Southern Victoria Village Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 8th, 2024

Present: Mayor McLaughlin; Deputy Mayor Shaw, Councillors - Sheila Cummings, Paul Lagace, Todd McGuire, Tami McPhail, Sara Plant, Assistant CAO Justine Waldeck, 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 June 11th and 24th meeting minutes. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor McPhail. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

4. A presentation was made on behalf of trailer parks residents regarding a serious event that occurred in the park. The CAO and Council recognize the impact on the residents and will follow up with the appropriate action in this matter to address concerns raised. Council will also review policies for the park within the scope of the current review.

5. Discussion was held on housing development. The CAO reported on a meeting with RDC regarding housing funding. Staff will follow up with an application for planning/engineering/surveying funding. Hopefully, the surveyor's report will be available shortly.

6. NB Power is willing to sign a lease agreement for the municipality to use the boat launch area in Aroostook. Staff will confirm access to this property and look at options for improvements.

7. The CAO reported on the NB Power rate hearings. The three municipal utilities are intervening regarding the request for a 14% increase in the Wholesale Rate.

8. An update on the flood mitigation project was presented.

9. The following letters were received - Rabies vaccine program, Aroostook residents, Canada Community Building Fund, NB Fire Chief Association Letter, and a letter from DTI confirming $600,000 for East Riverside Drive.

10. The following reports were presented: Municipal Administration, Strategic Plan Update, and Fire Department Report.

11. The CAO presented the drafts of the Pedlar and Animal Control by-law for Council feedback. The final draft of the rezoning will be circulated when returned from the planner.

12. The Recreation Master Plan RFP is in the final review stage. The committee will be reviewing this week.

13. Council Shaw left the meeting.

14. Councillor Cummings ***MOVED*** that based on the recommendation from the fire department, the municipality approves motion 11-24 for the applications of Tristan Sullivan, Kolby Rossingnol, and Sheldon Shaw of Jamie Lagace to join the fire department. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Plant . ***MOTION CARRIED***.

15. Councillor Shaw returned to the meeting.

16. Council discussed complaints regarding the pool and recreation facilities.

17. Councillor Plant ***MOVED*** that Council move to in-camera session to discuss legal and staff issues. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor ***MOTION CARRIED***.

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18. Adjournment.