

Village of South River
Council Meeting –May 25, 2021

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday May 25, 2021. A quorum was present. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell (Chairing in person in Council chambers) and Councilors Teri Brandt, Brenda Scott, and Bill O’Hallarn all virtual. Mayor Jim Coleman absent with notice

Staff in Attendance : Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Janice Coombs, Administrative Assistant - Virtual

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 –

3. Fire Chief Maki Monthly Report

136-2021 O’Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Fire Chief’s Report as presented.

Carried

Risto Maki left the meeting at 5:40pm

4. Adoption of Minutes

137-2021 Scott/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on May 10, 2021 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance – Nil

6. Reports from Municipal Staff/Committees

138-2021 O’Hallarn/Coleman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend that a community wide speed limit by-law of 40 km/h be drafted and brought forward.

Carried

139-2021 O’Hallarn/Scott

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

140-2021 Scott/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Machar Public Library to install a temporary Storywalk along Tom Thomson Park over the coming summer months.

Carried

141-2021 Brandt/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 and #2.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

142-2021 O’Hallarn/Scott

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

Carried

7. Correspondence

143-2021 Brandt/O'Hallarn

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 9-8-8, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit

number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 9-8-8 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the Village of South River recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of South River endorses this

9-8-8 crisis line initiative;

and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to our local Member of Parliament, Member(s) of the Legislative Assembly, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

Carried

144-2021 Brandt/O'Hallarn

WHEREAS the month of June is recognized as Pride Month, in order to commemorate the Stonewall riots which occurred at the end of June 1969 in New York,

AND WHEREAS during Pride Month, the world's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, Two Spirit communities (LGBTQ2St) and Allies come together to celebrate diversity and protest for the freedom to be themselves: to overcome prejudice, for inclusive policies and laws: and for the right to be accepted for who they are;

AND WHEREAS although many strides have been made forward to educate peoples bias, there is still much work to be done in correcting adversity towards the LGBTQ2St communities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Corporation of the Township of South River does hereby proclaim June 2021 as Pride Month and encourages residents to commit to continuing awareness, inclusion, and acceptance for all members of our community regardless of gender identity, race, age and beliefs.

Carried

145-2021 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #9.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Councillor Scott – Encouraged an application to the Committee Enhancement Program with NOHFC. The funding amount is significant and a project like the Train Station may fit.

Councillor O'Hallarn wanted to let everyone know of the Northland Passenger train proposal to have 13 stops if it starts operating again between Timmins and Toronto, which is good news, but encouraged active lobbying to have South River also included as a stop.

Rocco Frangione, Media left at 6:48 pm

Janice Coombs left the meeting at 6:49 PM

9. In Camera – Personnel Hiring Office Administrative Assistant update

146-2021 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 that this Council proceed in Camera at 6:49.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

147-2021 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:10 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell as Chair.

Carried

10. By-laws and Resolutions

11. Confirming By-law

148-2021 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# 20-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 25th day of May 2021 with the signatures of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

149-2021 Brandt/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 June 14, 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: 7:11 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

**Don McArthur, Clerk-
Administrator**