

Village of South River
Council Meeting –September 27, 2021

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday September 27, 2021. A quorum was present. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Mayor Jim Coleman (virtual), 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
Sherri Hawthorne; Chief Financial Officer\Deputy Clerk - Virtual
Janet Wedseloft, Administrative Assistant – Virtual
Risto Maki, Fire Chief – In person

Guest: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

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 – Nil

3. Delegation and Public Meeting - Nil

With the permission of Council, Deputy Mayor Sewell moved up item 6.2.1 to accommodate Fire Chief Maki. Fire Chief Maki also provided input to council on item 6.1.1, the South River Employee Vaccination Policy.

Fire Chief Maki left the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

4. Adoption of Minutes

250-2021 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 September 13, 2021 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

251-2021 Brandt/Scott

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Village of South River is currently in a borrowing relationship with Collabira and the authorized signing officers of the Corporation is authorized to sign documents on the Village’s behalf; and

WHEREAS the Corporation is authorized to appoint individuals as the Authorized Users of the Business Visa Card from time to time, as the case may be; and

WHEREAS the authorized users and their limits will be:

Arena Manager- \$10,000

Fire Chief- \$10,000

Chief Financial Officer - \$10,000

Clerk Administrator - \$10,000

Public Works Chief Operator - \$10,000

Carried

252-2021 O’Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct the Clerk-Administrator and Chief Financial officer to pursue a comprehensive municipal software package from TownSuite in accordance with the terms of the Municipal Modernization Grant.

Carried

253-2021 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #3.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff/Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

254-2021 O'Hallarn/Coleman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby circulate the Covid -19 Vaccination Policy as presented to all employees and report to Council as soon as possible.

Carried

255-2021 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct the Chief Public Works Operator to purchase and install a crosswalk on Eagle Lake Rd. at Alfred St. at a cost of \$7039 plus HST as quoted from Stinson funded with a transfer from the Roads Reserve.

Carried

256-2021 Coleman/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize payment of \$26,200 for redesign work beyond the original scope of tender and to facilitate construction cost savings on the Watermain Rehabilitation Project as presented by GSS Engineering Invoice 20-084.

Carried

257-2021 Brandt/Coleman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to register up to three employees for Municipal Election Training with AMCTO at a cost of \$400+ HST per person.

Carried

258-2021 O'Hallarn/Brandt

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 –

259-2021 O'Hallarn/Brandt

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 #3.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

260-2021 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 to # 2.

Carried

7. Correspondence

261-2021 Scott/Coleman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #5.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Mayor Coleman inquired about the state and location of the community gardens. The gardens had been put together many years ago with donated wood and volunteer labour and need to be repaired or replaced. It was also noted that the water source needs to be

improved. The matter will be brought up at the next Public Works meeting.

Councilor Scott remarked that she had been speaking with Pearl Ivens from the Near North Snowdrifters about the local snowmobile trail system. It was suggested that members of Council arrange to meet with representatives of the Snowdrifters club to discuss the matter. Councilors Scott and Sewell volunteered to represent Council if a meeting could be arranged.

Clerk McArthur reported that the work to install a new watermain under Highway 124 at Marie Street was completed last week. Clerk McArthur commended the staff from Public Works for working very hard, doing all the preparatory work as well as working well with the contracting crew for the installation. He further noted that it was in a large part due to Public Works Chief Clint Main's relationship building with the contractors that the installation went well and should cost much less than the engineer's estimate. The commissioning for the watermain is scheduled to happen the week of October 4, 2021 and will take most of the week to accomplish.

Clerk McArthur shared with Council that, due to new protocols, the capacity for the arena may be able to be increased. An increase in the spectator capacity would be a benefit for the Almaguin Spartans as well as other users of the arena.

Clerk McArthur advised that a Trillium grant was available which could be used to fund trails within the community. It was recommended that he apply for the grant for a trail on the south side of Tom Thomson Park and the Ottawa Avenue right of way to connect to existing trails.

Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.
Janet Wedseltoft left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

9. In Camera –

262-2021 Coleman/Brandt

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 that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:29 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

263-2021 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:50 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell as Chair.

Carried

10. By-laws and Resolutions

264-2021 O'Hallarn/Coleman

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# 39-2021, being a by-law to renew the lease with Town of Parry Sound as per Schedule A for an ambulance depot with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law

265-2021 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# 40-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 27th day of September 2021 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

266-2021 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby adjourn to meet again as the South River Council on Tuesday, October 12, 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: 7:53 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator