Southern Victoria Village Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2024

Present: Mayor McLaughlin; Deputy Mayor Shaw, Councillors - Sheila Cummings, Paul Lagace, Tami McPhail, Todd McQuire, and CAO Dan Dionne.

1. Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order.

2. No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Councillor Cummings ***MOVED*** the approval of the September 9th & September 23rdh meeting minutes. ***SECONDED*** by Councilor McPhail. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

4. Andy Lenehan from Lenehan McCain & Associates Presentation 2023 Audit. The audit showed the following surpluses for the Village General Fund $63,325, Water and Sewer Utility $98,830, and Light Utility $159,507. Mr. Lenehan highlighted that our audit showed another positive year without the need to borrow money for capital projects.

   Councillor Cummings ***MOVED*** the approval of 2023 Financial Audit presented by Mr. Andy Lenehan from Lenehan McCain & Associates. ***SECONDED*** by Councilor Lagace. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

5. Mr. Gary Grant made a presentation on behalf of the Elks Club requesting that Council reconsider the engineering firm's recommendation on the crosswalk. Staff will follow up with the stats provided by Elks club and ask the engineering firm to review their recommendations.

6. The CAO provided an update on recreation strategic plan that highlighted - stakeholder focus groups, public drop-in sessions, strategic planning session, school sessions, and a community survey. Community members are encouraged to complete the online survey. We are hoping to reach 350 completed surveys. The final report is scheduled for mid-December.

7. The CAO thanked DTI and municipal staff for the improvements on Fort Road.

8. Municipal staff completed the installation of new filters at the Aroostook well.

9. Our SV Healthcare Committee distributed a press release regarding the need for a collaborative healthcare clinic. Council also met with Susan Holt Liberal Leader and Julian Moulton Liberal candidate for our region. During and following the meeting a commitment was made that Southern Victoria would be number 14th on the list of 30 collaborative healthcare clinics being promised by the Liberal party.

10. The following reports were presented: Municipal Administration, Strategic Plan Update, Fire Department Report, and Water Consumption Report (Perth-Andover & Aroostook).

11. The CAO highlighted the final areas for improvements in the draft of the new animal control by-law.

12. Deputy Mayor Shaw ***MOVED*** the approval of the reading of entirety for By-Law R-4 to Regulate and License Peddlers And Transient Traders ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Cummings. ***MOTION CARRIED***.

13. Councillor McQuire ***MOVED*** the approval of the third and final reading of By-Law R-4 to Regulate and License Peddlers and Transient Traders. ***SECONDED*** by Deputy Mayor Shaw. ***MOTION CARRIED***.

14. Councillor Lagace left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

15. Councillor Cummings ***MOVED*** that based on the recommendation from the Fire Department, the municipality approves the applications of Paizley Lagace and Zachary Monteith to join our fire department. ***SECONDED*** by Deputy Mayor Shaw. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

16. Councillor Lagace returned to the meeting.

17. Councilor Cummings ***MOVED*** the approval of the Trailer Park Redevelopment Project that includes a project overview document, letter to residents, and a rebranding letter for input. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor McPhail. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

18. Councillor McPhail ***MOVED*** the approval of Library Board members to include – Julie Birmingham, Sheila Cummings, Chris Allen, Dorothy Green, Andrea Green (acting chair) Rhonda DeMerchant, Ellen Leone, and Yarrow Vallance. ***SECONDED*** by Councilor Lagace. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

19. The CAO presented information on the Homeowner Repair Program that provides up to $15,000 in funding.

20. A UMNB Zone meeting to discuss ambulance coverage and lack of banking institutions servicing our region will be held at 6 pm, on Thursday, November 14th, at the RVCC.

21. The CAO provided an overview of the upcoming customer cost allocation hearing.

22. Adjournment.