Village of South River

Council Meeting – February 23, 2015

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, February 23, 2015 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Coleman, Councillors Smith, Sewell, Brandt and Mahon.

**Staff in Attendance**: Sherri Hawthorne, Treasurer

Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator

**Public in Attendance**: Darren Patey, VS Group

Vincent Shank, President VS Group

1. **Call to Order** – South River Council Chambers
2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof-** None Declared

53-2015 Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the addition of the February 3, 2015 Fire Committee Minutes, the February 18, 2015 Fire Committee Minutes, the February 17, 2015 Medical Center Minutes to the February 23, 2015 Council Agenda under Agenda Item #6.2: Reports from Joint Committees.**

Carried

1. **Guests and Deputations**

Darren Patey and Vincent Shank introduced VS Group and gave a brief introduction to the company and the services it provides. Darren Patey focused on website redevelopment. There are several components to website development which include site navigation, design, functionality and accessibility compliance standards WCAG 2.0 (A) (which adjust screen size according to device). Darren sited East Ferris, Strong Township and Powassan as three municipalities for which his company has redeveloped a website.

There is currently a grant through Blue Sky Net which, if approved, pays up to 75% of the cost of redevelopment.

Municipal staff will be able to control the content on the website and be able post items which are relevant and remove items which are not. Cost of redevelopment would also include staff training and off-site support.

6:10 p.m. Darren Patey and Vincent Shank left the meeting.

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

54-2015 Brandt/Smith

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

Carried

**5.** **Accounts - Nil**

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

55-2015 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the quote from Noll Climate Control to supply and install an efficiency furnace up to a cost of $2,767.00 + applicable taxes with the expense being charged to the WTP 2015 budget.**

Carried

56-2015 Smith/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the request by Raney’s Funeral Chapel to amend the C1 classification to include a pet cemetery and directs staff to contact the planner to begin the process.**

Carried

57-2015 Sewell/Brandt

**WHEREAS residents in the Village of South River have supported the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and its fundraising efforts in order to have, within a close driving proximity, a hospital equipped to handle many of the health care issues facing our families; and**

**WHERAS moving the surgical site to Bracebridge will cause additional hardship to families and patients who must travel further for surgery; now**

**THEREFORE the Council of the Village of South River does hereby request that the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare removes consideration of single-siting surgery from their deliberations and search alternate revenue-generating options..**

Carried

58-2015 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

59-2015 Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the South River Machar Fire Committee’s Motion #2015-14 and supports its recommendation to accept the price of $294,057.71 plus applicable taxes and award the tender to Carrier Center Emergency Vehicles with the purchase to be completed in 2016.**

Carried

60-2015 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Committee Reports Items #1 to #5.**

Carried

61-2015 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Building Committee’s Motion and supports its recommendation to have each municipality pay its members’ remuneration annually.**

Carried

62-2015 Mahon/Smith

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

Carried

**7. Correspondence**

63-2015 Smith/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive Correspondence Items #1 to #8.**

Carried

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

**\* Council will be meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss this Council’s goals and objectives and the Community Investment Plan.**

**\* TV11 will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sundridge Council Chambers**

**\* The Clerk Administrator will be attending the Planning Workshop in Huntsville on Thursday, February 26, 2015.**

**\* The Clerk Administrator will be taking some vacation the week of March 9th and will not be attending the first meeting of Council in March**

**\* The audit is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

**\* Councillor Smith will be absent from the March 9, 2015 meeting.**

**\* Mayor Coleman advised Council he had purchased a hand pump with money donated to the community gardens by the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit.**

**9.** **In Camera- 1 item**

64-2015 Sewell/ Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (b) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a possible property acquisition.**

Carried

65-2015 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in**

**Open Session at 9:09 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

The Mayor and Clerk Administrator were provided direction.

**10**. **By-laws: Nil**

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

66-2015 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#7-2015 being a by-law to confirm**

**the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23rd day of February, 2015 with**

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

Carried

**12**. **Adjournment**

**67**-2015 Smith/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 Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.to discuss

this Council’s goals and objectives and then on Monday, March 9, 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: 9:15 p.m.

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**