

Village of South River
Council Meeting –February 14, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday February 14, 2022. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), and Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell and Councilors Teri Brandt, Bill O’Hallarn and Brenda Scott (all virtual).

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

Guests: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:35 p.m.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting – Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes

036-2022 O’Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on January 24, 2022 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

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

In regards to item 2, January 2022 Cheque Register; Council was provided with the A/P Ledger for January instead of the cheque listing. Council prefers the increased level of detail available in the A/P Ledger and requests that this report be provided in the future.

037-2022 Scott/Sewell

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 and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. HOC Agreement
2. Village Owned Land – Rezone 17 Main
3. FedNor – Municipal Office Accessibility Project
4. Banner Project Update
5. Festivals – South River Brewing Co.
6. HIPS Minutes

Regarding item 6.1.1 HOC Agreement: The draft agreement is very similar to the previous agreement. There are extra provisions for 2022 reflecting the uncertainty and additional measures required due to COVID. There is also a provision for an increased rental rate if the arena is being powered through a power interruption by the new generators.

Regarding item 6.1.2 Village Owned Land – Rezone 17 Main: Council agreed in principle that surplus 17 Main St, 68 Riverside Ave and the remaining commercial lots at the former Happy Landing site be sold by listing with a real estate agent. Council

requested a planning report on 17 Main St and other properties on Main St currently zoned as RU and where appropriate be rezoned for residential use.

Regarding item 6.1.3 FedNor – Municipal Office Accessibility Project: Clerk-Administrator McArthur reported that the project was not approved for funding.

Regarding item 6.1.4 Banner Project Update: Clerk-Administrator McArthur advised that project is for 120 banners. There will be 6 designs of approximately 20 each. Sample banners were provided to Council for input on possible layouts. It was generally agreed that any photos used should be simple with a singular focus and not too much detail. Appropriate pictures are still being sourced.

Regarding item 6.1.5 Festivals – South River Brewing Co.: The Brewery is in the very preliminary stages of planning an annual festival for the May long weekend. They were advised that the arena floor would be available for rent for \$350 per day. Planning for the cycling event in August is ongoing. Council is willing to allow the Brewery to use the Village’s tent but must wait until spring to determine its condition.

Regarding item 6.1.6 HIPS Minutes: There is still much to consider for the train station project.. The Committee wants to move forward with engaging an architect to design improvements to the building. Items to be considered include structural integrity, building and fire code regulation, accessibility improvements, an accessible washroom either within the building or standalone nearby, heating, ventilation and electrical requirements, and finishing details that are consistent with the existing interior décor and external style.

038-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to negotiate a new contract with Hockey Opportunity Camp for the years 2022-2025 with the general terms as presented and that a by-law be brought forward.

Carried

039-2022 O’Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #6 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Medical Board January 18 Minutes
2. South River Machar Library Minutes, 2021 Report and 2022 Budget

Discussion of the South River Machar Medical Board minutes highlighted the resolution to accept a quote from TK Elevator (Canada) Limited to fix the elevator.

Discussion of the South River Machar Library Minutes, 2021 Report and 2022 Budget noted that 2021 was a busy year for the library, despite COVID and that the library continues to provide a valuable service to the community. Council directs a motion to accept the library budget be brought forward at the next Council meeting.

040-2022 Scott/Brandt

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

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. Staff Sergeant Lalonde and 2021 OPP Stat
2. Almaguin Hazardous Waste Recycling Dates
3. Joint Building Committee Jan Stats

4. Parry Sound District Social Services Board 2022 Budget and After School Program
5. MLEO Draft Joint Services Agreement

Discussion of item 6.3.1 Staff Sergeant Lalonde and 2021 OPP Stat. noted the increase in violent crime and sexual assaults in the Almaguin Highlands.

Regarding item 6.3.4 Parry Sound District Social Services Board 2022 Budget and After School Program: It was noted that there is a 1% increase in the PSDSSB levy. The adequacy of this increase and the items receiving decreased funding were discussed. Council considered ways it could help promote the School Age Child Care Viability Survey when it is released at the end of February or the beginning of March. It hopes there is enough interest to create an after school program for South River. Councilor Brandt also reported that the Meadow View Apartments in Powassan for those 55 years of age and over is accepting applications and will soon be ready for occupancy.

041-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend the draft MLEO agreement with the Townships of Strong and Joly as presented be brought forward as a by-law.

Carried

042-2022 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River have hereby received correspondence dated January 24, 2022 from the Village of Burk's Falls regarding the Shared Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Agreement; and

Hereby approve the addition of the Village of Burk's Falls to the Joint MLEO Agreement in principle provided the Burk's Falls Council is in agreement with the current terms and financial contribution; and

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Townships of Strong and Joly.

Carried

043-2022 Scott/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 #6.

Carried

7. Correspondence

1. OMAFRA and AAFT – Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program
2. FONOM – Registration and Leaders Debate
3. Brantford and Sarnia – Justice Issues
4. LMG January Newsletter and Dec Jobs Report
5. FONOM NOMA NOSDA – Homelessness Report
6. AMO – Federal Payments in Lieu
7. Ontario Waterpower Association – Press Release Energy Contracts
8. Halton Hills and Aurora – Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal
9. Township of South Glengarry – Abandoned Cemeteries

044-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #9.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Councilor O'Hallarn advised council that Employment North has started renovating the former Chalmers United Church Building. The Executive Director of Employment North, Donna Sedore, would like bring a delegation to council to provide an update.

Councilor Scott reminded Council that Science North will be bringing The Great Northern Ontario Roadshow to the South River Brewery, Wednesday, March 16, 2022 tentatively from 12 to 4 pm.

Councilor Scott also inquired as to whether the Train Station project is funded or whether there will be fundraising done. Councilor O'Hallarn advised that there is no fundraising planned at this time but fundraising may be required in the future.

Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Janet Wedseltoft left the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

9. In Camera

1. Personal matters – Business Relations
2. Personnel – Management Wages

045-2022 Scott/O'Hallarn

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (c) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

046-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:15 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

047-2022 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the management wages for the position of Fire Chief for 2022 and 2023 as presented by the personnel committee.

Carried

10. By-laws and Resolutions

By-law 05-2022 NORDS Transfer Payment

048-2022 Scott/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# 5-2022, being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Administrator to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario for the Northern Ontario Resource Development Fund as per Schedule A attached.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law

049-2022 Brandt/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# 06-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of February 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

050-2022 O'Hallarn/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, February 28, 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: 8:20 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator