Village of South River

Council Meeting – November 23, 2015

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, November 23, 2015 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**: Neil Gutjahr; Near North Snow Drifter Snowmobile Club

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

An additional item regarding the new website development was being requested to be added to the agenda. The Mayor asked the Council and Council approved the addition.

297-2015 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the addition of a request from the Village’s software provider to the Monday, November 23, 2015 Council meeting agenda as item 6.1.3**

Carried

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

**3. Guests and Deputations-**Neil Gutjahr provided Council with an update regarding some changes to the snow mobile route which goes through the Village. Mr. Gutjahr has proposed, for this season, the route, no longer heads west along Ottawa Avenue and then south on Isabella Street to Montreal Avenue but, instead crosses the railroad tracks at Ottawa and then travels behind the train station to Montreal Avenue. This minor change will eliminate sleds from making large, sweeping turns onto Ottawa Avenue from Isabella Street and will reduce the amount of sled traffic on the busy Ottawa Avenue and from some sledders seeking snow and traveling on the sidewalk between Isabella Street and the railroad crossing. Council felt the suggestion was a safe alternative and will support this change. Mr. Gutjahr also mentioned his club had placed snow fencing around the Community Gardens in an effort to protect them from snowmobile traffic this winter.

Council thanked Neil Gutjahr for his dedication to the community and his work with this club.

Neil Gutjahr left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

298-2015 Brandt/ Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, November 9, 2015, as printed.**

Carried

**5. Accounts - Nil**

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

299-2015 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the adjusted numbers and awards the tender to construct the multi-unit commercial building to Greystone Project management Inc at a price not to exceed $1,814,968 + HST and includes the scope of work as set out in the Contract Scope of Work Summary.**

Carried

300-2015  Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the final version of the site map, with amendments, as submitted by the VS Group for the development of the Village of South River’s new website.**

Carried

301-2015 Mahon/Smith

**WHEREAS the Village of South River supports educational opportunities which take place outside WHEREAS the Village of South River uses Baker and Associates as its software provider; and**

**WHEREAS Microsoft is the database management system which Baker and Associates uses; now**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize Baker and Associates to upgrade the Microsoft support at a cost not to exceed $3,000 plus the cost of installation time ($88/hour) prior to Friday, December 18, 2015.**

Carried

302-2015 Smith/Brandt

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

Carried

303-2015 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Committee reports: Agenda Items #1 to #4.**

Carried

304-2015 Brandt/ Sewell

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

Carried

**7. Correspondence** - Nil

Council reviewed correspondence which was received regarding the cancellation of TV11 and its effect on the seniors. Council recognized the concern and had, several times over the past few years, had surveys being taken at the municipal office in South River as well as in the municipal office of Sundridge. The results revealed that most residents had now moved to satellite or computer to view TV programs. The service was a shared service with the Village of Sundridge and it also saw a large decline in those using the service.

305-2015 Brandt/Mahon

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

Carried

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

* **Clerks and Treasurers are meeting at the Village Office on Thursday, November 26, 2015 with a Christmas dinner following the meeting.**
* **Audit Planning will take place on Wednesday, November 25, 2015**
* **Christmas in the Village is planned for Friday, December 11, 2015**
* **The last regularly scheduled council meeting of 2015 is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2015.**
* **A new lock and minor repairs have been made to the Visitor Information center following a break-in.**
* **Repairs have been made to the fence surrounding the natural gas tank located at the Village office.**
* **Interviews went well for the By-law officer and an offer of employment has been made and accepted. Start date will be January 4, 2015.**
* **Councillor Mahon was happy to announce the MOE & CC helped recover funds from RCO to Almaguin Recycling Initiative.**

**9. In Camera- One item**

306-2015 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (c) and (d) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a labour relations matter.**

Carried

307-2015 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:55 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

The Clerk Administrator was provided direction.

**10**. **By-laws-**

308-2015 Brandt/ 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 #42-2015, being a by-law to amend Schedule ‘B’ (Permit Fee Schedule) to By-law #15-2009 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

309-2015 Mahon/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 #44-2015, being a by-law to amend Schedule ‘C’ (Fire Department Cost Recovery) to By-law #12-2015 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

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

310-2015 Smith/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#45-2015 being a by-law to**

**confirm** **the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23rd day of November, 2015**

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

Carried

**12**. **Adjournment**

311-2015 Sewell/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, December 14, 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:8:00 p.m.**

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**