

Village of South River
Council Meeting – February 8, 2021

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday February 8, 2021. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman- in council chambers and Councilors Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt, and Brenda Scott, and Bill O'Hallarn all virtual.

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

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

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30 p.m.

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

3. Delegations – Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes

025-2021 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on January 25, 2021 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

026-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase the 2021 rent for the Central Almaguin Planning Board and the South River Machar Union Public Library 2%.

Carried

027-2021 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the finance reports #1 to #6 as presented

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff/Committees

028-2021 Brandt/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 Karen Jones Consulting Inc. to develop a new logo for the Village at a cost \$1500 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

029- 2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Municipal staff reports #1 to #5 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

030-2021 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

031-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the 2021 Almaguin Community Economic Development 2021 budget as presented January 29, 2021 with the Village of South River contributing \$10,000.00.

Carried

32-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

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

033-2021 Scott/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principal the rezoning of 116 Broadway St from Rural to Residential R4 subject to a successful application, payment of appropriate fees, and a professional land use opinion.

Carried

34-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Municipality of Callander's request for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit to review the COVID restrictions on outdoor winter recreation.

Carried

35-2021 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of Augusta request that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters;

Carried

36-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Perth County in asking the province to update the Current Value Assessment calculations to bring them in line with current property valuations and further to consider the impacts of the urban-rural mix of the region and the resultant impact causing residents to disproportionately carry the tax burden over citizens in neighbouring unincorporated regions.

Carried

37-2021 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #14.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Don McArthur brought up the possibility of the arena reopening next week, strict covid-19 rules will be place.

Doug Sewell wanted to let everyone know that the Hazmat days for 2021 will be on May 29, 2021 and August 28th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Lee McConnell and Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 7:34 PM

Janice Coombs left the meeting at 7:35 PM

9. In Camera – Security of the property of the municipality - CUPE Negotiations

- Machar Shared Services

- Joint Building Committee Employee

Remuneration

038-2021 Brandt/Scott

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board that this Council proceed in Cameraa at 7:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

039-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:36 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

040-2021 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Resolution # 2021-008 of the Joint Building Committee re: 2021 Remuneration for Building Inspector and Chief Building Official.

Carried

041-2021 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the City of the North Bay in lobbying the Provincial Government to restore Ontario Northland Rail Service from Toronto to Cochrane.

Carried

10. By-laws and Resolutions

042-2021 Scott/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of Larder Lake resolution 6-2021 for the Province of Ontario to urgently review Municipal Insurance costs.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law

043-2021 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# 5-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 8h day of February 2021 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

044-2021 Sewell/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, February 22, 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: 8:40 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator