Village of South River

Council Meeting – April 13, 2015

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, April 13, 2015 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Coleman, Councillors Sewell, Smith and Mahon.

Councillor Brandt was absent with notice.

**Staff in Attendance**: Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator

**Public in Attendance**: Risto Maki, Fire Chief

Bart Wood, Public Works Chief Operator

Kathryn Boyle, Almaguin News

1. **Call to Order** – South River Council Chambers

**2.** **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof-** None Declared

1. **Guests and Deputations-**

**Council had invited both the Fire Chief and the Public Works Chief Operator to discuss the suggestion of using the hydrant located near the water treatment plant.**

**The Fire Chief advised that the fire department uses five (5) hydrants for training. These selected hydrants have the least impact on the water distribution system. The hydrant closest to the water treatment plant is not one of the designated hydrants as its use has resulted in a boil water advisory because being so close is hard on the plant as volunteers learn to operate the hydrant.**

**The hydrant in the hall is used for training once or twice a year.**

**Council suggested placing a hydrant into the river. The Fire Chief said that was certainly possible and several locations have already been identified. The cost would average about $2,500 per hydrant. By using the water directly from the river this would result in not using treated water for fire suppression.**

**The Fire Chief also mentioned a notification system it is exploring which could be used to notify residents in a particular area if the water had been stirred up due to a fire call or training.**

**The Fire Chief asked how many of the fire hydrants had been frozen during the extreme winter weather. Of the sixty-six hydrants five had been frozen and four had been thawed.**

**The Public Works Chief Operator provided Council with an update of the continuous efforts being made to restore water to properties or to provide a temporary water service until such a time as the water lines thaw. Council thanked the public works staff for all their efforts during this crisis. It was a winter never before experienced in this area or in many other areas in the province where municipal water is distributed.**

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

100-2015 Mahon/ Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, March 23, 2015, as printed, and Tuesday, March 24, 2015, as printed.**

Carried

**5.** **Accounts**

101-2015 Mahon/Smith

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

1. **Income Statement to April 10, 2015;**
2. **Cheques to March 27, 2015; and**

Carried

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

102-2015 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River has no objection to the zoning application beginning the re-zoning process at Lots 71 & 72 Riverside and will forward this application to the Village’s planner (Wayne Simpson & Associates) for an opinion with all costs from the planner during this process being paid by the applicant.**

Carried

103-2015 Sewell/ Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the draft South River Strategic Plan, as presented.**

Carried

104-2015 Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the proposed renewal rental agreement for the Court Facilities located at the Sundridge-Strong-Joly Arena and Hall in the Sundridge for the next 5 years in the amount $750/day, plus 5% increase per year.**

Carried

105-2015 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support, the fire committee resolution #2015-28 and approve the South River Clerk Administrator apply to Infrastructure Ontario for a loan in the amount of $244,000 with a fifteen year term to pay for the new fire tanker truck.**

Carried

106-2015 Smith/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Village of South River does hereby plan to send its Council and administrative staff to the spring meeting to be held in Callendar and directs the treasurer to submit the registration form and associated fees.**

Carried

107-2015 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Village of South River does approve the attendance of the Clerk Administrator at the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring 2015 Workshop to take place in Killarney, Ontario, May 13 to May 15, 2015 with expenses paid as per municipal policies.**

Carried

108-2015 Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Clerk Administrator and the Fire Chief begin researching emergency notification systems and to report the findings to Council at the first meeting in May.**

Carried

109-2015 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff Reports: Agenda Items #1 to #12.**

Carried

**7. Correspondence**

110-2015 Sewell/ Mahon

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

Carried

**8. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)**

**\* The next Public Works meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**

**\* The Clerk Administrator is planning to attend the Source Water Protection Implementation on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Callendar.**

**\* Locates were being done last Thursday for the Bell Fiber Optic project.**

**\* The Nature Natives Art Gallery is having its Grand Opening on Friday, April 17, 2015 at &7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the gallery located at 18 Tom Thomson Lane in South River.**

**\* Mayor Coleman advised that Jeffrey Dickerson had volunteered to remove the Farmer’s Market shelters which are still in place at the Visitor Information Center. Council had no objections.**

**\* Councillor Sewell provided flyers to the Council members and the Almaguin News reporter, Kathryn Boyle, for the Highland Players theater production entitled “Death and Taxes”. Performances will be presented Thursday, April 23, 2015 through to Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Land of Lakes Public School Theatre, Burks Falls.**

Kathryn Boyle left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**9.** **In Camera- 3 items**

111-2015 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (b), (e) and (f); and, that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a possible property acquisition; litigation or potential litigation; and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.**

Carried

112-2015 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in**

**Open Session at 8:20 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

The Clerk Administrator was provided direction.

**10**. **By-laws: Fire Department Establishing and Regulating By-law**

113-2015 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 #12-2015 being a by-law to establish**

**and regulate the South River Machar Fire Department.**

Carried

**11**. **Confirming By-law**

114-2015 Sewell/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#13-2015 being a by-law to confirm**

**the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13th day of April, 2015 with the**

**signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12**. **Adjournment**

115-2015 Mahon/Smith

**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, April 27, 2015 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: 8:30 p.m.**

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**