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Almaguin By-law Officer Report to June 30th, 2016, as presented.**

Carried

168-2016 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the proposed renderings for the Coldwell Banker Building, as presented.**

Carried

169-2016 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the July 5th, 2016 Personnel Committee Minutes and would like to wish Jamie Payne, Arena Chief Operator, much success in his future and convey its sincerest thanks for his service to this community over the past five years.**

Carried

170-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff reports: Items #1 to #5.**

Carried

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

**8. Correspondence**

171-2016 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the correspondence Items #1 to #10.**

Carried

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

* **Council is invited to the Multi-Unit Commercial Building Construction Site on July 19th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. for a tour of the building. Certified steel-toed boots are required before entering the construction site. Hard hats will be supplied but if you have your own hard hat please feel free to bring it along.**
* **The Council of the Village of South River will have only one scheduled meeting in August. The second meeting of the month is cancelled as per the Village’s Procedural By-law.**
* **Councillor Sewell advised that Bart Wood, Public Works Chief Operator, had hooked up an automatic pump at the community gardens and it was working really well.**

**10.** **In Camera – Nil**

**11. By-laws –** No Smoking By-law #18-2016

172**-**2016 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 #18-2016 being a by-law respecting smoking in public**

**places, with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal**

**affixed.**

Carried

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

173-2016 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 #19-2016, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of July, 2016 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**13**. **Adjournment**

174-2016 Smith/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, July 25, 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: 8:36 p.m. p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**