Southern Victoria Village Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 28th, 2026

Present: Mayor Titus McPhail, Deputy Mayor Tommy Dixon and Councillors - Sheila Cummings, Joe Gee, Miranda Francis-Perley, Rodney Brayall, Ethan Shaw, and CAO Dan Dionne.

1) Mayor Titus McPhail called the meeting to order.

2) Mayor McPhail declared a conflict of interest on item 6a and Deputy Mayor Dixon declared a conflict of interest on item 6b.

3) Council discussed the new DTI four-way stop and will once again send along suggestions for improvements. These will include concerns on the location of the new warning sign, stop line pavement markings at each stop location, and a flashing light or flashing stop signs be installed.

4) Council discussed establishing a Climate Working Group composed of representatives from Council and the community. Mayor McPhail and Councillor Cummings offered to set on the committee. Staff will follow up with community members.

5) The CAO provided an update on the municipal building project. Foundation work was reported as complete, with insulating and backfilling underway. Structural steel is anticipated in December, and required site work and staging areas are being reviewed in preparation for its arrival. Final drawing reviews are in progress. Key tendering is planned for January. Staff are also identifying long-lead materials and equipment, including the generator and transformer, and reviewing the municipal labour requirements for the project.

6) The draft agenda for the November 4th public planning session was presented. The meeting will be held at the River Valley Civic Centre on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 pm.

7) Council discussed preparations for the 2027 municipal budget. Council reviewed provincial assessment and funding information along with potential tax-rate considerations. Staff are continuing work on the Village, Light Commission, Perth-Andover Water & Sewer and Aroostook Water budgets, as well as capital requirements. Draft budgets are expected for further discussion at the next meeting.

8) Discussion was held on the Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy and matters arising from the related housing meeting. Councillor Cummings, Councillor Brayall, and the CAO will follow up on this issue and reach out to our non-profit housing group.

9) Council will conduct the planning session on the November 28th weekend. Staff will follow up with additional information.

10) It was ***MOVED*** by Councillor Cummings and that Council move to in-camera session to discuss legal and procurement issues. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Brayall. ***MOTION CARRIED***.

Mayor Titus left the meeting for the legal discussion issue and returned to the meeting after the discussion was final. Deputy Mayor Dixon left the meeting for the procurement discussion.

It was ***MOVED*** by Councillor Cummings to leave the in-camera session. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Shaw. ***MOTION CARRIED***.

11) Meeting adjournment.