

Village of South River
Council Meeting – June 25, 2018

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, June 25, 2018 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: Todd Lucier; Tom Thomson Park Proposal
Janet Baynton and Jim Stephenson; South River Machar Agricultural Society

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 and Deputations-**

Todd Lucier addressed Council to discuss the idea of an outdoor Ice Ribbon around Tom Thomson for the public. Mr. Lucier provided Council with a detailed proposal on the concept, the time involved and what equipment and upkeep would be necessary. He also listed potential hurdles which would need to be researched and discussed prior to a firm decision being made. The Ice Ribbon could attract more visitors to the village and surrounding area during the winter month. Mr. Lucier was invited to the July Public Works Committee meeting to discuss this with staff and further research will be done in preparation for the meeting. Everyone agreed it would be a fun idea.

Mr. Lucier left the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Janet Baynton and Jim Stephenson addressed Council to provide an update on the 2018 South River Machar Agricultural Society's Fall Fair. Council was advised the Society would not require the ice to be covered for the fair but they would require the upstairs hall, the outside pavilion and the remaining arena grounds. It was hoped, as a fund-raiser, the Spartan's would consider either a "Skate with the Spartan's" or a home game and the Agricultural Society would be serving a dinner upstairs.

Council was also advised of the serious financial situation the Agricultural Society would be facing this year. Costs to put on the fair continue to rise and insurance is a very large ticket item. Janet asked if the Village would consider placing the Agricultural Society on the Village's insurance as a rider. The Ag Society understands some other small fairs in the area have had municipalities make such an addition to its insurance.

Council will investigate this possible solution and get back to Janet.

The meeting was very positive and optimistic. Council extended best wishes to the Agricultural Society as it moves forward with the planning for the fair.

Janet and Jim left the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

155-2018 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, June 11, 2018, as printed.

Carried

5. **Cemetery Board**

156-2018 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adjourn as the Council of the Village of South River and call to order the South River Cemetery Board at 6:17 p.m. with Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Cemetery Board advised that due to the passing of one of the

individuals contracted for the care and maintenance of the South River Cemetery it was recommended an amendment be made to the current agreement which expires in April of 2019.
157.-2018 Mahon/Sewell

Be it resolved the South River Cemetery Board does hereby ask the Secretary-Treasurer of the Cemetery Board to prepare an amendment to the contract to include Trent Jeffery to finish out the contract which expires April 30th, 2019. No other amendments are required at this time.

Carried

158-2018 Mahon/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South River Cemetery Board does hereby adjourn at 6:19 p.m. and reconvene as the Council of the Village of South River with Mayor Jim Coleman as the Chair.

Carried

6. Accounts and Finance

The Treasurer provided Council with three budget draft options. Each of the three allowed some money to be placed into reserve in an effort to be prepared for any grant approvals which may occur in the future.

159-2018 Smith/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve Draft Option 'A' being a 2.5% increase with the total tax revenue for 2018 being \$1,047,486.

Carried

7. Committee of Adjustment

160-2018 Sewell/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adjourn as the Council of the Village of South River and call to order the South River Committee of Adjustment at 6:38 p.m. with Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

161-2018 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct the Clerk Administrator to proceed with the process to re-zone the Happy Landing Commercial Court.

Carried

162-2018 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South River Committee of Adjustment does hereby adjourn at 6:42 p.m. and reconvene as the Council of the Village of South River with Mayor Jim Coleman as the Chair.

Carried

8. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

163-2018 Sewell/Mahon

WHEREAS members of the community would like to host a benefit dinner to provide some financial assistance to a young woman who has been diagnosed with brain cancer; and

WHEREAS a Special Occasion permit through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario requires anyone who is not a "Non-Profit" organization or a Registered Charity to obtain a municipal resolution declaring the event to be of municipal significance; now

THEREFORE the Council of the Village of South River declares this event, to be held on July 20, 2018, to be of municipal significance to this community, this young woman and her family and request the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario grant a permit for this event.

Carried

164-2018 Mahon/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support signage being placed on municipal property which promotes the several bike routes in the Almaguin Highlands and further it has been decided the location of this sign should be placed on the South River Machar Arena property but away from the property line between the Shell Gas Bar and the arena parking lot. The exact location of the sign is to be determined by arena and administration staff.

Carried

165-2018 Sewell/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the

correspondence from the South River friendly Circle and acknowledges it is the intention of the Village of South River to continue its mandated annual contribution in the amount of \$2,500.

Carried

166-2018 Mahon/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the correspondence from Machar Township regarding its interest in joining with the existing four municipalities who share one municipal by-law enforcement officer. Council will wait to hear from the other municipal partners regarding this matter before conveying the group's decision.

Carried

167-2018 Brandt/Sewell

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

Carried

8.2 Reports from Joint Committees

168-2018 Brandt/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Committee Reports: Agenda Items #1 and #2.

Carried

8.3 Reports from Regional Committees

169-2018 Mahon/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the regional Committee Reports: Agenda Items #1 and #2.

Carried

9. Correspondence

170-2018 Smith/Mahon

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

Carried

10. Council Information Update

- The Municipal Election 2018 Nomination Period has now opened. The Nomination period runs from May 1, 2018 to July 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Nominations will not be certified until July 30, 2018.
- Some of the flower planters have been filled with the remaining to be planted prior to the Canada Day celebrations.
- John Kellough has asked if a representative from the Village will be on hand to say a few words at the Lion's Club Canada Day activities.
- The South River Lion's Club has invited Council and staff and their immediate families to set aside the evening of Wednesday, July 18, 2018 for an appreciation BBQ. The event will begin between 5:00-5:30 p.m. at the Lion's Pavilion. Staff and the fire department have been notified.
- The upgrade to the office computer equipment has been completed with minor hiccups. Fiber Optic internet has been installed.
- Doug Sewell reminded Council and staff about the Highland Players summer production "Sunset Cruise" with performance scheduled July 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14, 2018 at the Highlander Brew Co in South River. Tickets by reservation only: \$35/person.
- Council and Staff would like to extend its appreciation and gratitude to Les Mahon for his twelve years of dedicated service to this community. We would like to wish Les and Bonnie much happiness in their new community.

The Mayor took a few minutes to thank Les Mahon for his many years of service and presented him with a certificate commemorating his twelve (12) years as a South River councilor. We will all miss Les and Bonnie.

11. In Camera- 2 Personnel Matter

171-2018 Mahon/Smith

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 8:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing two personnel matters.

Carried

172-2018 Brandt/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:32 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

The Clerk Administration was given direction.

12. By-laws

173-2018 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 #22-2018 being a by-law to provide for the advance voting to be held prior to voting day with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Confirming By-law- #23-2018

174-2018 Sewell/Smith

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#23-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 25th day of June, 2018 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

13. Adjournment

175-2018 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, July 9, 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: 7:35 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator