

Village of South River
Council Meeting – May 9, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday May 9, 2022. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell, Councilor Bill O’Hallarn (Virtual) and Councilor Brenda Scott (virtual). Councilor Teri Brandt was absent with notice.

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

Guests: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

1. Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30pm.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting – Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes

125-2022 O’Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on April 25, 2022 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. April 2022 Income Statement
2. April 2022 Cheque Register
3. MLEO Draft 2022 Budget

Discussion of Item 5.1.1 April 2022 Income Statement noted that Spartan hockey will no longer be using the arena facilities thus there may be an offset in operation costs associated with the arena. Council discussed the interaction with The Hockey Opportunity Camp raising concerns with the lack of organized programs for children in South River with the absences of the day camp for local youth at Hockey Opportunity Camp. Staff directed to encourage a volunteer run youth soccer program for the summer months.

Discussion of Item 5.1.2 April 2022 Cheque Register Staff noted that the internet within the Municipality Building, Public Works and arena facilities will be upgraded to a fiber platform. Council expressed concern over the budget in regards to the arena, as usage has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. Staff noted that the budget costs were based on 2019 usage levels to accurately determine future costs.

Regarding Item 5.1.3 MLEO Draft 2022 Budget Council discussed the primary costs of the budget. Staff notes that the draft budget is lower than previous due to less than a full year of staff. Further reductions are possible should a fourth community join in the shared service. Council discussed the possibility of holding a rabies clinic in the Village of South River.

126-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 through #3.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Watermain Pre-Construction Meeting Mar 22
2. Public Work Committee Meeting Minutes April 21, 2022
3. OCWA 2022 Q1 Operations Report

Discussion of Item 6.1.1 Watermain Pre-Construction Meeting March 2022 Council expressed concerns over the delays involved with the Watermain Construction and the overall communication involved with the project. Staff and Council are looking forward to the next construction meeting that should include a revised schedule. Council requested staff issue a public notice outlining the delays involved with the ongoing watermain construction.

Regarding Item 6.1.2 Public Work Committee Meeting Minutes April 21, 2022 Council noted that the construction of the salt shed at Public Works is coming along nicely and looks forward to its completion. Council agreed with the decision to delay the crosswalk installation on Eagle Lake Road.

Discussion of Item 6.1.3 OCWA 2022 Q1 Operations Report Council highlighted the need for a new chlorine analyzer as the free replacement was not operational.

127-2022 Scott/O'Hallarn

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

1. South River Machar Medical Centre April 19 Minutes

During the discussion of Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Medical Centre April 19 Minutes Council expressed concern about the lack of access to special laboratory and clinical testing. Noting that residents have to travel varying distances, which to some can be difficult, in addition to raising fuel prices. Council has requested that staff create a correspondence with the medical centre and Life Labs to discuss the return of service to the Village.

128-2022 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the village of South River does hereby accept the reports from Shared Services Staff and Committee #1.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. Joint Building Committee April 2022 Statistics and Financial Report

Regarding Item 6.3.1 Joint Building Committee April 2022 Statistics and Financial Report Council noted agrees that April had considerable activity and look forward to another strong construction season.

129-2022 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.

Carried

7. Correspondence

1. Almaguin Recycling Initiative – Hazmat Volunteers
2. Almaguin Hatchery – Notice
3. Blue Belt and Grand River Construction and Stewardship
4. Barrie-Joint and Several Liabilities
5. Natural Resources Canada – Clean Energy Fund Information Sheet
6. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Excess Soils Decision Letter
7. South River Friendly Circle – Financial Support
8. Women's Own Resource – Request for Funding

Regarding Item 7.1 Almaguin Recycling Initiative – Hazmat Volunteers: Council has made note of the need for volunteers and Staff in the Village of South River have been notified as per email request.

Regarding Item 7.2 Almaguin Hatchery – Notice: Council is happy with the work the Almaguin Hatchery is doing and noted their participation with Science North in South River in March.

Regarding Item 7.3 Blue Belt and Grand River Construction and Stewardship: Council agrees that the project is good for the province. Council noted that Muskoka and Georgian Bay conservators have programs similar to the Blue Belt and Grand River Construction and Stewardship.

Regarding Item 7.4 Barrie – Joint and Several Liabilities: Council encourages the development

in regards to the request for a plan of action.

Regarding Item 7.5 Natural Resources Canada – Clean Energy Fund Information Sheet: Council highlighted that exploring new opportunities as it pertains to clean energy is encouraged. Staff is directed to inquire about various avenues in regards to developing a clean energy project.

Regarding Item 7.6 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Excess Soils Decision Letter: Council had concerns over the stipulations and costs associated with excess soils in regards to minor construction projects.

Regarding Item 7.7 South River Friendly Circle – Financial Support: Council agreed to support the South River Friendly Circle as always.

Regarding Item 7.8 Women’s Own Resource – Request for Funding: Council agreed in principle to the request but asked to receive the formal grant documents and bring them back to Council.

130-2022 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #8.

Carried

8. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councilor Scott had concerns over the ownership of the ice skate sharpening equipment. Councilor Scott suggests that the building, informally known as The Visitor Information Centre, have a new name adopted.

Councilor O’Hallarn notes that Public Works did a great job putting the benches up in Thomson Park that were donated by Chalmers United Church.

Clerk-Administrator McArthur reported that the Village of South River has accepted the Canada Summer Jobs Grant that consists of one summer student position for the program. The student’s primary duties have to be in relation to outdoor maintenance and/or programs.

Clerk-Administrator McArthur further reported that the municipal building has contracted a local business for cleaning services.

Clerk-Administrator McArthur questioned whether one of the bleachers could be moved from the fairground to the skate park. Council expressed concerns over ownership and the need for more information.

Kristen Greig left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Rocco Frangione left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

9. In Camera- Machar Shared Services Personnel – Clerk-Administrator Employment Contract

131-2022 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 6:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

Sherri Hawthorne left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Janet Wedseltoft left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

132-2022 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:36 p.m. with Mayor Jim Colman as Chair.

Carried

10. By-laws and Resolutions -

1. By-law #20-2022 Advance Poll Dates
2. By-law #21-2022 Lakeland Energy Alternate Locate Agreement

133-2022 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#20-2022, being a by-law to set the Advanced Poll Dates for the 2022 Municipal Election with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

134-2022 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby enter into a contract with Lakeland Energy for Alternate Locate Services as outlined in Schedule A of By-law 21-2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #22-2022

135-2022 O'Hallarn/Scott

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 #22-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held the 9th day of May 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

136-2022 O'Hallarn/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 Tuesday May 24, 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: 7:38 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator