

Village of South River
Council Meeting –June 28, 2021

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday June 28, 2021. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell (in person in Council chambers) and Councilors Teri Brandt, Brenda Scott, and Bill O’Hallarn all virtual.

Staff in Attendance : Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Sherri Hawthorne; Chief Financial Officer\Deputy Clerk - Virtual
Janet Wedseltoft, Administrative Assistant - Virtual

Guests: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual
Thomas Fockens – In person in Council chambers
John Sbrolla – In person in Council chambers
Judy Kleinhuis CPA, Grant Thornton - Virtual
Adam Hemming – In person in Council chambers

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof –

3. Delegation and Public Meeting

1. Rezoning of 68 Riverside Ave By-law 22-2021
2. Zoning by-law amendment re: shipping containers. By-law 23-2021
3. Judy Kleinhuis CPA - Grant Thornton Financial Statements

1. The Rezoning of 68 Riverside was reviewed. No member of the public inquired, either in person or in writing, regarding the matter.
2. The Zoning by-law amendment was reviewed. John Sbrolla and Andrea Fockens provided written submissions and John Sbrolla and Tom Fockens attended in person. Tom Fockens spoke to the issues raised in Andrea Fockens’ letter and John Sbrolla spoke to the issues raised in his letter.

Mr. Thomas Fockens left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. John Sbrolla left the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

3. Judy Kleinhuis CPA – Grant Thornton. Mrs. Judy Kleinhuis presented the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the Village of South River as well as the South River-Machar Community Centre and Arena, the South River-Machar Volunteer Fire Department, the Corporation of the Village of South River Trust Fund., and the Audit strategy/results for the Corporation of the Village of South River. The contents of the presentation included statement of financial position, statement of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net debt, changes in net financial assets, risk and mitigation techniques. The report induced an open dialogue between Mrs. Judy Kleinhuis, the staff members, and the council members resulting in acceptance of the report.

Mrs. Judy Kleinhuis left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor Coleman, with the consent of council, moved up Correspondence Item 7.5 to accommodate Mr. Adam Hemming. Mr. Hemming attended in person and wished to speak to council about his letter regarding the potential rezoning of 22 Marie Street. Mr. Hemming invited questions from the councilors to provide clarity on any issues they had.

Mr. Adam Hemming left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

4. Adoption of Minutes

161-2021 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on June 14, 2021 as amended.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

162-2021 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Consolidated financial statements, the South River Machar Arena financial statements, the South River Machar Fire Department financial statements and the Trust Funds financial statements for 2020 as presented by Grant Thornton.

Carried

163-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

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

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff/Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

164-2021 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the CIP Application from 1409822 ONTARIO Ltd. O/A Almaguin Forest Products for building expansion as attached.

Carried

165-2021 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support an application to the Community Enhancement Program - Rural Enhancement Stream of Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for upgrades to the South River Train station.

Carried

166-2021 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #4 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

167-2021 Scott/Sewell

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

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

168-2021 O'Hallarn/Brandt

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

Carried

7. Correspondence

169-2021 Brandt/Sewell

Whereas Employment North is very skilled in providing services for those seeking jobs and for employers with employment opportunities. Their new facility in South

River will be an excellent resource to deliver existing services and grow for the future.

Therefore be it resolved that Village of South River is proud to support Employment North.

Carried

170-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principal an application to rezone 22 Marie St. from Downtown Commercial to Third Density Residential subject to a successful application, payment of appropriate fees, and a professional land use opinion.

Carried

171-2021 Scott/Brandt

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

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Councilor Scott raised the subject of garbage being inappropriately left at Tom Thomson Park. Possible causes, including the closure of dumps in adjoining unorganized townships, were discussed. Possible avenues of investigation and remedies were considered.

Councilor Brandt complimented the flowers in the village that have been provided by The Variegated Devas. Councilor Brandt also reported on her Integrity Commissioner teleconference. Principal areas of concern were the cost and the burden to municipalities and a desire for training for new councilors. There is an online survey available at ontario.ca/consultation until July 15, 2021 for those wishing to complete it.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur commented that the reduction of the village wide speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h is still in process.

Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Clerk Sherri Hawthorne noted seeing the Chalmer's United Church sign at Highway 124 and Ottawa Avenue. Council recommended Public Works take the sign down and give it to Councilor O'Hallarn.

Rocco Frangione, Media left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Janet Wedseltoft left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

9. In Camera – Machar Shared Services
ACED Legal Opinion
Property sale part of 309 HWY 124

172-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

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, (b) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipal or local board purposes, and (f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose of the municipality or local board that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

173-2021 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:48 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

10. By-laws and Resolutions

174-2021 O'Hallarn/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# 22-2021, being a by-law to rezone 68 Riverside Ave. from Open Space to Second Density Residential (R2) with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

By-law #23-2021 Council deferred this matter to the meeting on July 12, 2021.

11. Confirming By-law

175-2021 O'Hallarn/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# 24-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 28th day of June 2021 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

176-2021 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, July 12, 2021 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: 9:02 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator