



Village of South River
Wednesday January 25, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting South River Council Chambers

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

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

Guests in person: Bart Wood, Marv Nolan, Nancy Thrall, and Mark Smuck.

Guests virtually; Machar Mayor Lynda Carleton and Councillors Ron McLaren and Pearl Ivens

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.**
- 2. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest**
- 3. Mayor Coleman welcomed all guests**
- 4. Discussion ensued on the 2022 actual amounts for the South River Machar Arena and South River Machar Fire Department.**

The \$50,000 capital work and municipal contribution for the Arena was the significant difference in the budgeted amounts of Machar and South River. The significant event of the condenser failing in June drove the maintenance budget \$30,000 over. Though the 2022 numbers are not finalized the Arena would have ended in surplus were it not for this additional significant expenditure.

The Fire Department had no significant variances except the capital work around paving was not completed and the budgeted amount will remain in reserves. The anticipated surplus for 2022 closely matches the overage Response revenue. This is intentional to build capital reserves.

- 5. Discussion ensued on the 2023 Draft South River Machar Fire Budget.**

The proposed Fire Budget reflects the cost of beginning to meet the Provincial Firefighter Certification Standards legislation. The increased training and certification requirements are estimated at \$20,000. The other significant change is the proposed increase in the Fire Prevention Officer Position. The budget as presented included increasing the position from one day a week to three days per week. Chief Maki indicated he felt the workload and enhanced response time would justify increasing the position to five days per week. The only significant capital item is the carry-over of the paving from 2022 should a favourable paving rate be secured.

- 6. Discussion ensued on the 2023 Draft South River Machar Arena Budget.**

The 2023 proposed Arena budget was presented with \$200,000 in capital as placeholder. Considerable discussion took place about the lack of reserves and backlog of capital items required at the arena. It was recommended to move forward quickly with the purchase of a new condenser. Discussion about the chiller, dehumidifier, and ice-pad costs were also discussed. It was recommended to seek a grant through NOHFC to cover 50% of the projected \$1.2M costs needed in 2023 and 2024.

Discussion ensued that both budgets were first drafts and were to be refined and updated for the Feb 15th Budget meeting. The goal being to pass both 2023 budgets at the Joint Council Meeting March 6th.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee of the Whole of the Village of South River does hereby adjourn at 8:19 PM

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator