

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – April 23, 2018

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, April 23, 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:** David Adams; Property Owner  
Todd Lucier and Nadene Theriault-Copeland; Explore South River

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

93-2018 Mahon/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the addition of a deputation by Mr. Todd Lucier representing “Explore South River”. Mr. Lucier had been scheduled to attend the CAEDA meeting last week which was cancelled due to inclement weather.**

Carried

3. **Guests & Deputations** -

Mr. David Adams is the owner of 25 Lily Street, South River and was asking if Council thought a minor variance could be attained in order to replace an existing platform and stairway on his home. The replacement stairway would provide straight, direct access to his home instead of the existing two sets of stairs and a turning platform. The replacement will be approximately 5.4 meters from the front property line which exceeds the zoning by-law’s minimum setback of 8.0 meters.

Council could see no reason why a minor variance would not be granted and directed the Clerk Administrator to forward the request to the municipal planner for an opinion and if it is viable then proceed with the minor variance. The cost of the opinion and the minor variance process will be the responsibility of the property owner.

5:34p.m. David Adams left the meeting.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

94-2018 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, April 9, 2018, as printed.**

Carried

5:57 p.m. Mr. Todd Lucier arrived.

5:58 p.m. Ms. Nadene Theriault-Copeland arrived.

Council invited Todd and Nadene to come to the council table and make their presentation.

The “Explore South River” project was created by a group of enthusiastic businesses, artists and artisans from South River, Ontario who are collaborating to best represent a vibrant and thriving vision of South River to visitors and residents. The Explore South River Project seeks to bring attention to South River by showcasing South River organizations and events, attractions and experiences with an arts, recreation, culture and learning focus.

The launch of the Explore South River Project will take place at the Highlander Brewery on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. All members of Council, staff and residents are invited to attend. Todd requested monetary support from Council and noted that all contributions are welcome. In-kind contributions of time and expertise are also accepted.

The project is spread over two (2) years and has a budget of \$90,000. It currently has twenty-eight (28) contributions at \$50 each. Council will discuss this request later in the meeting.

6:20 p.m. Todd and Nadene thanked Council for its time and being added to the agenda and left the meeting.

95-2018 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby refer the minor**

variance request for 25 Lily Street (Roll #4956-000-001-40720-000) to the municipal planner for his opinion. The minor variance is for the purpose of replacing the existing porch which will result in the bottom stair being 5.4m from the property line and not the required 8.0m. The cost of such an opinion letter is the responsibility for the owner of 25 Lily Street and all expenses incurred to proceed with the minor variance, should that be the decision, will also be the sole responsibility of the property owner.

Carried

**5. Accounts**

96-2018 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the draft financial statements for 2017, as prepared by Grant Thornton, LLP.**

Carried

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

On Friday, April 20, 2018 at 9:00 Jim Coleman, Doug Sewell, Risto Maki and Raina Maki gathered in the Council Chambers to open the submitted tenders for the surplus land located at 309 Highway #124 South River. Only one envelop had been submitted and date stamped April 6, 2018. The bid included a detailed business plan and a deposit cheque. As the Friday gathering was not a council meeting but a tender opening the paper work was collected and presented to Council at tonight's meeting.

97-2018 Smith/Mahon

**WHEREAS the Council of the Village of South River declared the property known as The Happy Landing Commercial Court surplus by Resolution #291-2017 (December 11, 2017); and**

**WHEREAS on March 22, 2018 the Village of South River advertised in the Almaguin News and on the municipal website for public bids with business plans for the property with the bid packages being accepted by anyone in the public interested in participating until Thursday, April 19, 2018; and**

**WHEREAS the Village of South River received one qualified bid on April 6, 2018 and no other bids were received after that date; now**

**THEREFORE the Council of the Village of South River accepts a bid of \$40,000 + HST for the .5 acre vacant lot located in Happy Landing Commercial Court and directs the Clerk Administrator to proceed with the sale.**

Carried

98-2018 Smith/Sewell

**WHEREAS small, rural municipalities face significant resource capacity challenges in the collection and maintenance of accurate data for asset management planning, standardized tools should be developed at the cost of the provincial government; and**

**WHEREAS these standardized tools should be piloted in a number of small, rural municipalities with provincial government guidance and resources to ensure evidence based outcomes that satisfy the regulatory frameworks outlined in O. Reg. 588/2017, and the expectations of the province going forward; and**

**WHEREAS these standardized tools should be designed with service level metrics for baseline data and automatic calculations and formulas that bring forward the data required to update the asset management plan in prescribed 5 year intervals and, with built-in verification of data to be uploaded electronically for reporting; now**

**THEREFORE the Council of the Village of South River strongly urges premier Kathleen Wynne and the Province of Ontario to provide adequate financial resources for both staff and infrastructure to ensure successful compliance and implementation of the required municipal function for asset management planning in small, rural municipalities.**

Carried

99-2018 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 #16-2018 being a by-law to establish an Election Accessibility Plan for the 2018 municipal election with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

100-2018 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Explore South River pilot project, in principle, and contribute \$500 toward the initial launch.**

Carried

101-2018 Brandt/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 #14-2018 being a by-law to establish a policy for the use of municipal resources during 2018 municipal election campaign period with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

102-2018 Mahon/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 #15-2018 being a by-law to establish a policy for a Municipal Election Recount with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

103-2018 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 #6.**

Carried

## **6.2 Reports from Joint Committees**

104-2018 Sewell/Smith

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

Carried

## **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

105-2018 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

## **7. Correspondence**

106-2018 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items: #1 and #2.**

Carried

## **8. Council Information Update –**

- The Village of South River is very happy to welcome the Luksa and Smith families to our community. The new Freshmart grocery store will be opening, following renovations, at the location of the former Foodland. The Council encourages all residents from the area to introduce themselves and make the family feel welcome. The anticipated opening day is August 1, 2018.
- Nomination Period for the 2018 municipal elections opens on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and closes on Friday, July 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Nomination packages are available at the municipal office located at 63 Marie Street, South River and when picking up a nomination package it is recommended to set aside a few minutes to go over the package with the Clerk Administrator as the Province has made some changes to the Election Act.
- The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association will meet on Friday, April 27, 2018 at the Highview Golf Course in Powassan. Registration opens at 8:15 a.m.
- Council and Staff wishes to thank Shawn Brown for his dedication and help in removing snow from the municipal office and library over the winter and well into spring! You did a great job, Shawn!
- Fire Chief Maki was interviewed by CBC on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 regarding the issues surrounding the emergency responses in Algonquin Provincial Park and the none repayment for the costs incurred by the South River Machar Volunteer fire department to provide service when requested.
- The Clerk Administrator and the Treasurer attended the AMCTO Zone 7 & \* workshop in Sudbury on April 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff are working to secure businesses to provide plants and flowers for our curbside planters this summer and to provide gardening services at the municipal office and the large garden located in Tom Thomson Park.
- The Treasurer reminder Council the tax sale will be advertised in this week's paper.

## **9. In Camera**

107-2018 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (c) and 239.3.1 that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing one personnel Matters and one item to educate the Council on a matter relating to a renewal contract.**

Carried

108-2018 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:54 p.m.**

Carried

109-2018 Mahon/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the resignation of Public Works Operator Corey Megill. Council and staff would like to thank Mr. Megill for his years of service to this community and wishes him success in his future endeavours. And further, the Council requests the job be posted immediately as per the Collective Agreement requirements and then externally should there be no interest in the position internally.**

Carried

110-2018 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the conditions, as recommended by the Arena Committee, in the renewal agreement between the Village of South River, the Township of Machar and the Almaguin Spartan's Hockey Organization and requests the Clerk Administrator prepare the document for signing by all parties.**

Carried

**10. By-laws – No additional by-laws**

**11. Confirming By-law**

111-2018 Mahon/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 #17-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23rd day of April, 2018 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

112-2018 Mahon/Brandt

**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, May 14, 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: 7:58 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**