Village of South River

Council Meeting – May 24, 2016

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Tuesday, May 24, 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**: Sherri Hawthorne, Treasurer

Jamie Payne, Arena Manager

**Public in Attendance**: Myrna Hickingbottom, South River Resident

Colleen Hickingbottom, South River Resident

Dennis Trinaistich, Solicitor for South River Machar Agricultural Society

Jim Stephenson, Liz Hinz, Tina Flower, June Manella and Suzanne Learn, South River Machar Agricultural Society members

**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**

Dennis Trinaistich introduced himself as the solicitor for the South River Machar Agricultural Society in the dispute over the removal of the ice from the arena for the annual South River Machar Fall Fair. Members of the South River Machar Agricultural Society had met with a sub- committee comprised of two councillors from South River and two councillors from Machar Township. The sub-committee put forward a proposal to the Agricultural Society for consideration.

Due to the large financial expense associated with removing the ice for the two day fair and then reinstalling it the sub-committee has proposed using boards to cover the ice and to change the type of heat source from what was used in 2014. The additional rental revenue generated from having the ice in from June until the following first of April has helped the arena meet its operational commitments without undue pressure on the taxpayers of South River and Machar.

Mr. Trinaistich advised Council that the South River Machar Agricultural Society has three conditions associated with the proposal it received:

1. The Village agrees to honour the original 1947 agreement for the remainder of the term if the proposal does not work and any part of the 2016 Fall Fair is cancelled or compromised.
2. The Village agrees to pay estimated liquidated damages if the proposal does not work and any part of the 2016 Fall Fair is cancelled or compromised.
3. The Village agrees to carry out a trial run of the proposal during the summer to prove it will work and provide the SRMAS the use of arena free of ice if it does not work.

Mr. Trinaistich advised the Village must unequivocally agree to these conditions before the Society agrees to the proposal.

Councillor Mahon asked Mr. Trinaistich he would be delivering the same message to Machar Township since the arena is a shared service. Mr. Trinaistich advised that they would let Machar Township know.

All members of the public and Arena Manager, Jamie Payne, left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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

122-2016 Sewell/ Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, May 9, 2016, as printed.**

Carried

**5. Accounts -** Nil

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

Mayor Coleman and Treasurer Sherri Hawthorne provided Council with an update on the multi-use commercial building. The construction is moving ahead. Approval for the septic system has been received from the Conservation Authority. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

123-2016 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct the Clerk Administrator to provide the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 390, a letter expressing its non-objection to the summer licensing of an outside fenced in area between the months of May 15, 2016 to October 30th, 2016 understanding there would be no outside bar but alcoholic beverages from inside the Legion building would be consumed in the fenced in area.**

Carried

Councillor Brandt spoke about the Heritage Improvement Society’s desire to apply for Canada 150 funding to complete the renovations such as the septic system and the ramp and outside skirting. Councillor Brandt advised that the committee will prepare a formal report for the application for $20,000 to $30,000. The project, under the terms of Canada 150, would have to be completed by 2018.

The Treasurer brought up the matter of aviation insurance to cover the helipad. The agreement with ORNGE, which provides emergency helicopter transfers for patients, states it will no longer cover the cost of insurance. The quote received from the Village’s insurance company was for a premium costing $1,600. Council requested the Treasurer do additional research to see what other municipalities with helipads have done regarding insurance.

124-2016 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff reports: Items #1 to #7.**

Carried

125-2016 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby not support, at this time, the recommendation (2016-23) to accept the Arena Rental Rates for 2016 as presented.**

Carried

126-2016 Mahon/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation (2016-21) of the South River Machar Fire Committee to declare the Hurst low pressure ram and extension set to be surplus and dispose of it in accordance with the Village of South River Procurement by-law.**

Carried

127-2016 Smith/Mahon

**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** –

128-2016 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the 2015 Financial Statements for the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association, as prepared by Grant Thornton LLP.**

Carried

129-2016 Smith/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the 2015 Financial Statements for the Joint Building Committee, as prepared by Grant Thornton LLP.**

Carried

130-2016 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the 2015 Financial Statements for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.**

Carried

131-2016 Smith/Sewell

**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-** Nil

132-2016 Sewell/Smith

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

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

* **The RfP for a renter in the 500 sq ft unit of the multi-unit commercial building has been advertised with the RfP opening on May 31, 2016. One business expressed interest in the space and attended the Q & A session on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and later toured the space**
* **The Ambulance Roof Contract was signed on Monday, May 18, 2016**
* **Final Draft Lease for the long-term tenant has been sent to the tenant’s lawyer for review.**
* **Congratulations have been sent in a form of a signed Village Certificate to Jenny Griffith on the occasion of her retirement as the Post Master at the South River Post Office. Her smile and her service to this community and its residents have been appreciated and will be missed.**
* **The Treasurer provided information on a Homelessness Objectives Maximizing Efforts workshop to be held in Parry Sound on Wednesday, June 1, 2016.**

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

**11. By-laws – Clean Yard By-law #14-2016**

133-2016 Sewell/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 #14-2016 being a by-law to establish standards for the maintenance of lands in a clean and clear condition at its meeting held on the 24th day of May, 2016 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

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

134-2016 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 #15-2016, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 24th day of May, 2016 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Treasurer and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12**. **Adjournment**

135-2016 Brandt/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, June 13, 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: 7:45 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Sherri Hawthorne, Treasurer**