

Village of South River
Council Meeting –March 14, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday March 14, 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 : Sherri Hawthorne, CFO/Deputy Clerk – In Person
Janet Wedseltoft, Administrative Assistant – In Person

Guests: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – Nil

3. Delegation and Public Meeting – Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes

066-2022 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on February 28, 2022 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports –

1. February 2022 Income Statement
2. February 2022 Cheque Register
3. 2022 Budget Schedule
4. Watermain Construction Schedule

Discussion of item 5.1.2 February 2022 Cheque Register noted that there were many individual Amazon purchases and recommended that staff attempt to combine Amazon purchases.

Regarding item 5.1.3 2022 Budget Schedule: The meeting date is still to be set. Possible dates of March 21st or 22nd were discussed to determine availability and Council will be advised when the date is confirmed.

Regarding item 5.1.4 Watermain Construction Schedule: Council was very pleased with the proposed schedule and the plans and detail presented. Council advised staff that it will be important to communicate with residents before work starts, advising them what to expect and the benefit that will come from the disruption. The fact that the temporary water lines are government inspected should also be noted.

067-2022 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 #4.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. South River Personnel Committee Minutes Mar 1, 2022
2. Joint Health and Safety Minutes Feb 3 and Mar 3, 2022
3. HIPS – Train Station Architect

Discussion of item 6.1.2, Joint Health and Safety Minutes Feb 3 and Mar 3, 2022 noted nothing concerning was reported.

Regarding Item 6.1.3 HIPS – Train Station Architect: An RFP was posted on the Village’s website. Two architectural firms made enquiries but only one submitted a proposal. Though the proposal was higher than budgeted it was felt that it was well detailed with little possibility for unexpected costs to arise later. The firm has many projects in the area and Council has confidence in them. Councilor O’Hallarn reported that he received feedback on the proposal from many HIPS committee members and all responses were favourable.

068-2022 Sewell/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the offer of employment for the position of Chief Financial Officer to Janet Wedseltoft with an effective wage date of April 4, 2022 and official transfer of duties on May 29, 2022 and the appropriate by-law be brought forward.

Carried

069-2022 O’Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the hiring of Bertrand Wheeler Architecture Inc as per their proposal P2213 dated Feb 25, 2022 as recommended by the Heritage Improvement Preservation Society committee for architectural services for the South River Train Station.

Carried

070-2022 O’Hallarn/Sewell

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 – Nil

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. Eastholme 2021 Financials and 2022 Levy
2. Parry Sound EMS Advisory Minutes Feb 24, 2022
3. Provincial Offences Q4 2021 Municipal Partners Distribution

Discussion of item 6.3.1 Eastholme 2021 Financials and 2022 Levy highlighted the 5% increase in 2022 Levy. While higher than in the past, Council felt it was reasonable given the current economic conditions.

071-2022 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the payment of 2022 levy as proposed by the Eastholme Home for the Aged in the amount of \$24,764.

Carried

072-2022 Scott/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. South River Lions Club – Canada Day
2. FONOM – Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force
3. Northern Development and Mines – Floating Accommodations
4. Township of Strong – Ontario Health Teams
5. Township of Woolwich – Mental Health Supports
6. Town of South Bruce – Accommodation Tax

7. FONOM Delegate Registration Form
8. Canadian History Ehx – Sponsorship Letter
9. Town of Bracebridge – Hospital Funding Motion
10. Town of Collingwood – OMWA Membership Termination
11. Labour Market Group – Jan Report and Feb Job Numbers

Regarding Item 7.1 South River Lions Club – Canada Day: Councilor Scott has agreed attend the planning meeting as requested.

Regarding Item 7.2 FONOM – Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force: Council directs that a letter be sent to the Task Force stating that there should be a stop on the Ontario Northland Railway between Huntsville and North Bay and requesting that South River be considered for the stop.

Regarding Item 7.5 Township of Woolwich – Mental Health Supports: Council directs that a motion in support of the Township of Woolwich be brought forward at the next meeting.

Regarding Item 7.7 FONOM Delegate Registration Form: Council would like more information about sessions and workshops before deciding who will attend. If available, Council would like this information for the next meeting to take advantage of the early registration rate.

Regarding Item 7.8 Canadian History Ehx – Sponsorship Letter: Council would like to investigate further and revisit the proposal at the next meeting.

Regarding Item 7.11 Labour Market Group – Jan Report and Feb Job Numbers: Council would like to know where the 2021 population number came from. The report shows a population decrease from 2016 but Council noted that new houses are being built and public school attendance has increased.

073-2022 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #11.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Councilor Scott reminded Council that the Science North Roadshow will be at the South River Brewery, Wednesday, March 16, 2022. She noted there appears to be a lot of advance interest.

Councilor Scott reported that she had seen the posting for the South River Outdoor Sports Show May 21-22 on the Explore South River website. She inquired about the Village's involvement and wanted to be sure that the Village helps promote it as more information becomes available.

Councilor Sewell remarked on recent news articles regarding privately planned communities in unorganized townships. As these communities become more popular there is a risk of overburdening neighbouring municipalities such as South River if they don't provide adequate services such as garbage.

Chief Financial Officer Hawthorne advised Council that Marjorie Robinson would be in for the next two weeks to review the financial records and the audit would begin the week of March 28, 2022.

9. In Camera – Nil

10. By-laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution Supporting NOSM Expansion
2. Resolution Surplus SMR Fire Vehicle
3. By-law 08-2022 Community Safety Plan
4. By-law 09-2022 Joint MLEO Agreement

5. Memorandum of Agreement Amendment Fire Donation

074-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Council Resolution of the Township of Shuniah requesting the expansion of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

Carried

075-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby declare surplus the Fire Rescue Vehicle # 5 (Trailblazer) and be disposed as per policy.

Carried

076-2022 O'Hallarn/Scott

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 #8 -2022, being a by-law to implement the Community Well Being Safety Plan for the Almaguin Highlands with the signatures of the Mayor and the Deputy Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

077-2022 Scott/Sewell

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 #9 -2022, being a by-law to implement a Municipal Law Enforcement Joint Agreement with the Townships of Strong and Joly with the signatures of the Mayor and the Deputy Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

078-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the donors and the Township of Machar to allow more flexible investment options to maximize the financial returns with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law

079-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

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# 10-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of March 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

080 -2022 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 Monday, March 28, 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: 7:01 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Sherri Hawthorne, Deputy Clerk