

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – June 13, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday June 13th, 2022. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell, Councilor Bill O’Hallarn, Councilor Teri Brandt and Councilor Brenda Scott (Virtual).

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

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

**1. Call to Order** – The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:31pm

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

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

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

152-2022 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 May 24, 2022 as presented.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. May 2022 Income Statement and 2022 Budget Update
2. May 2022 Cheque Register
3. Credit Card Authorization Limit- CFO
4. Municipal Insurance

Discussion of Item 5.1.1 May 2022 Income Statement and 2022 Budget Update Council noted the importance of maintaining infrastructure within the community. It was highlighted that overall inflation has affected the current draft budget, energy costs being a notable concern.

153-2022 Scott/Sewell

**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:**

**Chief Financial Officer; Janet Wedseltoft - \$10,000.**

Carried

154-2022 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby renew the municipal insurance for the period of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to BFL Insurance at a cost of \$105,718 plus applicable taxes.**

Carried

155-2022 Sewell/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from account and Finance #1 to #4.**

Carried

## **6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**

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

1. South River Lions Canada Day
2. Review Noise By-law 30-2017
3. Public Works Chief Operator Vacancy
4. Disconnect From Work Draft Policy

During discussion of Item 6.1.1 South River Lions Canada Day Council confirmed volunteers for handing out cake for the celebration, as per previous resolution, and Tom Thomson Park is beginning to be arranged to accommodate the festivities for July 2, 2022.

156-2022 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Lions Club Canada Celebrations on Saturday July 2, 2022 by closing Ottawa Ave from Isabella St. to Ena Ave from 12:50 PM to 1:30 PM to allow for the safe passage of the parade.**

Carried

During Discussion of Item 6.1.2 Review Noise By-law 30-2017 it was noted that the by-law needed to be updated to reflect current issues within Village limits and adjustment of fees is recommended. Council highlights that residents have to comply with all By-laws to own and house animals within the Village of South River.

Discussion of Item 6.1.4 Disconnect From Work Draft Policy highlighted the importance of addressing policies pertaining to employee health and safety. Council recommended the policy be adopted with the noted correction.

157-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**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 Union Library Minutes June 8,2022
2. Burk's Falls MLEO Shared Services

During discussion of Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Union Library Minutes Council highlighted the increase in foot traffic for the library and noted that it will be a busy summer. Council is happy with the outcomes of the library programs and compliments the librarians.

During discussion of Item 6.2.2 Burk's Falls MLEO Shared Services Council is pleased to have Burk's Falls join the Shared Service as of July 1, 2022. Staff advised that there will be ongoing monitoring of expenses.

158-2022 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct that a new MLEO Shared Services agreement be drawn up with the Village of Burk's Falls, and the Township of Joly and Strong with the same terms and conditions as By-law 9-2022 and the 2022 capital costs be apportioned equally between all four municipalities.**

Carried

159-2022 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the report from Shared Services Staff and Committees #1 and #2.**

Carried

## **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

1. ACED May 2022 Director Report, 2023 Funding and Budget Projections
2. Joint Building Committee May Statistics

Discussion of Item 6.3.1 ACED May 2022 Director Report, 2023 Funding and Budget Projections highlights the advantages of contributing to ACED noting that the group helps communities with on-going economic development and bring great value to the region.

160-2022 Brandt/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 and #2.**

Carried

## **7. Correspondence**

1. Labour Market Report 2022
2. Douglas Patterson – Subdivision
3. A Macdonald Royal Canadian Legion Br 390 – Patio
4. District of Muskoka – Annual Emergency Exercise Exemption
5. Aurora Resolution – Mandatory Firefighter Certification
6. Chatham Kent – Retirement Home Funding

7. Conservative Shadow Minister S Stubbs – Rural Economic Development
8. NBMCA – COA Announcement
9. Niagara Region – Voluntary Russian Sanction
10. Aurora Resolution – Bill C233 Keira’s Law
11. Espanola – Ukraine Support
12. Municipality of Shuniah – Community Schools Alliance Action Plan
13. Town of Blue Mountains – Voter’s List Information of Candidates

Regarding Item 7.1 Labour Market Report 2022: Council is concerned over the lack of information regarding external pressures in the Almaguin area, noting the decreased housing availability and increased rate of transportation costs. Council agrees to correspond with ACED regarding the concerns.

Regarding Item 7.2 Douglas Patterson – Subdivision: Council discussed the preliminary layout with reference to the amount of proposed housing lots and the functionality of the water system in the area. Council agrees in principle to the request but requires that more information be presented to make a definitive decision.

161-2022 Sewell/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principal the residential development of PCL6491 SEC NS ; PT LT6 CON 3 MACHAR AS IN LT38227 EXCEPT LT38228, PT1, PSR 1678, PL M394 + PT1, 42R3045 as requested by Douglas Patterson.**

**Council directs the following**

- 1) That an application to rezone the property from Rural to Residential with specific lot sizes for 10 homes be prepared and submitted with the appropriate fee**
- 2) The Village Planner be engaged immediately to determine the viability of the plan and lay out the requirements for a plan of subdivision**
- 3) That all costs associated with the development be the responsibility of the developer**

Carried

After Discussing corresponding Item 7.3 A Macdonald Royal Canadian Legion Br 390 – Patio, Council agreed to support the request of a temporary patio at the Royal Canadian Legion in principal. Council noted that it was important to adhere to the noise By-law given the close proximity to adjacent buildings.

Regarding Item 7.5 Aurora Resolution – Mandatory Firefighter Certification: Council notes that the Fire Chief had addressed the certification and Council supports the certification in principle.

Regarding Item 7.6 Chatham Kent – Retirement Home Funding: Council supports retirement home funding and encourages preparing a letter in support.

162-2022 O’Hallarn/Sewell

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

Carried

## **8. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)**

Councilor Brandt reported that Life Labs is returning to the South River Medical Centre and will be open for one day every other week from 9 a.m. to noon.

Councilor O'Hallarn noted that the design work at the Train Station continues. Installation of the septic system and accessible bathrooms are the first priority.

Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Kristen Greig left the meeting at 8:03 p.m

## **9. In Camera – 281 Highway 124 Rental**

163-2022 Scott/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 8:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

164-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:25 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as chair.**

Carried

## **10. By-Laws and Resolutions –**

### **11. Confirming By-law –** By-law #24-2022

165-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the appointment of Nathan Hayes to the South River Machar Fire Department as a firefighter.**

Carried

166-2022 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 #24-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

## **12. Adjournment**

167-2022 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 June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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: 8:27 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**