Village of South River

Council Meeting – January 25, 2016

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, January 25, 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**: Susan L. Arnold; Clerk Administrator

**Public in Attendance**: Lois Cookman; Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce (Fab2016 Committee)

 Jessica Busch; Almaguin Highlands Economic Development

 Emilio Foffano; Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce (Fab2016 Committee)

**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**

Representatives from the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce Fab2016 Committee and Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee made a presentation for the purpose of bringing the annual Festival of Business (FAB) to the Village of South River June 10 and 11. This year the FAB2016 Committee is partnering with Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee (AHED) which hosts an annual one day workshop called “Showcase Almaguin”. The representatives, at this time, are not asking for financial support but are looking for support to create an outdoor festival along Ottawa Avenue highlighting the businesses of South River and the Almaguin Highlands. The two-day event will take place between the South River Machar Arena and Ottawa Avenue. Events planned include children’s activities, music, food vendors, workshops and a Friday evening reception at the arena. Council was receptive to the idea but has advised the arena will need to be booked and the Fire Chief should be contacted regarding any safety issues which could arise for emergency vehicles on the closed Ottawa Avenue and what solutions he might suggest. The event has been gaining in popularity over the last couple of years and Council was pleased South River was being considered for 2016.

The Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce Fab2016 Committee representatives and the AHED representative all left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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

13-2016 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, January 11, 2016, as amended.**

Carried

**5. Accounts -** Nil

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

14-2016 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation from the Public Works Committee (Res #1-2016) to purchase the security camera package, Option #1, at a cost of $3,900 + Installation + applicable taxes.**

Carried

15-2016 Mahon/Brandt

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

Carried

16-2016 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation from the South River Machar Arena Committee (Res #2016-04) to purchase the skate sharpener from Skater’s Edge as per the letter from David Ford’s letter dated January 6, 2016; and further**

**The Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation from the South River Machar Arena Committee (Res #2016-06) to have the Arena Manager order the replacement parts for the desiccant Dehumdifier as per his quote dated January 13, 2016.**

Carried

17-2016 Mahon/Smith

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

Carried

**7. Reports from Shared or regional Committees** - NIL

18-2016 Smith/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation from the Joint Building Committee (Res #2016-06) to increase the Deputy Chief Building Official’s wage by 2% for both 2016 and 2017 and to increase the Chief Building Official’s wage by 3% for both 2016 and 2017. Both increases are to be retroactive to January 1, 2016.**

Carried

19-2016 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Regional Committee reports Items #1 to #3.**

Carried

**8. Correspondence**

20-2016Smith/Mahon

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

Carried

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

* **The next construction meeting will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2016.**
* **The Clerk Administrator attended a meeting of the host municipalities for the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Workshop. The organizing meeting was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Armour Township.**
* **Our new By-law Officer has been busy at all four municipalities since his job began on Monday, January 4, 2016. Chris is still getting set up but has already been out visiting local residents.**
* **The next “Ripples” edition will be sent out in the next few days. Residents are being reminded that harassment or violence, of any kind, in any work place, is against the law.**
* **Members of the Personnel Committee are meeting with Union Reps on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**
* **Research is being done regarding a by-law for vacant buildings.**

**10.** **In Camera -** Nil

**11. By-laws –** Nil

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

21-2016 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 #3-2016, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 25th day of January, 2016 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12**. **Adjournment**

22-2016 Brandt/Sewell

**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, February 8, 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: 7:18 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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 **Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**