

# Southern Victoria Village Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 10, 2023 – Village Office

1. Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order.
2. Present: Mayor McLaughlin; Councillors - Sheila Cummings, Todd McGuire, Sheldon Shaw, Tami McPhail, Sara Plant, and CAO Dan Dionne.
3. No conflicts of interest were declared.
4. Councillor Cummings **MOVED** to accept the minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. **SECONDED by** Councillor Shaw. **MOTION CARRIED**
5. No delegations.
6. Unfinished Business
  - a) **Solar Project Tender** – CAO explained that 2 tenders were received and are being reviewed. A package will be brought to Council for review.
  - b) **Health Care Action Committee meeting with Horizon Health** – July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Legion.
  - c) **Woodlot Harvesting Tender** – 2 proposals were received. The Marketing Board will review and assess the 2 proposals and will provide a recommendation for Council's consideration.
7. Correspondence
  - a) **Swimming Pool** – Council reviewed a letter received from a community member regarding the state of the pool. Cosmetic repairs and bathroom renovations are needed, and Council agreed this work should be a priority for the fall of this year.
  - b) **Inclusionary Zoning Regulation** – Council reviewed this correspondence from the Department of Environment and Local Government.
  - c) **NB Housing Strategy** – Council discussed the release of the province's strategy and the new funding opportunities.
  - d) **Municipalities Week** – will be held September 18-24 this year. Staff will plan events to celebrate.
  - e) **UMNB Zone Meeting** – Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All members of Council are welcome to attend.
  - f) **Statement of Public Interest (SPI) Regulation** – Council discussed ELG's release of their draft SPI Regulation. The province has requested feedback by July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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## 8. Reports

- a) **Municipal Department Report** - CAO gave an update on the current administrative, public works and recreation projects.
- b) **Fire Department Report** – CAO gave an update on the activities at the Fire Department.
- c) **Council Reports** – Council members provided updates on meetings and other community events and activities.

## 9. By-laws

- a) **Unsightly Premises By-Law** - CAO explained that the by-law will be posted publicly for 60 days and then brought to Council in July for first and second reading. The final reading will be in August.

## 10. Motions & Notices of Motions

- a) Motion 9-23 Council Vacancy

Councillor Cummings **MOVED** to acknowledge the resignation of Councillor Bill Stevenson and declare a vacancy for the position. Furthermore, the Council requests the Municipal Returning Officer to organize a by-election in October to fill the vacant position. **SECONDED** by Councillor McPhail. **MOTION CARRIED**

- b) Motion 10-23 Land Purchase

Councillor Cummings **MOVED** that the municipality purchase the 8.9-acre portion of PID 65050890 that borders on F Tribe Rd. The municipality will pay \$45,000 and transfer costs. **SECONDED** by Councillor McPhail. **MOTION CARRIED**

- c) Motion 11-23 First & Second Reading of Dangerous and Unsightly Premise By-Law S1

Councillor Shaw **MOVED** the approval of the first reading of the Dangerous or Unsightly Premises By-Law S-1. **SECONDED** by Councillor Cummings. **MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Shaw **MOVED** the approval of the second reading of the Dangerous or Unsightly Premises By-Law S-1. **SECONDED** by Councillor Cummings. **MOTION CARRIED**

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d) Motion 12-23 Public Safety Motion

Councillor Cummings **MOVED** that Council support the following initiatives to support public safety efforts in our community.

- i) Review and develop a proposal to expand the municipal use of cameras in the community.
- ii) Provide \$2,000 to support the Citizens on Patrol program.
- iii) Continue to provide educational information and invite RCMP to do a crime prevention session that could be recorded and posted on our website.
- iv) Develop a financial incentive for residents and businesses to purchase security cameras with a 15% rebate on the camera purchase or 15% rebate on one-year subscriptions.
- v) Develop policy for the use and access to security camera recordings.
- vi) Explore partnership with local businesses for local patrols and research liability issues.

**SECONDED** by Councillor McPhail. **MOTION CARRIED**

e) Motion 13-23 Strategic Plan Approval

Councillor Cummings **MOVED** that Council adopt the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan. **SECONDED** by Councillor Shaw. **MOTION CARRIED**

f) Motion 14-23 2022 Audit Approval

Councillor Cummings **MOVED** that Council adopt the 2022 Financial Audit prepared by Andy Lenehan, Lenehan McCain & Associates and presented on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **SECONDED** by Councillor Plant. **MOTION CARRIED**

g) Motion 15-23 Mower Purchase

Councillor McGuire **MOVED** that Council update the mower by accepting the proposal from Valley Sales and Service. Mower \$31,915 + Mowing Deck \$7,374 – Minus Trade-in \$15,000 = Total \$24,289 (to be paid by P-A ward). **SECONDED** by Councillor Plant. **MOTION CARRIED**

11. New Business

12. In-Camera Session

- a. Business Development – Recycling

13. Adjournment