

Village of South River
Council Meeting – February 26, 2018

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, February 26, 2018 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.

Councillor Sharon Smith was absent with notice.

Staff in Attendance: Chris Fraser; Central Almaguin By-law Officer
Susan L. Arnold; Clerk-Administrator

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** - Nil

39-2018 Mahon/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby add a discussion on the sign by-law to the February 26, 2018 agenda: Item #4 on Municipal Staff Reports.

Carried

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

40-2018 Mahon/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, February 12, 2018 as printed.

Carried

5. **Accounts** - Nil

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

Chris Fraser, Central Almaguin By-law Officer, discussed the draft sign by-law and answered questions regarding the draft for Council. In particular, Council was interested in business signs for abandoned or defunct businesses in the community. The concern was directed toward business signs from former businesses which are in an unsafe condition and hang over the municipal sidewalks. The liability for both the property owner and the municipality could be at issue if an abandoned sign fell and hurt a pedestrian.

Chris explained that this could fall under the Village of South River's Clean Yards By-law.

The discussion continued to permanent yard sales and what can be done to discourage this practice. Mr. Fraser will look into what other municipalities do regarding permanent yard sales.

Discussion also evolved regarding the possibility of a couple of Community Yard Sales which could be advertised by the Village on its website. Those registering could have their sale location placed on a map of the community. Further discussion will take place in the future.

Chris Fraser was thanked by Council for attending the meeting. Chris left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

41-2018 Mahon/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the municipal planner and direct, with the owner's approval, to proceed with the zoning amendment for 39 Riverside Avenue. All expenses incurred for this amendment, including the cost of the opinion letter from the planner, will be the responsibility of the owner.

Carried

42-2018 Brandt/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a donation to the Est Parry Sound Regional Science Fair in the amount of \$100.00.

Carried

Council discussed at length the request for funding from the Adult Learning Centre. Municipal funds are limited and, while Council supports the work done by the Learning Centre, it recognizes it does currently receive funding from the Province. Council asked to have a letter forwarded to the Learning Centre to explain its decision.

43-2018 Smith/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a donation to the Almaguin Adult Learning Centre in the amount of \$0.00.

Carried

44-2018 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff Reports: Items #1 to #4.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Joint Committees -Nil

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees - Nil

7. Correspondence

45-2018 Brandt/Sewell

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

Carried

8. Council Information Update –

- Our Joint Secretary, Brittany Woodruff, and her husband are the proud new parents of a healthy little boy, Owen. The Council and staff of the Village of South River extend best wishes to everyone.
- The new fire truck is scheduled to arrive in South River on Thursday, March 1, 2018. The Fire Chief will confirm in the next few days.
- The Broadway Street grant application was not approved by the Province. The email indicated the ministry had received hundreds of applications, and at this time, demand for the program exceeded available funding. Although we are disappointed we will reapply when other funding sources are announced.
- The Clerk Administrator will be meeting with the other three municipalities who share our By-law officer. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2018 budget and to any related topics.

9. In Camera - Nil

10. By-laws - Nil

11. Confirming By-law

46-2017 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 #6-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 26th day of February, 2018 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

47-2018 Brandt/Mahon

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 12, 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: 7:01 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator