

Village of South River
Council Meeting – March 26, 2018

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, March 26, 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: Laurel Campbell; Almaguin News
Roger George; Almaguin News

1. **Call to Order** –The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:40 p.m.

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

3. **Guests & Deputations** -

Laurel Campbell asked Council what it knew about the closing of the South River Foodland. Mayor Coleman responded that we hadn't received anything official from Sobey's and the only information we had been getting was through the grapevine and from a brief discussion with the building owner who had also not been provided any official correspondence.

Laurel had been able to confirm she had spoken to Clayton Filkohazy, Executive Communication Specialist for Sobey's. Mr. Filkohazy was located in Calgary and didn't respond immediately to Laurel's calls. The closing date is as reported on Facebook, April 28th, 2018. When Laurel asked for the reasons for closing the store Mr. Filkohazy responded that it was a business decision based on the corporate perspective, geography, demographics, sales and building repairs. He would not elaborate on any of the reasons.

The Council advised that the Mayor had written a letter to Sobey's parent company; Empire Corporation, requesting a letter which could be posted to the residents regarding the closure and the reasons behind the closure. As of the meeting no correspondence had been received from Empire Corporation. The Mayor and the Clerk Administrator had met with the building owner to discuss the possibility of having another grocery store open at the Foodland location. Calls had been made to Norm Miller, MPP; Ron Begin, FedNor Rep; Lanny Dennis, Municipal Planner. Council has not dealt with such a large scale closure and hoped to be able to find some options to help the village secure a grocery store.

60-2018 Mahon/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the addition of the draft water rates to the March 26, 2018 agenda as Item #4 for Municipal Staff Reports; and Item #2 to the Joint Committee Reports for the South River Machar Union Library draft budget.

Carried

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

61-2018 Smith/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, March 12, 2018 as printed.

Carried

5. **Accounts** - Nil

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

62-2018 Brandt/Smith

WHEREAS sections 345 and 353 of the Municipal Act as it relates to the collection of unpaid taxes; and

WHEREAS the property in question has already been through a tax sale and received no bidders and the municipality did not vest the property in its name which meant the property reverted back to the owners; and

Whereas the annual taxes on this property have continued to accrue; now

THEREFORE the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a minimum bid of \$10,000 by writing off taxes and legal costs on Roll #4519 000 001 33900 0000 to return it to a reasonable asking price which may encourage bidders in a tax sale fo this property.

Carried

63-2018 Mahon/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a purchase of a new office binding machine which is on sale for \$365.99 instead of the regular \$419.82 (through the Purchasing Group pricing).

Carried

64-2018 Smith/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the 2017-2018 Inspection report for the South River Drinking Water System which was conducted on January 24, 2018 by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. And, further, the Council of the Village of South River acknowledges the 100% Final Inspection Rating and offers congratulations to the Ontario Clean Water Agency and municipal staff for the hard work and effort to achieve this rating.

Carried

65-2018 Sewell/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Recruitment Committee for the Joint Compliance Audit Committee to appoint John Finley as the Alternate Member of the Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the Village of South River for the term of December 1, 2018 to November 14, 2022 be accepted.

Carried

66-2018 Smith/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the worksheets from staff regarding the bi-annual water rates increase for the second half of 2018 and for 2019.

Carried

67-2018 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 #4.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Joint Committees

68-2018 Brandt/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and ask it to be forwarded to the South River Machar Fire Committee for review.

Carried

69-2018 Sewell/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve, in principle, the South River Machar Union Library draft 2018 budget with South River's share being \$28,500.06.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

70-2018 Sewell/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the 2017 Eastholme Financial Statements as prepared by Pahapill and Associates; and approve, in principle, the 2018 draft budget for Eastholme with South River's share to be \$21,141 (an increase from \$20,482 in 2017).

Carried

71-2018 Smith/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve, in principle, the 2018 draft budget for CAEDA with South River's share to be \$6,491 (down from the 2017 actual of \$6,937).

Carried

72-2018 Smith/Mahon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve, in principle, the 2018 draft budget for ARI with South River's share to be \$1,980 (down from the 2017 of \$2,116).

Carried

73-2018 Smith/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Regional Committee Reports: Agenda Items #1 to #7.

Carried

7. Correspondence

74-2018 Brandt/Mahon

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

Carried

8. **Council Information Update**–

- **The municipal office will be closed Good Friday (March 30th) and Easter Monday (April 2) and reopen to the public at 8:30 a.m. on April 3, 2018.**
- **Councillor Smith advised she would be absent from the April 9, 2018 Council meeting and asked for volunteers to attend two of her committee meetings while she is away. Councillor Mahon and Mayor Coleman agreed to fill in for her.**
- **Councillor Brandt advised she would also be away for the April 9, 2018 meeting. Councillor Brandt will not be missing any committee meetings.**
- **There is an Information Session for anyone thinking of running for municipal council at the Burks Falls arena on Thursday, March 29, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs will be providing a speaker and a power point presentation to explain the election process, new regulations and roles of the individual council members verses the role of Council. If you are planning to run again please plan to attend. The Information Session is being put on by the Clerks and Treasurers Group of Almaguin.**

Laurel Campbell and Roger George left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

9. **In Camera**

75-2018 Mahon/Sewell

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 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing three personnel Matters and one item to educate the Council on a matter relating to a local business.

Carried

76-2018 Mahon/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

77-2018 Smith/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to begin the process to hire a .4 Public Works position.

Carried

78-2018 Sewell/Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to accept the resignation of the Clerk Administrator with the anticipated retirement date of November 30, 2019.

Carried

Regarding the third personnel matter the Clerk Administrator was given direction in the Closed Session. No decision was required regarding the education session. It was felt the Official Plan draft which was Submitted to the Province in 2017 contained any direction the Village may explore if necessary.

10. **By-laws**

79-2018 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 #8-2018 being a by-law to regulate signs and other advertising devices, including posting of notices on public property within the Village of South River with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

80-2018 Mahon/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 #9-2018 being a by-law to establish standards for the maintenance of Lands in a clean and clear condition with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

81-2018 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 #10-2018 being a by-law to establish a joint compliance audit committee and appoint committee members for the 2018 municipal election period with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. **Confirming By-law**

82-2017 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 #11-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 26th day of March, 2018 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

83-2018 Smith/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, April 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: 8:20 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator