

Village of South River  
Council Meeting –February 28, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday February 28, 2022. 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  
Sherri Hawthorne, CFO – Virtual  
Risto Maki Fire Chief – Virtual  
Janet Wedseloft, Administrative Assistant – Virtual

**Guests:** 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. Delegation and Public Meeting** – Nil

With the permission of Council, Mayor Coleman moved up item 6.2.1 to accommodate Fire Chief Maki.

**6.2 Reports from Shared Services –**

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki February Report

Fire Chief Maki highlighted the proposed Provincial Firefighter Certification Standards legislation. Chief Maki disagrees with the proposed legislation and provided Council a copy of his written submission to the Ministry of the Solicitor General outlining his concerns.

Risto Maki left the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

051-2022 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 February 14, 2022 as presented.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports** – Nil

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

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

1. Watermain Rehabilitation Tender Award
2. Public Works Committee Minutes Feb 17, 2022
3. Banner Layout

Regarding item 6.1.1 Watermain Rehabilitation Tender Award: Council reviewed GSS Engineering’s Tender Award Recommendation Letter. The recommended contingency and provisional amounts were discussed.

Regarding item 6.1.2 Public Works Committee Minutes Feb 17, 2022: Discussion highlighted the need to replace the trackless snowblower and the purchase of additional streetlights for Eagle Lake Road.

Regarding item 6.1.3 Banner Layout: Council reviewed submitted photos and designs and selected six in principal.

052-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby award in principal to Bruman Construction and the construction contract be drawn up by GSS Engineering.**

Carried

053-2022 Scott/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support that the Trackless Snowblower be leased from Joe Johnston equipment at a cost of \$2500 plus HST per month for two months with the Village option to apply 100% of the rental cost to the purchase price of \$16,500 plus HST.**

Carried

054-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve that three new streetlights be purchased for Eagle Lake Road at a cost of \$2200 including freight plus HST from Real Term Energy.**

Carried

055-2022 Brandt/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #3 as presented.**

Carried

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

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki February Report
2. SRM Chief Arena Operator January Report
3. SRM Medical Board Minutes February 15, 2022

Item 6.2.1 was discussed after item 3 (see above)

Discussion of the SRM Chief Arena Operator January Report focused on capital repairs required for the ice plant and equipment for the next three years.

During discussion of the SRM Medical Board Minutes February 15, 2022 it was reported that the elevator has been ordered.

056-2022 Brandt/Scott

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

Carried

#### **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

1. ACED January 17 Minutes, 2022 Budget and Future Funding Options
2. DPSSSAB CAO February Report
3. Joint Building Committee February 17 Minutes and 2022 Budget
4. Almaguin Community Well Being Plan and Final Survey
5. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit 2022 Budget Summary
6. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Minutes Dec 15 2021
7. North Bay Mattawa Source Protection Authority Minutes April 28 2021

Regarding item 6.3.1 ACED January 17 Minutes, 2022 Budget and Future Funding Options: Council noted that 2022 is the last full year for the current FedNor grant. It is unclear whether additional funding will be available for future years. The possible funding options recommended by ACED were discussed. Of those, Council prefers the assessment based option.

Discussion of item 6.3.2 DPSSSAB CAO February Report noted that DSSAB employees were returning to in person staffing.

Discussion of item 6.3.3 Joint Building Committee February 17 Minutes and 2022 Budget noted that the CBO predicts another busy year ahead for the JBC, as he has already started to receive significant building applications.

Regarding Item 6.3.4 Almaguin Community Well Being Plan and Final Survey: Council found the report comprehensive and well written and thanked the committee members for their efforts. Council directs that a by-law to adopt the Plan be brought forward at the next meeting.

057-2022 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the 2022 Joint Building Committee budget as presented. The 2022 budget does not require a municipal contribution from the Village.**

Carried

058-2022 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 to #7.**

Carried

### **7. Correspondence**

1. Township of Shuniah – Northern School of Medicine Expansion
2. Township of Alnwick – Year of the Garden
3. Township of Limerick – Gypsy Moth Resolution

Council directs that a motion supporting the Township of Shuniah be brought forward at the next meeting.

059-2022 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #3.**

Carried

### **8. Council Roundtable**

Councilor O'Hallarn advised council that a request for architectural services for the Train Station has been done and a response has been received. He will provide Council with more information after the HIPS committee has met.

Councilor O'Hallarn also reported that the curling club will be running until the end of March.

Councilor Scott reported that Science North advised that The Great Northern Ontario Roadshow will be at the South River Brewery, Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Clerk Administrator McArthur advised Council that he will be on vacation from March 11 – 18, 2022.

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

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

### **9. In Camera**

1. Personnel Committee Minutes Feb 11 and Feb 24 2022
2. CFO Hiring Committee Report
3. Machar Shared Services

060-2022 Scott/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 (c) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:29 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

061-2022 Sewell/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:58 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

062-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the management wages for the position of Chief Financial Officer for 2022 as presented by the personnel committee.**

Carried

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

SRM Library 2022 Budget

By-law MLEO Joint Service Agreement

MLEO Joint Service Agreement By-law deferred to a later date.

063-2022 Scott/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve in principle the 2022 budget for the South River Machar Union Public Library as presented and the municipal contribution be included in Village of South River 2022 Municipal budget.**

Carried

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

064-2022 O'Hallarn/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# 07-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 28th day of February 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

### **12. Adjournment**

065-2022 Scott/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, March 14, 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: 9:00 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Sherri Hawthorne, Deputy Clerk**