

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – April 11, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday April 11, 2022. 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 Councilor Teri Brandt (virtual). Councilor Brenda Scott was absent with notice.

**Staff in Attendance :** Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person  
Sherri Hawthorne, CFO – Virtual  
Janet Wedseltoft, Administrative Assistant – Virtual

**Guests:** Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

**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** – Nil

**3. Delegation and Public Meeting** – Nil

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

099-2022 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on March 28, 2022 as presented.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. March 2022 Income Statement
2. March 2022 Cheque Register

100-2022 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 and #2.**

Carried

**6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**

**6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –**

1. South River Personnel Committee Minutes April 6, 2022
2. Emergency Management Ontario Compliance Results 2021
3. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes March 25, 2022

Regarding item 6.1.2: Emergency Management Ontario reviewed our documentation submitted by our Community Emergency Management Coordinator and have determined that The Village of South River was compliant with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act in 2021

Discussion of Item 6.1.3 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes March 25, 2022 reviewed Mr. P. Maeck’s concerns about the cost increase for a serviced residential lot with water shutoff at the curb increasing from \$8 to \$20 per month. The fee represents a portion of the cost of having water available for fire protection. No change in fee was proposed at this time.

101-2022 O’Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the offer of employment for the position of Administrative Assistant to**

**Kirsten Grieg as per the current collective bargaining agreement with CUPE Local 4616-03 effective April 25, 2022.**

Carried

102-2022 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby declare surplus the 1988 Snow blower and Chute for the Trackless (\$2000 value) and the 2007 Chevrolet Silverado (\$5,000 value) be declared surplus and be disposed as per policy.**

Carried

103-2022 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #3 as presented.**

Carried

## **6.2 Reports from Shared Services** – Nil

## **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

1. ACED Meeting Minutes March 21, 2022 and 2023 Funding Option
2. Joint Building Committee March 2022 Statistics

Discussion of item 6.3.1 ACED – Meeting Minutes March 21, 2022 and 2023 Future Funding noted that ACED is actively looking for funding and that the proposed funding schedule is likely to change.

Discussion of item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee March 2022 Statistics highlighted the many projects permitted in the Village of South River.

104-2022 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 and #2.**

Carried

## **7. Correspondence**

1. South River Lions – Don Ivens Award
2. South River Machar Agricultural Society – Farmers Market
3. FONOM – Blue Box Transition
4. Almaguin Climate Action – Resolution Request
5. Deputy Minister Manson-Smith MMAH – More Homes for Everyone
6. Ministry of Seniors – Ontario Senior of the Year Award
7. MMAH – Orders under the Reopening Ontario Act
8. Town of Clarington – Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review
9. CN – 2022 Vegetation Program Notice
10. Falun Dafa Association – Falun Day Request
11. Operation Smiles – June 19 Proclamation

Regarding Item 7.1 South River Lions – Don Ivens Award: Council agreed to support the Award as usual.

Regarding Item 7.2 South River Machar Agricultural Society – Farmers Market: Council would be happy to see the market return but logistical concerns need to be clarified with the Chief Arena Operator and the Society before it can be formally supported.

Regarding Item 7.3 FONOM Blue Box Transition: Council feels that the recent announcement indicating that Municipalities under 5000 will be excluded from transition to Full Producer Responsibility to be unfair. Council supports FONOM in their concern and direct staff to prepare a Resolution for the next meeting.

Regarding Item 7.4 Almaguin Climate Action – Resolution Request: While Council agrees with the aim of reducing the use of fossil fuels it had concerns about whether it will be practical or fiscally responsible to completely eliminate their use by 2035 as

requested by Almaguin Climate Action

Regarding Item 7.6 Ministry of Seniors – Ontario Senior of the Year Award: Council recommended staff forward the letter to the South River Friendly Circle for their suggestions.

105-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize a \$167 donation to the South River Lions Club for the 2022 Don Ivens Memorial Community Volunteer Award.**

Carried

106-2022 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #11.**

Carried

### **8. Council Roundtable**

Councilor Brandt and Clerk-Administrator McArthur reported on their attendance at the South River Lion's Club Canada Day meeting. The location of the celebration and the route for the parade are still to be determined but the group is enthusiastic about having Canada Day Festivities this year.

Councilor O'Hallarn stated that there will be a meeting with the Train Station architect on April 21, 2022. Council was heartened to see the announcement by the provincial government restating support for the resumption of passenger rail service for the North and indicating that South River could be a stop on the route.

Councilors O'Hallarn and Sewell both reported that the letter sent to the public informing them of the watermain construction was well received.

Clerk-Administrator McArthur reported that there is a lot of reporting due at this time. The 1<sup>st</sup> claim has been submitted for the watermain project but funds have not been received yet.

Clerk-Administrator McArthur further reported that the software transition to Townsuite is scheduled for June but we have are not seeing as much progress as was anticipated to date.

Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

### **9. In Camera**

1. Machar Shared Services

107-2022 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 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

108-2022 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:08 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

### **10. By-laws and Resolutions**

1. South River Machar Agricultural Fair Donation
2. By-law 14-2022 Bruman Construction Agreement

109-2022 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize an \$850 donation to the South River Machar Agricultural Society for bouncy castles at the 2022 Fall Fair.**

Carried

110-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby enter into a contract with Bruman Construction Inc. (Division of Seegmiller Group of Companies) for Contract 20-084-C at a maximum cost of \$2,996,116.91, excluding HST for construction services as per Schedule A of By-law 14-2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

### **11. Confirming By-law**

111-2022 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# 15-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of April 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

### **12. Adjournment**

112 -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 April 25, 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: 7:11 p.m.**

Carried

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**Doug Sewell, Deputy Mayor**

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**Don McArthur , Clerk-Administrator**