Southern Victoria Village Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2025

Present: Mayor McLaughlin; Councilors - Sheila Cummings, Paul Legace, Tami McPhail, Todd McQuire, Sara Plant, CAO Dan Dionne, and Assistant CAO Justine Waldeck.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Shaw

1. Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order.

2. No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Councilor Cummings ***MOVED*** the approval of December 9th, 18th, and 30th meeting minutes. ***SECONDED*** by Councilor Plant. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

4. The CAO gave an update on the Recreation Master Plan. We are now in the final stages of the process. We will have a draft document presented by the first of February.

5. Crosswalk Elks Club – The CAO received advice from Englobe that municipality consider a flashing lights crosswalk sign and to ensure adequate lighting. The CAO will get pricing on the illuminated crosswalk signs and additional lighting and will send the Elks a letter to see if they are interested in cost-sharing on the initiative.

6. Radon kits at Library - The kits are being delivered to the libraries; however, they have not been given a timeline for when they can expect it to arrive. The municipality has ordered one through the Canadian Lung Association which will be delivered to the library.

7. Canoe Insurance has a RiskPro Communities Conference in April. It is 3 days of professional presentations and workshops on various risk and mitigation measures. There is a 2% reduction on the premium if we send a representative. Council agreed to send Justine Waldeck.

8. Municipal Building Project – The CAO provided updates on a) the consultation process. If we do not have any correspondence by February 15, 2025, it will be approved, b) the well-house tender will be developed in the spring, c) design work of the building. The architect has suggested meeting with all the entities involved next week. They plan to come to the community in February to meet again.

9. Correspondence received included the UMNB Letter to Premier Holt and a Horizon Report

10. The following reports were presented - Municipal Administration/Strategic Plan Update, Water Consumption Reports which showed 2024 water consumption in Aroostook up 28% and Andover up 5% over 2023, and the Fire Department report.

11. A review of the fire operation manual and bylaw will be done by a committee with two representatives from the fire department, Councillors Paul Lagace, Todd McQuire, CAO, & Assistant CAO. Based on a request from the fire department, a committee will review fire compensation. This committee will consist of Councillors McQuire, Plant, McPhail, Cummings, CAO, & Assistant CAO. Staff will follow up with meeting times.

12. Councillor Plant ***MOVED*** to accept Jennifer Bear and Gladys Bartlett as new members of the Library Board. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Cummings. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

13. Staff reported on the loss of the large recycling bin at the RVCC. The RSC decided to remove all big blue recycling bins from all communities. The schools are now without recycling until Circular Materials gets an agreement with the schools to be activated in May/June. We are currently working with Circular Materials to see if we can provide this service and be reimbursed.

14. The CAO Dan spoke with RDC on the infrastructure funding for the Aroostook water system.

15. There is a presentation for municipalities who are interested in getting immigrants into their communities and businesses. February 11, 2025, at 10:00am in Centreville.

16. Council Meeting Schedule

i.	Feb 10-13	FCM Sustainable Communities Conference
ii.	Feb 17 or 18	Regular Council Meeting
iii.	Feb 24	Committee Meeting with stakeholders and design group
iv.	March 10	Regular Council Meeting
v.	March 24	Committee Meeting
vi.	March 26-27	UMNB Advocacy Days
vii.	April 14	Regular Council Meeting

17. Meeting adjournment.