

Village of South River
Council Meeting – November 23, 2020

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday November 23, 2020. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman and Councilors Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt, and Brenda Scott, and Bill O’Hallarn

Staff in Attendance : Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator
Sherri Hawthorne; Chief Financial Officer\Deputy Clerk
Joe Segato, Business Development Intern

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30 p.m.
271-2020 O’Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby amend the agenda to include Item 6.1.8 Municipal Tax Write-offs for Exempt Properties.

Carried

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

3. Delegations – KPMG Service Delivery Review

Mr. Chas Anselmo and Ms. Tiffany Cecchetto presented their objectives and key findings while working with the Village of South River to help refine our efficiency and effectiveness. KPMG analyzed over 20 service profiles the village has to offer as well as reached out to other similar municipalities in our area to compare service methods and processes. Mr. Anselmo and Ms. Cocchetto informed council on areas of refinement that could be investigated, these including processing transactions/manual documentation and outsourcing small services. With special emphasis on, the establishment of larger reserves, tracking of administration time and effort, reviewing shared services agreements, and transforming quarterly levy cash contribution into monthly contributions.

272-2020 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Service Delivery Review and Financial Process Review as presented by KPMG.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

273-2020 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on November 9th, 2020 as presented.

Carried

5. South River Machar Fire Department October Report – Fire Chief Risto Maki

274-2020 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Joshua Watson as the Fire Prevention Officer for the South River Machar Fire Department.

Carried

275-2020 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Fire Chiefs report as presented.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff/Committees

276-2020 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize a transfer to the Township of Strong of \$1000.00 from the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund to enhance the enforcement visibility of our Municipal Law Enforcement Officer by using a dedicated vehicle owned by the Township of Strong.

Carried

277-2020 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to apply jointly with the Township of Machar to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream. The joint application will dedicate the entire allocation from both municipalities to upgrade the South River Machar Arena and Community Centre.

Carried

278-2020 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a donation to the South River Lions Club for the building of a Skateboard Park in the Village of South River. Further that the donation be funded from capital reserves.

Carried

279-2020 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve writing off the municipal tax on municipally owned land in the amount of \$1,851.68 on Property Roll # 4956-000-001-05200-0000 (93 Ottawa Ave) and \$2,206.36 on Property Roll # 4956-000-001-00302-0000 (309 Hwy 124).

Carried

280-2020 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff reports #1 to #7 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Shared Services

281-2020 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes from the South River Machar Medical Centre.

Carried

6.3 Regional Committees

282-2020 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1 to #3.

Carried

7. Correspondence

283-2020 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support, with appreciation, the South River Lions Club's request to access at least 50% of the net profit in the Nevada Trust Account for a period of one year to help with financing and payment of the South River Skateboard Park.

Carried

284-2020 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #8.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Councillor Teri Brandt addressed concern about the recent boil water advisory and what she as a councillor of the Village of South River, can do to promote awareness about the topic.

Councillor Bill O'Hallarn mentioned some plausible Christmas activities that maintain the social distancing criteria/Covid regulations that the village residents can partake in.

Councillor Doug Sewell mentioned that this year there will be no church walk or carolling year due to Covid restrictions.

Councillor Brenda Scott has noticed increased vandalism in the village as well as an increased OPP presence. She's hoping the OPP will nullify the increased effects.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur wants to recognize the increased interactions the villages Facebook media page has been receiving. He is happy to see the villages growing reach.

- 9. In Camera – Security of the property of the municipality - CUPE Negotiations**
- Private Business Concerns
- Employee Recognition
- Shared Services Negotiations

285-2020 Scott/Sewell

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board, (c) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and d) labour relations or employee negotiations, and that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

286-2020 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 9:22 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

The information was received as presented

10. By-laws and Resolutions - Nil

11. Confirming By-law

287-2020 Sewell/Brandt

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# 38-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23th day of November 2020 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

288-2020 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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, December 14, 2020 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: 9:23 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator