



Village of South River
Wednesday March 23, 2022

Committee of the Whole Meeting South River Council Chambers

In attendance: Mayor Jim Coleman, Councilors Teri Brandt, Doug Sewell, and Bill O'Hallarn in person, Councilor Brenda Scott virtually.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur, Chief Arena Operator Jamie Payne and Fire Chief Risto Maki in person, Chief Financial Officer Sherri Hawthorne and Administrative Assistant Janet Wedseltoft virtually.

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6 PM.**
- 2. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest**
- 3. Discussion ensued on the 2022 Draft South River Machar Arena Budget and the following recommendations will be forwarded to Council;**

The capital municipal contribution for 2022 is up significantly to \$50,000. The oil separator work and water heater are both necessary and the ammonia alarm is a health and safety issue. The significant one year increase is the result of not setting aside reasonable capital reserves on a regular basis. Users groups (Minor Hockey associations, Figure skating, HOC etc) are working to return to 2019 usage levels and rental rates have been increased. Revenue forecasts are conservative for 2022 to reflect a gradual return to 2019 usage levels.

In principle, the Committee recommended passing the budget as a transition year out of Covid as presented with a total Municipal contribution of \$324,727 representing a 27.45% increase over 2021's budgeted amount and 5.19% over 2021's actual amount.

- 4. Discussion ensued on the 2022 Draft South River Machar Fire Budget and the following recommendations will be forwarded to Council;**

Fire Chief Maki emphasized to the Committee the future effects of the proposed Provincial Fire-fighter Certification Standards legislation. The increased training and certification requirements will create stress on future budgets. Those costs are not reflected in this year's budget.

In principle, the Committee recommended passing the budget as presented with a total municipal contribution of \$386,480 representing a 4.15% increase over 2021's budgeted and actual amounts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator