Village of South River

Council Meeting – June 13, 2016

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, June 13, 2016 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**: Judy Kleinhuis; Grant Thornton LLP

**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**

Judy Kleinhaus, representing the accounting firm of Grant Thornton which conducts the annual external audit, presented Council with the draft financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2015 for the Village of South River and its various boards/committees.

Council reviewed the draft statements with Ms. Kleinhuis. The audit was determined to be a “clean audit” meaning there was nothing to indicate concerns or accounting issues. Some suggestions were made regarding how items were recorded and the need, under the new public accounting rules, to further separate some expenses in, for example, the Arena Snack Bar expense line. It is necessary to show snack bar wages in a separate account from snack bar purchases.

The auditor was pleased with the audit process and thanked staff for their cooperation and council for their time.

6:27 Judy Kleinhaus left the meeting.

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

136-2016 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Tuesday, May 24, 2016, as amended.**

Carried

**5. Accounts**

137-2016 Smith/Mahon

**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 9, 2016**

**2) Cheques from May 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016**

Carried

138-2016 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the 2015 Financial Statements as prepared, and presented, by Grant Thornton, LLP.**

Carried

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

Mayor and Clerk Administrator Susan Arnold provided Council with an update on the multi-use commercial building. Council reviewed the two submissions for the 500 square foot commercial unit and decided to conduct interviews with both. Submissions were received from: 1) The Highlander Brewing Company and 2) New Adventures in Sound Art (NAISA). The Clerk Administrator will arrange meeting dates and times. Two members of Council, the Treasurer and the Clerk Administrator will attend.

The next construction meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 10:00 p.m.

Council reviewed the minutes from the May 26th, 2016 sub-committee meeting and supported its recommendation with the following resolution:

139-2016 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River is not able to agree to any of the three conditions as outlined in Dennis Trinaistich’s email of May 26th, 2016. The Village stands by its initial offer to cover the ice for the South River Machar Agricultural Society Fall Fair.**

Carried

Council asked the Clerk Administration to forward the above resolution to Machar Township and to request a Joint Council meeting. Some possible meeting dates were suggested and are to be forwarded for consideration.

140-2016 Sewell/ Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Insurance renewal from BFL Canada with the 2016 premium being $53,716 (excluding applicable taxes).**

Carried

141-2016 Smith/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff reports: Items #1 to #10.**

Carried

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

142-2016 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the 2015 Provincial Offences Act Financial Statements as prepared for the Town of Parry Sound by Gingrich & Harris.**

Carried

143-2016 Brandt/Sewell

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

Carried

**8. Correspondence** - Nil

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

* **Discussion at the next Council meeting regarding the decaying wooden posts at the cemetery**
* **Marjory Robinson will be attending the office on Thursday, June 16, 2016 to assist staff with preparing the budget options for review at the June 27th meeting.**
* **Variegated Devas Garden Centre was hired to plant the Village’s planters along Highway #124 and Ottawa Avenue east. Next week Sandhill Nursery will be planting planters along Ottawa Avenue west and Eagle Lake Road between Ottawa Avenue and Alfred Street. The Village is looking very summer-ready!**
* **The Municipal By-law Officer has been sending out reminder letters to property owners concerning the height the grass in some yards has been allowed to reach. For further information residents may review the Clean Yards By-law #14-2016.**
* **Councillor Sewell commented that the Community Gardens are all full and looks very well maintained.**
* **Councillor Smith advised Council that the Central Almaguin Strategic Plan would be reviewed on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:30 at the South River Friendly Circle.**
* **Councillor Brandt updated Council on the Canada activities. The event will take place on Saturday, July 2, 2016 with a parade commencing at 11:30 a.m.**
* **The monthly Public Works meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the South River Council Chambers.**

**10.** **In Camera – 1 item**

144-2016 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.3.1 and that this Council proceed In Camera at 8:39 p.m. for the purpose of education or training the members and at the meeting no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of council.**

Carried

145-2016 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed Meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:57 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

**11. By-laws –** Nil

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

146-2016 Sewell/Brandt

**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 #16-2016, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13th day of June, 2016 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**13**. **Adjournment**

147-2016 Brandt/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, June 27, 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: 9:00 p.m. p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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 **Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**