

Village of South River
Council Meeting –September 13, 2021

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday September 13, 2021. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell and Councilor Bill O’Hallarn (in person in Council chambers) and Councilors Teri Brandt and Brenda Scott (virtual).

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

Guest: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

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

With the permission of Council, Mayor Coleman removed item 6.2.2 and left all discussion of Township of Machar Shared Services to take place in the closed session.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – Councilor Bill O’Hallarn Item 6.1.1 Curling Club

3. Delegation and Public Meeting - Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes

235-2021 Sewell/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings on August 9th and 18th, 2021 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

236-2021 Sewell/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #2.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff/Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

237-2021 O’Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby modify the Covid -19 protocols at the South River Machar Arena to 50 participants on the ice and 50 socially distanced people in the stands. As recreation is an optional pursuit we recommend the policy also be amended to include that all participants and spectators over the age of 11 must be fully vaccinated to enter the arena until further notice.

Carried

238-2021 O’Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to create two new lots from Plan 42R-21083 as follows

- 1) 309 HWY124 Part 5 on Lot 4 Concession 2 on Plan 42R-21083
- 2) 313 HWY 124 Parts 1,2, and 6 on Lot 4 Concession 2 on Plan 42R-21083

as per the survey Plan 42R-21083 deposited with the Land Titles Division of Parry Sound on September 20, 2018.

Carried

239-2021 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 #5 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

240-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

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

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

241-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1 to # 3.

Carried

7. Correspondence

242-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principal the rezoning of 106 Ottawa Ave to permit the entire first floor be used for residential purposes subject to a successful application, payment of appropriate fees, and a professional land use opinion.

Carried

243-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

Carried

244-2021 Scott/Brandt

Whereas Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 20 to 26, 2021;

Whereas it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work

with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

Carried

245-2021 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #15.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Councilor Sewell reported that the Hazardous Waste Day at the Strong Landfill was well attended but that the afternoon was not as busy as the previous two Hazardous Waste Days had been, with no lineup. The Almaguin Recycling Initiative appreciates the efforts of everyone who brought materials to be properly disposed of.

Councilor Brandt noted that the South River Machar Community Centre was to be a polling site in the September 20, 2021 Federal election.

Mayor Coleman noted that the Almaguin Spartans would be beginning practices next week.

Clerk McArthur commented that the Blackfly Fling Disc Golf Tournament was happening the weekend of September 18 – 19, 2021 at Tom Thomson Park with a full roster of participants.

Clerk McArthur further advised that the Covid 19 mobile vaccine clinic would be at the South River Brewing Co. Friday, September 17, 2021 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Chief Financial Officer Hawthorne commented that she has been hearing complaints, especially from seniors, about the doors of the medical centre not being open.

Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.
Janet Wedseltoft left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

9. In Camera –

246-2021 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 that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

247-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 9:17 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

10. By-laws and Resolutions

11. Confirming By-law

248-2021 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# 38-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13th day of September 2021 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

249-2021 Sewell/O'Hallarn

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 27, 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: 9:18 p.m.

Carried

Doug Sewell, Deputy Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator