

Village of South River
Council Meeting –March 28, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday March 28, 2022. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell and Councilors Bill O’Hallarn and Teri Brandt (in person in Council chambers). 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

081-2022 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 14, 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. COW budget Meeting Minutes March 23, 2022
2. 2022 Flower Quote
3. South River Trade Show – Exhibitor Package
4. 15 Grant Court – Zoning Application re: Granny Suite and CON 2 PT LOT 5 RP 42R8087 REM PART 1 RP 42R11419 PART 3 REM PCL 15890 NS Severance.

During discussion of item 6.1.2, 2022 Flower Quote Council reported they were pleased with the flowers the Variegated Devas have supplied in the past and were happy to contract with them for another year.

Regarding Item 6.1.3 South River Trade Show – Exhibitor Package: Council was glad to hear of the South River Outdoor Sports Show to be held on May 21 & 22. Staff is directed to help promote the show on the Village’s Facebook page and website.

Discussion of the second part of Item 6.1.4 CON 2 PT LOT 5 RP 42R8087 REM PART 1 RP 42R11419 PART 3 REM PCL 15890 NS Severance raised the concern that part of the parcel in question is in an Environmental Protection zone. Council noted that the property owner may need to have an environmental study done if they want to make any changes to the property.

082-2022 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the recommendations of the Committee of Whole meeting March 23, 2022 to set the municipal contribution to the South River Machar Fire Department at

\$193,240 (4.15% increase) and the South River Machar Arena at \$208,025 (2.68% increase) as part of the 2022 South River Municipal Budget.

Carried

083-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the purchase of flowers from Variegated Devas for 2022 at a cost of \$5236.92 plus tax as presented and be included in Village of South River 2022 Municipal budget.

Carried

084-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principle the application for the rezoning of 15 Grant Court to allow an accessory suite.

Carried

085-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principle the consent application for the severance of CON 2 PT LOT 5 RP 42R8087 REM PART 1 RP 42R11419 PART 3 REM PCL 15890 NS known as roll # 49560000152560 as per the attached sketch with the understanding that the Environmental Protection existing today is not affected by this severance.

Carried

086-2022 Brandt/Sewell

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki March Report
2. SRM Chief Arena Operator February Report

Discussion of Item 6.2.1 SRM Fire Chief Maki March Report noted that Chief Maki is having to spend a considerable amount of training and planning time preparing for the upcoming mandatory certification requirement.

Discussion of item 6.2.2 SRM Chief Arena Operator February Report highlighted the freezing of the septic line February 4th. Quick action by arena staff and public works enabled the arena to reopen within 24 hours. The assumed cause was the extreme cold weather in January and limited flow due to the Covid Shut down for the month. It was also noted that the pump for the system broke down the week after the line froze.

087-2022 Sewell/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 to #2.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. ACED – Director Report, February Minutes, and Future Funding Options
2. PSDSSAB – March Monthly Report
3. Joint Building Committee March 17 Minutes
4. Central Almaguin Planning Board Dec 2021 and Jan Feb 2022 Minutes
5. Almaguin Recycling Initiative – 2022 Invoice

Discussion of item 6.3.1 ACED – Director Report, February Minutes and Future Funding Options focused on the future funding options. Council noted that without a grant there will be quite an increase in fees for the municipalities and that if other municipalities pull out it will be hard to keep going. Council confirmed their support for ACED, noting the value of their connections and marketing skills.

During discussion of item 6.3.3 Joint Building Committee March 17 Minutes it was noted that property owners should continue to use the drop off area for any paperwork for the Chief Building Official and that they make an appointment if they need to speak to him in person.

During discussion of item 6.3.4 Central Almaguin Planning Board Dec 2021 and Jan Feb 2022 Minutes it was reported that funds have been approved to create a website for the CAPB.

Discussion of item 6.3.5 Almaguin Recycling Initiative – 2022 Invoice noted that the fee has decreased from last year which had a special levy due to COVID-19. Concerns were raised about the effect the introduction of the producer pay system in 2025 will have on household recycling and hazardous waste and the ARI.

088-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve 2022 Almaguin Recycling Initiative at a cost of \$3229.77 plus HST and the cost be included in the 2022 municipal budget.

Carried

089-2022 Brandt/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 #5.

Carried

7. Correspondence

1. FONOM Conference Schedule as of March 22 2022
2. EPRA and COM2 Electronic Waste Recycling
3. City of North Bay - Household Hazardous Waste Program
4. Town of Mono - Support for Ukraine
5. South River Machar Agricultural Society - Fall Fair Donation Request
6. Enbridge Stakeholder Introduction Letter
7. IESO - Stakeholder Relations
8. Minister of Energy T Smith - Stakeholder Engagement
9. MLEO Association - C. Fraser
10. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce - Request to Join
11. Almaguin Highlands Health Council and Strong Township Resolutions
12. NOSM Thank You Letter to FONOM - NOSM Expansion
13. Township of Ryerson - Community Wellbeing Resolution
14. South Huron - Firefighter Certification
15. City of Waterloo - Ontario Building Code
16. Halton Hills Resolution and Reform Gravel Mining Coalition
17. OCWA President and CEO Announcement

Regarding Item 7.2 EPRA and COM2 Electronic Waste Recycling: Council directs staff to investigate these proposals further and provide recommendations.

Regarding Item 7.3 City of North Bay – Household Hazardous Waste Program: This service isn't required for 2022 as the Village has already decided to partner with the Almaguin Recycling Initiative for the year.

Regarding Item 7.4 Town of Mono – Support for Ukraine: Council supports the Town of Mono in their support for Ukraine and will fly the Ukrainian flag.

Regarding Item 7.5 South River Machar Agricultural Society – Fall Fair Donation Request: Council agrees in principle to the request but requires a specific dollar amount for formal approval.

Regarding Item 7.7 IESO – Stakeholder Relations: It was noted that the contract for the South River Power Generation Station is not up for renewal in the near future and it will not be affected by proposed changes by the IESO.

Regarding Item 7.10 Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce – Request to Join:
Council agreed to join.

090-2022 Sewell/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the registration of Don McArthur and associated travel costs to attend the annual FONOM Conference from May 9-11 in North Bay.

Carried

091-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #17.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable

Councilor Brandt advised council that she has viewed the Canadian History Ehx podcast and that it is a legitimate podcast. Council debated whether it would be best for the Village to partner with the organization or if another organization in the area would be a better choice. No decision was reached.

Councilor Brandt further reported that the Science North Roadshow held at the Brewery was very well attended.

Clerk Administrator McArthur reported on current COVID protocols for the Village office after the province rescinded the provincial mask mandate. Office staff has been asked to continue with masking and physical distancing as before. Masking is not enforced for members of the public but the sign remains on the door asking those who enter to be masked. Public Works has been asked to continue wearing masks in vehicles for at least two more weeks.

Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Janet Wedseltoft left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

9. In Camera

1. Machar Shared Services

092-2022 Brandt/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 (and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

093-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:16 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

10. By-laws and Resolutions

1. Township of Woolwich – Mental Health Supports Resolution
2. Appoint MLEO Officer B. Bradford By-law 11-2022
3. Appoint CFO J. Wedseltoft By-law 12-2022

094-2022 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River supports the Township of Woolwich's resolution of March 7, 2022 requesting the Province of Ontario provide stable, reliable and predictable funding for mental health supports.

Carried

095-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

Appointment of Braden Bradford

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#11-2022, being a by-law

to appoint a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

096-2022 Sewell/Brandt

Appointment of Janet Wedseltoft

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#12-2022, being a by-law to appoint a Chief Financial Officer with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law

097-2022 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# 13-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 28th day of March 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

098 -2022 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, April 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: 8:19 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur , Clerk-Administrator