

Village of South River
Council Meeting – October 24, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday October 24th, 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, Administrative Assistant – In Person
Kristen Greig, Administrative Assistant – Virtual

Guests: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual
Robert Brooks

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

273-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on October 11, 2022 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. RFP 04-2022 External Audit Services

274-2022 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to finalize an agreement with Grant Thornton for External Audit Services as per RFP 04-2022 and the appropriate by-law be brought forward.

Carried

275-2022 Brandt/Sewell

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. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes October 21, 2022
2. Draft Bylaw – Regulate the Keeping of Poultry
3. 2022-23 South River Drinking Water System Inspection Report
4. AWQI No.160331 – South River WTP-17-Oct-2022
5. Ricoh Photocopy Separate Agreement 2022
6. Board Appointment Notice
7. Cemetery Report
8. Strategic Planning Process

Rocco Frangione joins the meeting at 6:01 P.M

During Discussion of Item 6.1.7 Cemetery Report it was noted that the Mortuary Building is in deteriorating condition and the building has been in continuous use for a considerable amount of time. Council suggests that staff conduct a meeting with the funeral home director in South River to discuss the potential future of the mortuary and its usage. In addition to the mortuary Council expresses concerns regarding the limited amount of plots currently in the cemetery and will discuss the possibilities during the strategic planning process.

Discussion of Item 6.1.8 Strategic Planning Process reviewed the current strategic plan by section; the document was updated to reflect the completed projects and ongoing development. Council suggested forwarding a green initiative to incorporate into the mission statement and improving the recycling program, noting that adding a compost component could a line up well with the green direction. Council explores the improvements that could be made to the recreation scope, including walking trails, disc golf and establishing annual festivals within the Village. Council highlights the need for an in-depth look at the asset management plan and economic development, in addition, Council suggest staff investigate policies, procedures and by-laws that are in need of updating.

Rocco Frangione leaves the meeting at 6:59 P.M

276-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the 2022-23 South River Drinking Water System Inspection Report.

Carried

277-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #8 as presented.

Carried

Councilor Scott leaves meeting at 8:04 P.M

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. Chief Arena Operator Report for September 2022
2. South River Machar Fire Department Chief Report September 2022
3. South River Machar Medical Centre October 15 Minutes

278-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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

Councilor Scott joins the meeting virtually at 8:13 P.M

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. CAO DSSAB October Monthly Report
2. ACED – Carpool Almaguin

279-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby continue support Car Pool Almaguin at both 281 Hwy 124 and 1 Lincoln Ave and request new signage as needed from ACED.

Carried

280-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees #1 to #2.

Carried

7. Correspondence

1. M Szabo – Trailer 11 Cedar Crt
2. Municipality of East Farris – Child Care
3. Town of Mattawa and West Perth – Bill 3 Opposition
4. Township of Perry – Healthcare Connect System – Canadian Armed Forces
5. South River Skating Club – Donation Request

281-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby delay enforcement of Zoning By-law 17-95 in regards to trailers at 11 Cedar Crt. until December 31,2022 to permit construction to be completed at 13 Cedar Crt.

Carried

282-2022 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #5.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)-

Councilor Brandt advises Council that there has been no response from the horse and carriage attraction for the Christmas event at the arena but will continue to enquire further.

Councilor O'Hallarn updates Council on the progress of the South River Curling Club, highlighting that there was an increase in enrollments over last year's numbers. The Curling Club has reached out to local schools to encourage the younger generation to be involved in curling and register with the Little Rock Club.

9. In Camera

1. Outdoor Adventures ATV Lease Proposal 281 HWY 11
2. Public Works Personnel
3. Machar Fire and Arena Shared Services

283-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

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 c)personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

284-2022 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 9:11 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

285-2022 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to finalize a lease with Outdoor ATV for 281 Hwy 124 as presented and the appropriate by-law be brought forward.

Carried

286-2022 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Seppe Maes Chief Public Works Operator effective October 28, 2022.

Carried

10. By-Laws and Resolutions –

1. By-law #47-2022 Ricoh Copier Bylaw

287-2022 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 #47-2022, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Ricoh Canada for Photocopier services with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #48-2022

288-2022 Brandt/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 #48-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 24th day of October 2022 with the signatures of Deputy Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

289-2022 Sewell/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 November 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: 9:15 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator