

Village of South River
Council Meeting -April 12, 2021

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday April 12, 2021. A quorum was present. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell (Chairing in person in Council chambers) and Mayor Jim Coleman, Councilors Teri Brandt, and Brenda Scott, and Bill O'Hallarn all virtual.

Staff in Attendance : Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Sherri Hawthorne; Chief Financial Officer\Deputy Clerk-Virtual
Janice Coombs, Administrative Assistant - Virtual

Guest: Lee McConnell, Media
Guest: Rocco Frangione, Media

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell at 5:30 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – Councillor O'Hallarn
Correspondence item 7.2 South River Curling club.

3. Delegation and Public Meeting

1. - Myrna Hickingbottom – sidewalk at Lincoln and Ottawa
- 2 – Rezoning of Part lots 73 & 74 and Lot 75 Plan 134 (Ena Ave)
3. – Rezoning of 116 Broadway Ave

- 1) Mrs. Hickingbottom was out for a walk with her disabled daughter, when her daughter who walks with a walker tripped at the curb, possibly from the steepness of the concrete gutter. Her daughter was taken into the hospital and thankfully had no broken bones, but did injure her mouth, and had to see the dentist. Thankfully Coleen is healing nicely and the bruising is going away, Mrs. Hickingbottom would like this checked into as she has witnessed others tripping and strollers almost tipping.

Myrna Hickingbottom left the meeting at 5:37 pm

- 2) The Re-zoning application was reviewed. The advertisement, as prepared by the planner, had been placed in the Almaguin News on March 18, 2021. No member of the public inquired, either in person or in writing, regarding the matter. The planner, Lanny Dennis (Wayne Simpson & Associates) provided comment that the property be zoned R2.
- 3) The Re-zoning application was reviewed. The advertisement, as prepared by the planner, had been placed in the Almaguin News on March 18, 2021. No member of the public inquired, either in person or in writing, regarding the matter. The planner, Lanny Dennis (Wayne Simpson & Associates) provided comment that the property be zoned R4.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

089-2021 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on March 22, 2021 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

090-2021 Brandt/Coleman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does authorize Sherri Hawthorne, Don McArthur, Doug Sewell, and Jim Coleman to enter into a Member Direct Small Business Agreement with the Kawartha Credit Union for the purpose of processing electronic payments.

Carried

091-2021 Coleman/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to pay out the remaining open mortgage on 63 Marie St in the principal amount of \$36,195.36 plus interest and administration fees.

Carried

092-2021 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the finance reports #1 to #4 as presented.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff/Committees

093-2021 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the purchase of community flowers at a cost of \$5,136.92 plus applicable taxes for 2021 season.

Carried

094-2021 Coleman/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Municipal staff reports #1 to #2 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

095-2021 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the recommendation to award the SRO1-2021 Generator RFP to Vals Generator Service at a cost of \$139,305 plus HST.

Carried

096-2021 Brandt/Coleman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the reports from Shared Services and Committees #1 to 3.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

097-2021 O'Hallarn/Coleman

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

Carried

7. Correspondence

098-2021 O'Hallarn/Brandt

Whereas, the Village of South River is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit); and

Whereas, the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions; and

Whereas, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation; and

Whereas, COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R_{(t)}$, are among the highest in the province; and

Whereas, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2; and

Whereas, 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

Whereas, the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

Whereas, due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Village of South River request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit district, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA).

Carried

099-2021 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the 2021 Budget and Levy as presented by the Eastholme Home for the Aged. The 2021 levy is \$23,997 and a special levy of \$2,180 for a total of \$26,157.

Carried

100-2021 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #15

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Councillor Scott could not believe how much traffic there was over the weekend, with our stay at home order, this is not the time to let down on the protocols, we must stay diligent.

Deputy Finance Clerk Hawthorne mentioned when travelling northbound on Highway 11, the South River/ Machar sign has blown down. She is also disappointed in the vaccine schedules, and people not knowing, this can discourage people from getting the vaccine. People lately coming to the office have been challenging staff as to why the office is closed to the public.

Lee McConnell and Rocco Frangione, Media left at 7:11

Janice Coombs left the meeting at 7:12 PM

9. In Camera – Shared Services Agreement - Personnel

101-2021 Coleman/O'Hallarn

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 and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:12p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

102-2021 Coleman/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:14 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell as Chair.

Carried

10. By-laws and Resolutions

103-2021 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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# 11-2021, being a by-law to rezone Part of Lots 73 and 74 and Lot 75 Plan 134 (Ena Ave) from Rural to Second Density Residential with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

104-2021 Scott/O'Hallarn

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# 12-2021, being a by-law to rezone 116 Broadway St. from Rural to Fourth Density Residential (R4) with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

105-2021 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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# 13-2021, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Ontario for Office of the Fire Marshall Fire Safety Grant with the signature of the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law

106-2021 Scott/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# 14-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12th day of April 2021 with the signatures of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

107-2021 O'Hallarn/Coleman

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, April 26, 2021 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: 8:19 p.m.

Carried

Doug Sewell, Deputy Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator