

Village of South River
Council Meeting – June 27, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday June 27, 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 Bill O’Hallarn (in person in Council chambers) and Brenda Scott (virtual).

Staff in Attendance : Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In Person
Janet Wedseloft, CFO/Deputy Clerk – Virtual
Kristen Grieg, Administrative Assistant – In Person

Guests: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual
Jocelyn Palm, Near North Environmental – In Person
Katherine Zucker, Near North Environmental – In Person
Paul Goodridge – In Person

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:37 p.m.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting –

3.1 Minor Zoning Variance – 291 Highways 124

MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION:

APPLICANT: Goodridge Goulet Planning and Surveying

ROLL NUMBER: 4956-000-001-00170

STREET ADDRESS: 291 Highway 124

TO PERMIT:

The railway right of way setback as stated in Section 3 (22) of Zoning By-law 17-95 to be reduced from 30m to 10m a variance of 20 meters (66 feet).

The Minor Zoning application was reviewed. The advertisement and notices as prepared by the planner had been placed in the Almaguin News and sent on June 16, 2022. Paul Goodridge of Goodridge Goulet Planning and Surveying, the applicant, spoke about the economic benefits of the storage units and site overall. He spoke to the compatibility of the use with the railway. No member of the public inquired, either in person or in writing, regarding the matter. Planner, Lanny Dennis (Wayne Simpson & Associates) provided comment on behalf of the Village that the Minor Variance was consistent with the intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

The Committee of Adjustment approved the minor variance for the following reasons;

1. The variance is appropriate and desirable for the development of the lot.
2. The general intent of the by-law is being maintained.
3. The variance is minor in nature.
4. The general intent of the Official Plan is being maintained.

and recommended By-law 26-2022 be passed.

Paul Goodridge left meeting at 5:43 p.m.

3.2 Near North Enviro Education Centre – Survey Request

Near North Environmental Education Centre survey request presented by Jocelyn Palm and Katherine Zucker highlights the importance of persevering rural communities and environments. The Near North Environment Education Centre is a non-profit and charitable organization that focuses on education, sustainability and economic security of rural communities in Northern Ontario. The group is seeking to perform a survey within 24 Almaguin communities that assess many aspects of life in Almaguin, in hopes to discover local issues and knowledge. The survey would need to be conducted on an annual basis to achieve scientifically measurable data in efforts to outline important

aspects of the community to allow for informed decisions to be made on a municipal level. The organization will be seeking support and promotion from Council.

Jocelyn Palm left meeting at 6:07 p.m.
Katherine Zucker left meeting at 6:07 p.m.

With the permission of Council, Mayor Coleman moved up item 6.2.1 to accommodate Fire Chief Maki.

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

2. South River Machar Fire Department Chief Report June 2022

During Discussion of Item 6.2.2 South River Machar Fire Department Chief Report June 2022 Fire Chief Maki raised concerns regarding the costs of the mandatory Firefighter Certification and suggests making a request to the Province for funding to address Firefighter Certification expenses in the form of a letter to the Minister. Council acknowledged the cost of the certification and directed staff to draft the letter.

Fire Chief Risto Maki left meeting at 6:29 p.m.

168-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the South River Machar Fire Chief to replace Rescue Vehicle #6 with a 2022 Ranger 1000XP as equipped per the quote of Rickward's Small Motors Polaris at a net cost after trade-in of \$25,295 plus HST and licensing.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

169-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on June 13, 2022 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports – nil

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes June 23 2022
2. Joint Health and Safety Meeting June 9 2022
3. South River Personnel Committee Minutes June 10 2022
4. EFP 2022 Watermain Rehabilitation Phase 2

During Discussion of Item 6.1.1 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes June 23 2022 concerns were raised in regards to how the increase of fuel costs directly impact Village services. It was noted that Waste Connections requested an increase to reflect current fluctuation of fuel costs. Council requested further updates on the contract.

170-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the South River Public Works Committee Recommendation to purchase 805 tonnes of winter sand from A.Miron Topsoil at a cost of \$10.55 per tonne plus HST.

Carried

171-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the South River Public Works Committee recommendation that the 2022 Capital List as supplied by OCWA be approved and the funding be included in the

2022 Budget.

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby confirm the appointment of Jamie Carpenter as Chief Public Works Operator and further

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Village of South River is currently in a borrowing relationship with Collabira and the authorized signing officers of the Corporation is authorized to sign documents on the Village's behalf; and

WHEREAS the Corporation is authorized to appoint individuals as the Authorized Users of the Business Visa Card from time to time, as the case may be; and

WHEREAS the authorized users and their limits will be:

Chief Public Works Operator; Jamie Carpenter - \$10,000.

Carried

173-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the South River Public Works Committee to put out a request for Proposal for Engineering and Project Management Watermain Rehabilitation Phase 2 as per the management draft presented.

Carried

174-2022 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

1. Chief Arena Operator Report for May 2022
2. South River Machar Fire Department Chief Report June 2022

6.2.2 Was discussed after item 3 (see above).

175-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the reports from Shared Services Staff and Committees #1 to #2.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. JBC Minutes June 16 and Proposed Relief CBO Agreement
2. PSDSSAB June Report

176-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Joint Building Committee Resolution #2022-022 to enter into an agreement with the Municipality of Magnetawan for CBO shared services.

Carried

177-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Joint Building Committee Resolution #202-024 that the Administrator "Township of Strong" pursue hiring a full time DCBO/Building Inspector, effective immediately, with a wage range of \$36.00 to \$43.00 per hour.

Carried

178-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

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

1. Royal Canadian Legion Patio Request
2. Pastor Anger – Dufferin St. Park
3. CN Rail – Rail Safety Week
4. FONOM – August 4th Learning Morning
5. East Gwillimbury – Bill 109 Resolution
6. CUPW – Delivering Community Power
7. AMO Conference Program – Ottawa August 14-17

Regarding Item 7.1 Royal Canadian Legion Patio Request:
179-2022 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River supports the Royal Canadian Legion Br.390 application for a temporary liquor license for their patio until December 31, 2022.

Carried

Regarding Item 7.3 CN Rail – Rail Safety Week
180-2022 Sewell/O’Hallarn

Whereas Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 19 to 25, 2022;

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 the Village of South River adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

It is hereby RESOLVED to support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 19 to 25, 2022.

Carried

181-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #7.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable – Canada Day at Tom Thomson Park Grant Thornton 2021 Audit

Clerk Administrator McArthur reported that the celebratory cake will be brought to Tom Thomson Park on the Saturday July 2nd for Canada Day festivities. Small Canada flags will be placed throughout the park for more decoration.

Councilor Brandt mentioned that the Life Labs program has been extremely busy since being reestablished by the South River Machar Medical Centre and hopes the program becomes weekly instead of every other week.

9. In Camera - Nil

10. By-laws and Resolutions

1. By-law 25-2022 MLEO Agreement
2. By-law 26-2022 Minor Variance – 291 Highway 124

3. By-law 27-2022 Disconnect from Work Policy
4. By-law 28-2022 Noise By-law

182-2022 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 #25-2022, being a by-law to enter into a joint services agreement with the Townships of Joly and Strong and Village of Burk's Falls with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

183-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

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# 26-202, being a by-law to approve a minor variance in railway setbacks for 291 HWY 124 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

184-2022 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# 27-2022, being a by-law to adopt a policy to ensure workers are able to disconnect from work with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

185-2022 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# 28-2021, being a by-law to regulate noise and the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law

186-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

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# 29-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 27th day of June 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

187-2022 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, July 11, 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: 7:41 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator