

Village of South River  
Council Meeting –December 13, 2021

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday December 13, 2021. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell and Councilor Bill O’Hallarn (in person in Council chambers) and Councilors Teri Brandt and Brenda Scott (virtual).

**Staff in Attendance :** Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person  
Janet Wedseltoft, Administrative Assistant – Virtual

**Guest:** Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

**1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:33 p.m.

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

**3. Delegation and Public Meeting** – Nil

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

321-2021 Sewell/O’Hallarn

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

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. Income Statement to November 30, 2021
2. Cheques to November 30, 2021
3. CFO Financial Report December 2021
4. 2022 Proposed Fee Schedules
5. Townsuite Financial Software
6. NORDS Fund - Program Guidelines and OCIF 2022
7. 2022 Employee Benefits Renewal Letter

322-2021 O’Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to create a new reserve called the Happy Landing Commercial Court Reserve and to transfer the net proceeds of the sale of 313 Hwy 124 into it.**

Carried

323-2021 Sewell/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #7.**

Carried

**6. Reports from Municipal Staff/Committees**

**6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –**

1. OCWA 2021 Drinking Water System Summary of Findings
2. Public Works Committee Minutes November 18, 2021
3. Emergency Control Group Planning and Exercise Minutes Nov 24 2021
4. GSS Engineering – Watermain Tender Documents

324-2021 O’Hallarn/Sewell

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

Carried

## **6.2 Reports from Shared Services –**

1. South River Machar Medical Centre November Minutes

325-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

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

Carried

## **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

1. Joint Building Committee November Minutes Financials and Stats
2. Central Almaguin Planning Board November 2021 Draft Minutes
3. ACED-Directors Report December 2021
4. PSDSSAB CAO December Monthly Report

326-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1 to #4.**

Carried

## **7. Correspondence**

1. Good Happenings Food Bank - Grant in Aid Application
2. OPP United Way Ice Time Request
3. ONTC Northlander Passenger Train Test Run
4. P Parent - Eagle Lake Sidewalk
5. LMG Newsletter November and October Jobs 2021
6. Near North CrimeStoppers - Donation Request
7. St Catherines - National Childcare Program
8. Town of Penetanguishene - Recidivism Rates
9. Township of Adelaide Metcalfe - Bridge and Culvert Replacements
10. Kitchener - Fire Safety Measures
11. Kitchener - Conversion Therapy
12. FONOM Conference May 9-11 2022
13. FONOM Media Release - ONTC - Health Care - Communes

327-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve in principle the Grant-in- Aid application from the Good Happenings Food Bank in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the funds be allocated from Grants and Donations and Reserves subject to confirmation of a lease agreement and all funds to be used for Capital Improvements.**

Carried

328-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support not charging the OPP for the use of the ice on Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> for their fundraiser effort.**

Carried

329-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #13.**

Carried

## **8. Council Roundtable**

Clerk/Administrator McArthur advised council that the sale of 313 Highway 124 and the resulting change in snow clearing had inadvertently blocked an unofficial walking trail from the east side of the Village to the Pharmacy and other businesses along Highway 124. A new trail starting at Hunter Street has been established for this year but other possibilities were discussed. Clearing pathways along Highway 124 in front of the businesses was raised as a possibility but it was noted that they would be difficult to keep clear. The provincial contractor clears Highway 124 as necessary and a large volume of snow is usually deposited to the side of the road. Public Works is not always aware when

it happens and may not be immediately available to clear the path. Similar problems are faced on the west side of the Highway with access to Freshmart and other businesses. It was recommended that these items be considered when a Master Trail Plan is created.

Councilor Scott stated that, though unable to attend, she heard Christmas in the Village was lovely. This prompted a discussion of the event by Council. Attendance was lower than in previous years but the damp weather and increasing Covid case numbers may have had an influence. It was noted that many of the attendees were new to the village and they seemed enthusiastic about the event. Public skating was popular and the library staff was happy with the number of children who came to do the craft. Council was very pleased with the wagon rides provided by Thunder Ridge Farms. They were well organized, the wagon was easily accessible and the horses very well behaved. Council would recommend using them again. There were not many entries in the gingerbread house decorating contest this year. Councilor Brandt suggested that next year the Village donate house kits for use in the contest, perhaps using the library as a pick up location.

Clerk/Administrator McArthur advised Council that the office would be closing at noon on Friday, December 24, 2021 and would reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 8:30 am.

Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.  
Janet Wedseltoft left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

### **9. In Camera**

1. Joint Building Committee Salary
2. Council Pay Review
3. CFO Succession Plan
4. MLEO Shared Service Review
5. Staff Christmas Appreciation
6. South River Machar Firefighter Appointment

330-2021 Sewell/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 (c) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

331-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 9:02 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

332-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the Joint Building Committee Salary Structure as approved by Resolution 21-031 at the Joint Building Committee meeting November 18, 2021.**

Carried

333-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Meghan Jolliffe and Scott Neary to the South River Machar Fire Department.**

Carried

### **10. By-laws and Resolutions**

1. 49-2021 Townsuite Financial Software
2. Broadway St Naming Confirmation

334-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does authorize the Clerk-Administrator to enter into a contract with Townsuite Municipal**

**Software Inc for municipal software as per Schedule A of By-law 49-2021 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

335-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby confirm the naming of Broadway Street for its entire 1.7 kilometre length from Main St at the north to the Village of South River boundary to the south.**

Carried

### **11. Confirming By-law**

336-2021 Sewell/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# 50-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13th day of December 2021 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

### **12. Adjournment**

337-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**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, January 10, 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: 9:05 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**