

Village of South River
Council Meeting – September 12, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday September 12th, 2022. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell, Councilor Teri Brandt and Councilor Brenda Scott (Virtual). Councilor Bill O'Hallarn was away with notice.

Staff in Attendance : Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, CFO – In Person
Kristen Greig, Administrative Assistant – In Person
Braden Bradford, By-Law Officer – In Person

Guests: Martha Jacobs – In Person
Tim Hainsworth – In Person

1. Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30pm

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting

1. T.Hainsworth/M.Jacobs – Backyard Chicken By-law

Regarding Item 3.1: Concerned residents Tim Hainsworth and Martha Jacobs urge Council to consider introducing a by-law in regards to chickens and roasters in The Village of South River. The delegation worries over the safety and cleanliness of the livestock, including an increase of prey animals directly related to the ownership of poultry. The discussion of rising complaints directly related to the condition, smell and sanitary circumstances prompted Council to confirm with By-law Officer, Braden Bradford, that there is a sufficient amount of complaints to warrant investigating a by-law. Council instructed staff to render a draft by-law regarding poultry to be presented at a future Council meeting.

Tim Hainsworth and Marth Jacobs leave at 5:57 P.M.

4. Adoption of Minutes

231-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on August 8, 2022 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

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

232-2022 Brandt/Sewell

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. OCWA Q2 Operations Report
2. South River Brewing Co. Grant in Aid Request
3. Watermain Construction Minutes August 4 2022

4. Train Station Design Minutes July 6 2022
5. Integrity Commissioner – Notice of Retirement
6. Consolidation of 291 and 295 HWY 124
7. South River Brewing Co. – Jay Plumbing

During discussion of Item 6.1.2 South River Brewing Co. Grant in Aid Request Council congratulates the South River Brewing Company on hosting a well-attended event and agrees to support grant request.

233-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a Grant-in-Aid donation to the South River Brewing Co. of \$740.00 to support the South River Outdoor Show.

Carried

During Discussion of Item 6.1.3 Watermain Construction Minutes August 4 2022 Council expressed concerns regarding the current schedule and outlook of the Watermain Construction Project. Staff advised Council that the upcoming project meetings will clarify timelines and progression of the project, in addition, it was noted that Phase One will continue into the spring of 2023.

In regards to Item 6.1.4 Train Station Design Minutes July 6 2022 Council noted that the physical positioning of the septic tank holds an ongoing issue for the progression in the Train Station project. Council advice staff to present a request to the Ministry of Environment in regards to locating the septic on the adjacent station lot with the intention to advance the design phase.

234-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept with regret the resignation of H.G. Elston as the Village's Integrity Commissioner and appoints on an interim basis the firm of Aird & Berlis to the position until such time as a competitive process is completed for a permanent replacement.

Carried

235-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support a consent application from 2751479 Ontario Ltd. To the Central Almaguin Planning Board to Consolidate the lots know as 291 and 295 Highway 124.

Carried

236-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the payment of \$5,779.95 including taxes for plumbing services at the Multi-use Building 309 Highway 124.

Carried

237-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #7 as presented.

Carried

Braden Bradford leaves at 6:45 P.M.

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. Chief Arena Operator July Report
2. Fire Chief Report August Report
3. South River Machar Medical Centre July and August Minutes

238-2022 Brandt/Sewell

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

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. Central Almaguin Planning Board July and August Minutes
2. ACED July Director Report and Minutes
3. ACED Almaguin Brand Strategy

239-2022 Sewell/Brandt

WHEREAS the Village of South River recognizes the value of working together to promote the Almaguin Highlands Region to visitors, businesses and investors, and residents through implementing the Almaguin Brand Strategy; AND

WHEREAS the support of The Federal and Provincial Governments has provided the opportunity to create a foundation for regional scale marketing and promotional efforts, including the development of marketing material, assets, and initiatives; AND

WHEREAS the Village of South River acknowledges that from time to time, minimal staff efforts may be required to support action items associated with the Almaguin Brand Strategy, including brand incorporation on municipal assets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of South River hereby adopts the Almaguin Brand, and its associated brand elements, as the collective brand for destination marketing. Furthermore, the Village of South River supports-in-principal the continued implementation of the Almaguin Brand Strategy through the Spotlight Almaguin Project.

Carried

240-2022 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 and #3.

Carried

7. Correspondence

1. V. Wager – Water Billing Concern
2. Village of Burk's Falls – Muskoka Almaguin Health Care
3. LMG Newsletter and Job Report July 2022
4. Fire Marshal Office – Firefighter Certification
5. FONOM – Electoral Districts Redistribution
6. Ontario Sheep Farmers – Livestock Guardian Dogs
7. Minister Steve Clark – Strong Mayors and Building Homes Act
8. Town of Aylmer – Warming and Cooling Centre Policy
9. Town of Kingsville – Opposition Strong Mayors Act
10. Township of Coleman – Electoral Riding Boundaries

241-2022 Sewell/Brandt

Whereas the Council of the Village of South River has received a request from the Village of Burk's Falls to support their Resolution No. 2022- 266 in which they requested a commitment from Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare to indefinitely continue the services at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre;

Be it resolved that Council hereby support the Village of Burk's Falls Resolution No. 2022-266 and direct that it be forwarded to MAHC and all Almaguin municipalities.

Carried

During discussion of Item 7.5 FONOM – Electoral Districts Redistribution Council expressed concerns regarding the representation in the redistribution of districts. Council feels that South River's interests align closely with the District of Parry Sound and Muskoka region rather than the Nipissing Region. Council instructs staff to draft a letter of support to be reviewed in the upcoming Council meeting.

242-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby petition the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission to withdraw the proposal to eliminate a Federal Riding in Northern Ontario; and

Further that the Village of South River petitions the Federal Government to introduce legislation that would provide for a minimum number of guaranteed Ridings for Northern Ontario to ensure the voices of Northern and Rural Communities is not stifled; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

243-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence Agenda Item #1 to #10.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)

1. Public Works Meeting Date
2. Public Meet and Greet with Council Date

Mayor Coleman suggested that Council hold a public meeting to assist with input regarding an anticipated strategic plan for the Village of South River. Councilor Brandt proposed adding a statement regarding the public meeting in an issue of South River Ripples to notify the residents. Councilor Brandt also suggested that the meeting be held in January, as the new Council will have time to acclimate by that time.

9. In Camera –

10. By-Laws and Resolutions –

1. By-law 42-2022 GSS Engineering Watermain Phase II

244-2022 Brandt/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 #42-2022, being a by-law to purchase engineering and construction supervision from GSS Engineering as per RFP 02-2022 at a cost of \$415,769 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #43-2022

245-2022 Sewell/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 #43-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12th day of September 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

246-2022 Brandt/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 September 26th, 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: 7:59 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator