

Southern Victoria Village Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 8th, 2025

Present: Mayor McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Shaw, Councillors - Sheila Cummings, Paul Legace, Tami McPhail, Sara Plant, Todd McGuire (virtually), Assistant CAO Justine Waldeck, and Finance and Administration Clerk Kristen Johnston.

Regrets: None

- 1) Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order.
- 2) No conflicts of interest were declared.
- 3) It was **MOVED** by Councillor Cummings that the October Meeting Minutes be approved. **SECONDED** by Councillor Plant. **MOTION CARRIED**.
- 4) Delegations - None
- 5) The Assistant CAO gave an update on the Municipal Building Project. Site work has been completed for the year. Work done at the location was shared between 4 local contractors. The design team is currently looking into the building elevation and materials.
- 6) The Assistant CAO gave an update on the Trailer Park, the sale of 9 lots are being finalized, 4 lots will be lease-to-own and 2 other people are interested in viewing the lot plans. Council suggested a name change in the future.
- 7) A letter from the Minister of Public safety was reviewed in regards to the safety of horse-drawn carriages which stated the matter would be passed on to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for consideration in any further changes.
- 8) A letter addressed to Margaret Johnson regarding the local Public Library and staffing issues was discussed. Council discussed the issue, stating that the library has had to close on occasion due to being short staffed as well as cancel scheduled events due to lack of staffing. It was discussed that no jobs have been listed with the intentions of hiring to fix the current issue. Council suggested writing a letter in support of the Library Board, stating that the current situation does not support the community, or the staff.
- 9) A letter from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure was discussed in regards to access permits.
- 10) A Letter from a local business owner was addressed in regard to the break and enters in the community requesting a review of policing resources and response times within the village, a review of property standards and tenancy enforcement and an open public meeting to allow residents and business owners to voice their concerns. Council discussed the steps to be taken to address this concern.

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- 11) The Assistant CAO reviewed the Municipal Administration/Strategic Plan Update, Water Consumption Reports, and the Fire Department Report. Council discussed Christmas in the Village and how well staff decorated, the success of the parade this year and how the Municipality's events appear to be growing.
- 12) It was **MOVED** by Councillor Cummings and **SECONDED** by Councillor McPhail that Council approved the 2026 General Operation Budget with a total warrant of \$2,598,763 and tax rates per \$100 of assessment will be \$1.2300 for Perth-Andover, \$1.3644 for Aroostook, and \$0.8058 for the local service district areas. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 13) It was **MOVED** by Councillor Cummings and **SECONDED** by Councillor McPhail that council approve of the BIA levy of .05 (cents) per \$100 of assessment for 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 14) It was **MOVED** by Councillor Cummings and **SECONDED** by Councillor Legace that council approve of the 2026 Water Commission Budget of \$839,984 for the P-A Network and a budget of \$115,920 for the Aroostook Network. For the P-A Network the water rate of \$490 per unit and \$1.1922 per cubic meter for metered customers. The Sewer rate of \$265 per unit and \$0.6182 per cubic meter for metered customers. The Aroostook Network will have a water rate of \$310. Early payment discount of 3% will apply to accounts paid in full and customers with a monthly budget will receive \$10 or \$5 per unit as a discount. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 15) It was **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Shaw and **SECONDED** by Councillor Cummings to approve the 2025 Light Commission balanced Budget of \$5,035,256. This includes a 9.7% rate increase on April 1st, 2026, due to increased purchase cost of 9.4% on January 1st, 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 16) It was **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Shaw and **SECONDED** by Councillor Cummings to approve the transfer of \$12,000 from the Village General Operation Account to the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 17) It was **MOVED** by Councillor McPhail and **SECONDED** by Councillor Cummings to approve the Flood Mitigation Project Building Budget. The total building project is estimated at \$13,600,000. Total government funding is currently \$8,190,424 or 60.2% of the total project. The municipal share is \$5,409,576 or 39.8% of project cost. The municipal share will come from operation budgets and capital reserve funds without having any capital borrowing. **MOTION CARRIED 5-2, with two members opposed – Mayor McLaughlin and Deputy Mayor Shaw.**
- 18) Adjournment.