

**July 16, 2014**

**Village of South River Municipal Office**

**Present:** Sundridge – Elgin Schneider (left meeting at 10:00 am), Bill deVries (left meeting at 10:00 am)  
Strong – Merlyn Snow  
South River – Jim Coleman, Jeff Dickerson  
Machar – Doug Maeck  
Business Reps – Gary McLaren, Jennifer Farquhar (left at 10:30 am), Luke Preston (left at 10:30 am)  
MNDM –  
FedNor –

**Absent:** John Newstead, Ron Bennison, Ron Begin, Carole Mantha

**Guests in the Audience:** Lyle Hall (left at 10:00 am)

**Delegates:** Al Bottomley – Access 2011 re: Highlands Trails

**Staff Present:** Caitlin Haggart – Recording Secretary, Kim Dunnett – Office Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Jim Coleman. Items on the Agenda were rearranged to accommodate representatives that had to leave the meeting early.

**Resolution 2014-45**

**Moved by:** Merlyn Snow                      **Seconded by:** Doug Maeck

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adopt the agenda for July 16, 2014 as amended\*.

Delegate – Al Bottomley – Access 2011, General Discussion: EMS Services

**Carried**

**Delegations:**

Al Bottomley provided a handout with maps included to each representative, see attached. He explained the plans for expansion and various scenarios for the trail system that have been put forward. Al has requested support in principle from CAEDA for funding to expand the trails, as this would be beneficial to all the Municipalities.

**Resolution 2014-46**

**Moved by:** Merlyn Snow                      **Seconded by:** Doug Maeck

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby support Access 2011's application for funding for expansion of the trail system in principle.

**Carried**

**General Discussion:**

NOHFC Update – None

FedNor Update – None

Intern Candidate Recommendation – Hiring Committee gave a brief report on the two candidates interviewed. Each candidate was asked to present a power point presentation for their interview. The candidate recommended had a very thorough presentation and has recently completed his post secondary education.

**Resolution 2014-47**

**Moved by:** J.A.K. Dickerson

**Seconded by:** Bill deVries

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby recommend that Intern Candidate Adam Killah Verification Report be submitted to NOHFC to confirm eligibility. **Carried**

EMS Services – Recent proposed changes to the reduction in EMS Services at the South River Ambulance Base was discussed. Concerns to Councils from ratepayers have been communicated. Jennifer Farquhar suggested starting a petition and asked if this would help support the issue, the committee was in favour. The committee requested the secretary draft a letter to the Premier regarding the reduction of this service. A copy of the letter should also be sent to Union Representatives because of a previous letter sent to Council's regarding the fire departments taking work from EMS staff. A media release was reviewed as well as a letter from Fire Chiefs from the Almaguin area.

**Resolution 2014-48**

**Moved by:** Elgin Schneider

**Seconded by:** J.A.K. Dickerson

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby fully support the resolutions passed by member Councils regarding the cutbacks to EMS Services in South River and therefore reducing services in the East Parry Sound District. And further that a letter be drafted to request a meeting with the Premier to discuss the reduction in services. **Carried**

Business Rep Report – The Almaguin Highlands Community Guide is now available.

Sunflower Festival – The committee members requested financial support for the festival. In order to increase revenue they increased the vendor fee from \$20 to \$30 because admission is free to the public. The festival committee was asked about if they had applied for funding, as this might be an option for financial support. CAEDA reps feel financial support would be best presented to each Council, as they budget for donations each year. The secretary was asked to procure a booth for CAEDA.

Animal Control – It was discussed what would happen when the current service provider retires. A possible joint service could be considered between the Municipalities with a 5 year joint agreement. A RFP could be developed for this service when required. A further discussion next meeting should take place when more representatives are present to discuss a proposed plan going forward.

**Correspondence:**

Response from MTO re: Highway 124 Signage – The secretary reviewed letter of response with representatives.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

**Resolution 2014-49**

**Moved by:** Merlyn Snow

**Seconded by:** J.A.K. Dickerson

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2014, as circulated. **Carried**

**Resolution 2014-50**

**Moved by:** Doug Maeck

**Seconded by:** Merlyn Snow

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve expenses between June 19, 2014 and July 16, 2014 in the amount of \$331.65, and authorize the administrator to issue cheques for the same. **Carried**

**New Business:**

The secretary reported an email from Sofa Communications was received regarding website support due to

short staffing. The representatives discussed and decided their support would be beneficial when the new Intern was in place, so training could be provided to them.

**Adjournment:**

**Resolution 2014-51**

**Moved by:** Doug Maeck

**Seconded by:** Merlyn Snow

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adjourn at 10:45 a.m. until the next regular meeting on August 20, 2014 at 9:00am at the Village of Sundridge Municipal Office, or at the call of the Chair. **Carried**

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**Chair, Jim Coleman**

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**Recording Secretary, Caitlin Haggart**