

Village of South River
Council Meeting – October 11th, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday October 11th, 2022. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell, Councilor Teri Brandt, Councilor Brenda Scott and Councilor Bill O’Hallarn.

Staff in Attendance : Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In Person
Kristen Greig, Administrative Assistant – In Person

Guests: Martha Jacobs – In Person
Tim Hainsworth – In Person
Hayley Riebeth– In Person
Emilia Spasic– In Person
Mihajlo Spasic– In Person
William Ivinkliveren– In Person
Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual
Jessica Busch, Women’s Own Resource – In Person

1. Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:33pm

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting

3.1 Public Meeting – Regulate the Keeping of Poultry By-law

The discussion in public meeting in regards to the Regulate the Keeping of Poultry Draft By-law called attention to residents’ concerns, comments and questions regarding the subject.

Mihajlo Spasic Spoke Regarding the Following:

Mihajlo Spasic states that the keeping of a rooster is necessary to provide longevity and superior egg quality to help provide for a family. Mihajlo agrees with the standards for the keeping of hens proposed in the By-law.

Haley Riebeth Spoke Regarding the Following:

Haley Riebeth expressed concerns regarding the number hens allowed on one property and suggests the number should be increased to 10-12 chickens. In addition, the proposed setbacks from the property line were discussed and the amount of square footage required per hen was suggested to decrease from 4 to 2 square foot per hen.

Martha Jacobs Spoke Regarding the Following:

Martha Jacobs expressed concerning regarding the conditions of coops resulting in flies and harsh odor from substandard ownership.

Tim Hainsworth Spoke Regarding the Following:

Tim Hainworth noted that commercial businesses need to uphold particular food safety standards and the excessive amount of poultry or unsanitary conditions could jeopardize this for businesses.

Council highlights the necessity of establishing guidelines for keeping poultry in The Village of South River and the importance of public input in such matters. Council understands that the standards for keeping hens fall under the appropriate guidelines for animal welfare accordance to the provincial law. Council will take into account the matters discussed in the public meeting and note that further discussion is needed to proceed with the finalization of the proposed By-law and input sought from Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

Martha Jacobs left meeting at 6:02 P.M.
Tim Hainsworth left meeting at 6:02 P.M.
Haley Riebeth left meeting at 6:02 P.M.

Emilia Spasic left meeting at 6:02P.M.
Mihajlo Spasic left meeting at 6:02 P.M.
William Ivinkliveren left meeting at 6:02 P.M.

3.2 J.Busch Women's Own Resource Community Kitchen and Festival

Jessica Busch, Program Manager with the Women's Own Resource presented opportunities of community involvement in regards to creating a quarterly Community Kitchen event in the North, Central and South areas of the Almaguin Highlands beginning in 2023. Jessica Busch suggests that the Village of South River be the central point of the Community Kitchen Program and hopes that Council will draft a letter of support for the application towards preparation and funding of the event. Council agrees that the event will be an immense benefit for the community and supports in principle the Community Kitchen at the South River Machar Community Centre. In addition to the Community Kitchen, Jessica Busch proposed an annual festival be established in the Village of South River with Tom Thomson Park being a candidate for a prime location. The festival is proposed to include vendor markets, food trucks, bouncy castles, local musicians, and a headlining concert scheduled for the end of the night. The suggestion is to ensure that the festival becomes an annual event that highlights the businesses and spirit of the Village of South River for years to come. Council acknowledges that there will be a need for additional planning to create the event and agreed to support the event in principle.

Jessica Busch left meeting at 6:43 P.M.

264-2022 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principle the Women's Own Resource request for the use of the South River-Machar Community Centre for a Community Kitchen.

Carried

265-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principle the Women's Own Resource request for the use of Tom Thomson Park for a Summer Festival.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

266-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on September 26th, 2022 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. September 2022 Income Statement
2. September 2022 Cheque Register
3. Machar Shared Services Billing

267-2022 O'Hallarn/Scott

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

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Tom Thomson Garden Maintenance
2. South River Asset Management Plan

During the discussion of Item 6.1.1 Tom Thomson Garden Maintenance Council highlighted the need for maintenance of the gardens at Tom Thomson Park and the importance of presentable face for the park with special attention required for the center piece. Council agrees that this project will be a priority for spring and directs staff to inquire further regarding temporary employment to assist with maintenance.

During Discussion of Item 6.1.2 South River Asset Management Plan Council noted that the Draft Asset Management Plan aligns well with the timelines for the upcoming Strategic Management Plan development, as the report provides the necessary information to create guidelines for areas of importance within the Village.

268-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #2 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services - Nil

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. Joint Building Committee September Stats

269-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1.

Carried

7. Correspondence

1. Minister Steve Clark – Planning Public Consultation
2. Minister Steve Clark – Stakeholder Engagement
3. LMG Newsletter and Job Report August 2022
4. Ministry of Solicitor General – OPP Detachment Boards
5. Grey Highlands – Increase Speeding Fines
6. Municipality of Powassan – OMAFRA Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation
7. Minister Steve Clark – Strong Mayors and Building Homes Act

270-2022 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence Agenda Item #1 to #7.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)

Councilor O’Hallarn mentioned that the train station project is currently at a standstill with the location of the septic systems on the property. Clerk Administrator McArthur added that the correspondence is still ongoing between the architect and North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority. NOHFC has extended the grant funding to December 31, 2023.

9. In Camera – Nil

10. By-Laws and Resolutions – Nil

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #46-2022

271-2022 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 #46-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of October 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

272-2022 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 October 24th, 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: 8:07 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator