

Village of South River  
Council Meeting –January 24, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday January 24, 2022. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), and Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell and Councilors Teri Brandt, Bill O’Hallarn and Brenda Scott (all virtual).

**Staff in Attendance :** Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person  
Sherri Hawthorne, CFO - Virtual  
Janet Wedseltoft, Administrative Assistant – Virtual  
Risto Maki, Fire Chief - 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 January Report and Hall Maintenance

Fire Chief Maki highlighted the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation which is due for renewal. Because of this accreditation property owners without hydrants are eligible for improved property insurance rates. As per the Fire Chief’s December report, Chief Maki recommended declaring Rescue 5 surplus.

Fire Chief Maki left the meeting at 5:44 p.m

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

017-2022 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 January 10, 2022 as amended.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. Rent CPI 2021 in Review Table

018-2022 O’Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase the 2022 rent for the Central Almaguin Planning Board, Bell Canada and the South River Machar Union Public Library 3.4%.**

Carried

019-2022 Scott/O’Hallarn

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

Carried

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

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

1. Arena Covid Closure Update

2. Public Works Committee Minutes January 20, 2022
3. OCWA 2021 Section 11 Annual Water Report – Schedule 22 Summary Report
4. OCWA South River 2021 Q4 Operations Report
5. Northern Ontario Resource Development Application
6. Explorers Edge - Banners

Regarding item 6.1.1, Arena Covid Closure Update: The Provincial Government announced that recreational facilities can re-open January 31, 2022 at 50 % capacity. The lay-off notices will be rescinded and the arena will operate for eight weeks, until the end of March. User groups are planning to return unless regional organizations or the Health Unit provide advice to the contrary.

Regarding item 6.1.3 OCWA 2021 Section 11 Annual Water Report – Schedule 22 Summary Report: This report confirmed that the non-compliance item identified in the MECP Inspection Report had been addressed and that there were zero adverse water quality incidents. The report further noted that the system received a risk rating of 0.0% and a final inspection rating of 100 %.

020-2022 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive 2021 Annual Water Section 11 and Schedule 22 Report as prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency.**

Carried

021-2022 O'Hallarn/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the attached application to the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund to accumulate the annual funding to accommodate a paving project in 2024/2025 of Ottawa Ave., Howard St., Ena Ave., and Broadway St. as the access roads to our sawmill, industrial area, and tourism facilities.**

Carried

022-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Explorers Edge RTO 12 for banners and marketing at a cost of \$10,000 as per the attached agreement.**

Carried

023-2022 Brandt/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #6 as presented.**

Carried

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

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki January Report and Hall Maintenance
2. SRM Chief Arena Operator December Report

Item 6.2.1 was discussed after item 3 (see above)

Highlights of the SRM Chief Arena Operator Report include installation and operation of the 60 KW generator. The 150 KW generator is installed and the arena is waiting for Hydro One to complete the transformer changeover to make it operational.

024-2022 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 2.**

Carried

## **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

1. ACED Annual Report 2021, Work Plan and Draft Budget 2022

2. DSSAB January Quarterly Report
3. Joint Building Committee 2021 Final Reports and Jan 20, 2022 Minutes

Discussion of item 6.3.1 DSSAB January Quarterly Report highlighted that there is no after school program in South River. It was noted that the library offers an excellent youth time after school but it is not childcare. Council and staff are requested to reach out to the DSSAB and the school for more information about the program as it is offered in other schools and if it can be made available at South River Public School too.

025-2022 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 to #3.**

Carried

## **7. Correspondence**

1. Grant in Aid – Almaguin Community Hatchery Program
2. FONOM – BIG DATA
3. House Chair Royal Canadian Legion Br 390 – Patio License Request
4. Ministry of Northern Development – Excess soil municipal notification
5. Pine River Institute – South River Parking Proposal
6. B. Balasingam – Property Lot 10 Main St
7. Minister of Energy Todd Smith – OPG to Investigate New Hydroelectric Opportunities
8. Town of Caledon and Mono – POA Court Backlog

026-2022 Scott/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the Grant in Aid application for the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program in the amount of \$500.**

Carried

Regarding Item 7.3, House Chair of the Royal Canadian Legion Br 390 – Patio License Request: Council would like a resolution from the executive of the Legion as well as a more detailed plan before considering the request.

Regarding Item 7.5 – Pine River Institute South River Parking Proposal: Council supports the mission of the Pine River Institute and commends them for their work with at risk youth. There were questions as to whether the proposed parking location behind the Brewery is the best solution but Council agreed to the use of it on a trial basis.

After discussing Correspondence item 7.6 B. Balasingam – Property Lot 10 Main Street, Council agreed to declare the property surplus, with the disposition of it to be discussed at a later date. Council also requested staff provide an updated list of all Village of South River owned vacant properties for their review.

027-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby declare the property described as Plan 48 Lot 10 Main St. Roll # 4956000001225100000 as surplus.**

Carried

Regarding Item 7.8 – Town of Caledon and Mono – POA Court Backlog: Council agreed to send a letter in support of their perspective on the POA Court Backlog.

028-2022 Brandt/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #8.**

Carried

## **8. Council Roundtable**

Councilor O'Hallarn advised council that the architect has been through the Train Station and that the committee is waiting on his report.

Councilor Brandt inquired on the status of the crosswalk for Eagle Lake Road and was advised it has been received and will be installed when weather permits.

Mayor Coleman wondered if there were any reports of next steps for the Wendigo Lake property. It was suggested that MPP Norm Miller be contacted for an update.

Clerk/Administrator McArthur advised that the South River Brewery is in the initial stages of organizing a cycling event, possibly in late August. Parking and overhead shelter were initial areas of discussion.

Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Janet Wedseltoft left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

## **9. In Camera**

1. JBC Building Inspector Wages
2. Financial Services

029-2022 Brandt/Sewell

**Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (c) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

030-2022 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:57 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

031-2022 O'Hallarn/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the Joint Building Committee Salary Structure as approved by Resolution 22-008 at the Joint Building Committee meeting January 20, 2022.**

Carried

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

1. AMO Support re: Insurance
2. Tay Valley Support – re: Updated Assessment Year

032-2022 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the seven recommendations contained in the AMO submission regarding Joint and Several Liability and urge the government of Ontario to work with AMO on a resolution to this issue before the end of its current mandate.**

Carried

033-2022 O'Hallarn/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support RESOLUTION #C-2021-12-2 of Tay Valley Township to have MPAC update the Province Wide Assessment as soon as possible.**

Carried

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

034-2022 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# 04-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 24th day of January 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

## **12. Adjournment**

035-2022 Brandt/Scott

**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 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: 8:01 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**