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Construction Update

The project has gotten off to slow start as the "locates" required before any digging can take place have been very slow coming through. Most of the locates are now complete and construction will be ongoing from this point. The construction crew is still working towards a November 1, 2022 completion date at this time.

Many homes are now on temporary waterlines and more will be added through the summer. Nearby homes have also seen temporary interruptions in service. We thank everyone for their patience during construction. This project will result in significant water quality improvement for everyone in South River and improve fire protection for those west of Eagle Lake Rd. The sidewalks and paving on Ottawa Ave and Eagle Lake Rd will also result in safer walking, riding, and driving conditions. The Village has also received a second grant to continue the improvements in 2023 to 2025 on the east side of HWY 124. We are hopeful this project will include sidewalk and road improvements too. Design work on this second project will begin this fall.

Please try to avoid the active construction area whenever possible as delays can be expected and use extreme caution if you must travel through area. Thank you for your cooperation.



What's Happening on Canada Day?

Canada Day Celebrations will be held on July 2, 2022 at 1:00PM at Tom Thomson Park, Parade starts at 1pm.

Parade will begin at the South River Train Station and travels east along Ottawa Ave ending at the west pedestrian entrance to Tom Thomson Park, Enjoy a walk through this gorgeous

park or drive to the east entrance to join the festivities.

1:30Parade arrives at the park followed by a performance by Callander Pipes & Drums. 2pm Official Opening!

2-4pm live entertainment, BBQ, face painting, pie eating contest, SRM Fire Department water rescue and more!

If you are interested in entering a float please contact the South River Lions Club members Ron Bennison at 705-498-0787 or Bart Wood at 705-358-3822. Check out the flyers around town, it's time to Celebrate **Canada's 155th Birthday! Bring your own comfy chair**

Municipal Office Summer Hours are in effect until July 4 th to September 16th:
Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Have a great summer and please stay safe.

Important South River Elections Dates

Candidate Nominations close 2PM Friday August 19, 2022. *Complete Nomination packages available at Municipal Office or visit southriver.ca for more information.

All voting will be at the South River Machar Community Centre 1A Lincoln Ave

Advance Polls on October 13th and October 15th from 12pm(noon) to 5 PM

Election Day voting is Monday October 24th from 10 AM to 8 PM

*It is your responsibility to **Call Before You Dig** when doing work on your property. Be sure to call 1-800-400-2255.*

Be Bear Wise



Please remember to practice good 'Bear Wise' habits for us and the bears.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has lots of good information on their website regarding bears, be sure to visit [www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-](http://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise)

encounters-bear-wise. When bears pick up a scent with their keen noses, they will investigate it. If they find bird food, garbage or pet food they will return as long as the food source is available.

Here are a few reminders: put garbage out only on the morning of

garbage day, not the night before; put garbage in containers that have tight-fitting lids and store it in a bear-proof location such as your basement or a sturdy garage; spray garbage cans and lids with bleach or another strong disinfectant; do not leave pet food outdoors, in screened-in areas or

Fire Permits can be purchased online at www.srmfd.com or call the fire Department at 705-386-0066.

Burn permits are \$5 for after 6pm Burning. Campfires and fire works are not permitted during a fire ban.

More News And Business As Usual...

The next **Large Item Pick-up** is Monday, August 15th. You must register for this service no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 by calling the South River Municipal Office (705) 386-2573.

The next **Hazmat Drop-off** is scheduled at the Strong Landfill site #1, 483 Forest Lake Road on Saturday, August 27th. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Statutory Holiday Hours: Municipal staff will not be answering inquires on Friday July 1st and Monday, August 1st.

Final tax bills will be sent out near the end of August. Keep all receipts issued by the municipality. There is a fee of \$25 to provide duplicate copies.

Council has begun budget discussions and will continue during regular meetings of Council and will hopefully pass the 2022 Municipal Budget on Monday July 11, 2022 meeting starts at 5:30pm.

Have you got a comment or a complaint, about something in the community,? A comment/complaint form is required in writing before any action can be done. Our By-Law officer CANNOT follow up on any complaints unless it is in writing signed and delivered to the office. Forms are available at the office or online at southriver.ca **If it's not in writing ...it didn't happen!**

We have your **lifetime dog tags** available, \$30 per dog for the life of the dog. There should be no more than 2 dogs per house, 1 per apartment as per by-law 32-2021.

South River Machar Medical Centre has a **loan cupboard**. Items available to be borrowed: crutches, sock remover, canes, wheelchairs, toilet seats, bed pan, tub bars, bath seats, foot bath, portable shampoos & comfort wash set(Shampooing in bed). If you need to borrow any of these items Please contact Linda Flowers at 705-471-7128, or Blair Flowers at 705-493-5377

CodeRED mass notification service is available to South River residents. Anyone who is not already signed up for this service is encouraged to visit the South River-Machar Fire Department website for information about how you can begin receiving important notices affecting our community. You can also sign up to be notified of unplanned adverse water conditions. You can choose the method in which you want to be notified and you can even download the app. www.srmfd.com