

Village of South River
Council Meeting – June 24, 2019

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday June 24, 2019 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman and Councillors Doug Sewell, Brenda Scott, Teri Brandt, and Bill O’Hallarn.

Staff in Attendance: Susan Arnold, Clerk Administrator
Sherri Hawthorne; Chief Financial Officer\Deputy Clerk
Janice Coombs, Administrative Assistant

Public in Attendance : Tim Hainsworth, Resident/Business Owner
Ludwig Biliko, Waste Connections of Canada
David Richardson- Waste Connections of Canada

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:25 p.m.

2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof- Nil**

3. **Guests** – Tim Hainsworth, is a resident and business Owner in the Village of South River. Mr. Hainsworth wanted to discuss his concerns with Council in regards to his recent experience, after a neighbor dispute, with Ontario Provincial Police. He is concerned for his family’s safety and the community with the lack of O.P.P presence and response time for our Village. Council thanked Mr. Hainsworth for his time and bringing this matter to their attention and will be contacting the Almaguin Highlands O.P.P to discuss the issue.

Mr. Hainsworth left the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Ludwig Biliko and David Richardson from Waste Connections of Canada came to discuss with council the changes with recycling worldwide, also the costs of collections are increasing a significant amount due to these issues. Recycling within the Village is low compared to other communities.

Mr. Biliko and Mr. Richardson left the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

160-2019 Scott/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, June 10, 2019 as printed.

Carried

Based on the information received from Waste Connections Canada and the shocking increase by the insurance company the budget discussion explored all aspects of revenues and expenditures. Most of the municipal budget is not determined by the Village as much of costs are either mandated (such as OPP costs, health unit costs) or services which are required (insurance costs) or by services which the community has expressed are important (garbage and waste collection). Every insurance claim costs the municipality even if the claim is settled in favour of the Village. It is often forgotten that insurance premiums and insurance claims are paid directly out of the property owner’s taxes. This affects the tax rate for everyone including the rent for tenants who reside in the Village of South River.

Every bag of garbage which finds its way to the curb on Fridays costs the municipality (the tax payers) as waste is charged based on tonnage (weight).

Every activity which the public would like offered either depends on the great volunteers of the community or, when the volunteers are not available, staff. Diverting staff from their core job description means less of those jobs can be completed.

There are many areas where the community and the municipality can work together to find ways to lower expenditures but the Province must also listen to small municipalities and the pressures they experience due to downloaded services and grants with criteria which excludes many of our desired projects.

Suggestions were made on ways to spend some of the grant money provided for 2019 by the province mostly using the Main Street Revitalization funding.

Staff will continue to review the budget and look for savings where it can and return the draft budget to

Council for the first meeting in July.

5. Accounts and Finance

161-2019 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive BFL's new insurance premiums for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$67,061.00 + applicable taxes which represents a 31.73% increase over 2018-2019. This represents the increased cost of claims settlement for Ontario Municipalities in general and adverse claims specific to the Village of South River. With increasing claims across the province the cost of insurance is passed directly to municipalities and, eventually, to the tax payer.

Carried

162-2019 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the ordering of 4 racks at the cost price of \$1,430.00 per rack + applicable taxes from Near North Industrial Solutions with the cost being covered by the Main Street Revitalization Funding.

Carried

163-2019 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Accounts and Finance Reports: Agenda Items #1 to #4.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

164-2019 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Highlander Brew Company's application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for changes or addition to the tied house license to allow a licensed patio on the back patio area of the Highlander Brew Co building which is located at 309B Highway #124, South River, Ontario. The building is owned by the municipality of South River who entered into a long term lease agreement with the Highlander Brew Co in 2015. The patio will comply with all AGCO requirements including the patio being enclosed by fencing to prevent patrons from entering or leaving the patio and understanding that Noise By-law 30-2017 for the Village will be complied with at all times.

Carried

165-2019 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff Reports: Agenda Items #1 and #2.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Joint Committees

166-2019 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the draft Joint Committee minutes and reports: Agenda Items #1 to #3

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

167-2019 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the draft Regional Committee minutes and reports: Agenda Items #1 to #2

Carried

7. Correspondence

168-2019 Brandt/Swell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Item #1 and #2.

Carried

8. Roundtable

Council members had no additional information to provide the Council.

The Clerk Administrator advised a letter had been sent to Machar Township asking if it would be interested in discussing the pros and cons of amalgamation.

Janice Coombs left the meeting at 9:00 pm

9. In- Camera

169-2019 Scott/Brandt

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (b) and (c) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of Discussing an issue related to staffing.

170-2019 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 9:12 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

10. By-Laws: Nil

11. Confirming By-law

171-2019 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby read a first, second and third time and finally pass By-law#20-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 24th day of June, 2019 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

172-2019 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby adjourn to meet again as the South River Council on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the South River Council Chambers located at 63 Marie Street or at the call of the Mayor. Time of Adjournment: 9:20 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator