

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – Monday, September 10, 2018

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillors Sharon Smith, Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt and Bill O’Hallarn.

**Staff in Attendance:** Sherri Hawthorne; Treasurer  
Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator

**Public in Attendance:** Doug Patterson and Mike Smith (Land Developers)  
Laurel Campbell, Almaguin News Reporter  
Ward Whitehead, Resident

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** –

Mr. Smith and Mr. Patterson approached the Council table to discuss a proposed housing development on the property surrounding Poplar Street and Grant Court (west of eagle Lake Road). The property consists of 47 acres. The preliminary proposal presented included construction of up to one hundred (100) dwelling units. The discussion focused on items which will need to be reviewed prior to such a project commencing such as a storm water management plan, water treatment plant capacity, zoning considerations, whether the wet land which exists between Fitz Avenue and Poplar Street is a tributary from creeks further west or if it is merely lowlands where run off water collects and if it could be allowed to be filled. The Clerk Administrator will forward agency contact information to Mr. Patterson for Ministry of Natural Resources in Parry Sound and the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority. Any additional questions can be sent to the Clerk Administrator and either answered or directed to the appropriate department or person who could answer the question.

Council thanked Mr. Patterson and Mr. Smith for considering our community for such a development and look forward to hearing if they decide to move forward with the project.

Doug Patterson and Michael Smith left the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

With Council’s permission the next item discussed was Item 6.1.1 described as an update on property sale.

The Clerk Administrator advised council the municipal lawyer had begun the process of drafting a purchase agreement for the property offered as surplus land and following the acceptance of a successful bid (July 26, 2018 Resolution #215-2018). The property is located north of Roselawn Blvd and sits just below the communication tower. The land has re-zoning of the property followed the Planning Act and was scheduled to be approved later in the agenda. Mr. Whitehead asked how the municipality planned to safeguard against having the proposed senior’s housing become geared-to-income housing? Councillor Brandt identified there are several steps a property owner must go through and requirements which must be met before the housing could become geared-to-income housing. It is the sincere intention of the developer and the Village’s belief the housing will be created for single independent senior who wish to remain in this community but do not feel able to maintain a home on their own but do not require nursing home services.

Mr. Whitehead thanked Council for its time and left the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

233-2018 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, August 13, 2018, as printed.**

Carried

5. **Accounts and Finance**

234-2018 O’Hallarn/Smith

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

1. **Accounts Payable to August 31, 2018**
2. **Income Statement to August 31, 2018**

Carried

The Treasurer provided a breakdown of MPAC assessment figures on a municipally-owned property which is now rented by a commercial business. MPAC’s assessment included months when the property

was vacant.

235-2018 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve writing off the municipal tax portion on municipally-owned land in the amount of \$3,722.95 on Property Roll # 4956-000-001-00302-0000.**

Carried

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

236-2018 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby renew the Parry Sound District-Wide Employee Group Benefit Plan (Manulife Policy #106012, Billing Group 012) with an overall percentage adjustment decrease of -2.6%.**

Carried

237-2018 Brandt/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff Reports: Agenda Items #1 to #5.**

Carried

**6.2 Reports from Joint Committees**

238-2018 Sewell/Brandt

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

Carried

Council discussed Machar Township's proposed date of January 21, 2019 for a Joint Council meeting. At present, that date falls on a CAEDA meeting date and, therefore, would not work for our whole council. The Clerk Administrator was asked to notify Machar Township that this date was not acceptable and another date would need to be selected following the start of the new term of council.

**6.3 Reports from Regional Committees -Nil**

**Laurel Campbell left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.**

**7. Correspondence**

239-2018 O'Hallarn/Sewell

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

Carried

**8. Council Information Update –**

- South River Freshmart opened on Thursday, September 6, 2018. Welcome to our community!
- Ballots for the October 22, 2018 municipal election have been ordered
- The Lion's Club has tentatively set Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for the "**Meet the Candidates**" evening.
- Sherri Hawthorne announced it had just completed an audit at the hydro generation plant. Central Almaguin Lifelong Learning Experience would be given a power point presentation about the history of the generation plant, its capabilities and its operations before touring the plant on Monday, September 17, 2018.

**9. In Camera**

240-2018 Smith/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS meeting of the Village of South River be closed under Subsection 239.2 (c) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:19 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters about an identifiable individual.**

Carried

241-2018 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:33 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

**An update was provided to Council and no further direction was given.**

**10. By-laws – Re-Zoning**

242-2018 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 #34-2018 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 17-95 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**11. Confirming By-law**

243-2018 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 #35-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

244-2018 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, September 24, 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: 7:38 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**