

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – November 14, 2022

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

**Staff in Attendance :** Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person  
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer– In Person  
Kristen Greig, Administrative Assistant – Virtual

**Guests:** Pearl Ivens

**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**

290-2022 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 October 24, 2022 as presented.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. October 2022 Income Statement
2. October 2022 Accounts Payable Ledger
3. Long-term Infrastructure Borrowing

During Discussion of Item 5.1.3 Long-term Infrastructure Borrowing Council discussed the comparison and anticipation of interest rates over an extended duration of time to impact the long term rates. Council noted the TD Bank option should move forward without limiting the option an Ontario Infrastructure application.

291-2022 O’Hallarn/Brandt

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

Carried

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

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

1. Christmas in the Village Dec 9
2. South River Asset Management Plan
3. Procedural By-law and Committee List
4. Federal Electoral Boundary Commission
5. Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes Nov 2 2022
6. Integrity Commissioner RFP Recommendation and ADR Proposal
7. OCWA Q3 Operations Report
8. MECP Drinking Water System Report Rating

During discussion of Item 6.1.1 Christmas in the Village Council noted that popcorn and hot chocolate would be the preferred choice for menu options and that the Horse and Carriage event has been confirmed for the Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> date. Council discussed the parameters of the event including duration, Covid-19 concerns and prospective turnout numbers. Council requests staff to create advertising for the Village website and social media page.

Discussion of Item 6.1.3 Procedural By-law and Committee List called attention to important implications that are to be changed and modified including the language used in the procedural by-law pertaining to the concept of joint meetings and committees. Council suggests that an emergency meeting section pertaining directly to the Council be added to the by-law; however an in-depth interpretation will be examined at a later date. It was noted that livestreaming meetings have become common among municipalities; Council proposes to incorporate the current video sharing link in the agenda that is posted on the website for residents beginning in 2023.

292-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct administration to update the Procedural By-law as directed and the appropriate by-law be brought forward for adoption.**

Carried

293-2022 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 #8 as presented.**

Carried

*Pearl Ivens leaves the meeting at 6:17 P.M*

### **6.2 Reports from Shared Services**

1. Shared Services Agreement and Ad Hoc Committee Draft Terms of Reference
2. South River Machar Public Library Minutes – October 12, 2022

During the discussion of Item 6.2.1 Shared Services Agreement and Ad Hoc Committee Draft Term of Reference Council referenced the importance of Joint Council meetings and noted the value of the use and tone of language used throughout the draft agreement.

294-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**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. Joint Building Committee October 20 Minutes and October Stats
2. ACED Minutes Sept 22, Directors Report and Almaguin Marketing Report
3. EMS Advisory Committee Minutes Oct 27 2022

295-2022 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support resolution 2022-038 of the Joint Building Committee for the Building Inspector wages.**

Carried

296-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees #1 to #3.**

Carried

### **7. Correspondence**

1. Ministry of Finance – 2023 OMPF Letter and 2023 Allocation
2. Minister Steve Clark – Building Homes Act and Background Brief
3. PARC – Explore South River APP Grant in Aid Application
4. Cassandra Cox – Poultry Regulating Bylaw
5. District of Parry Sound Municipal Association – Ward Appointments
6. Parry Sound EMS Appointment
7. Board of Health Appointment PS Northeast 2023-2026
8. Labor Market Group October Report and September Jobs Report
9. ACED Almaguin Regional Economic Development Gala Invite
10. ROMA Conference Jan 22-24 2023 Links

Regarding Item 7.3 PARC – Explore South River APP Grant in Aid Application: Council has requested to defer the request as part of Strategic Planning.

297-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #10.**

Carried

## **8. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)-**

Councilor Scott notes that the upcoming revenues for 2023 will need to be thoroughly examined by Council. Mayor Coleman agrees and states that there may be ways to generate income and provide better servicing including creating more agreements with neighboring municipalities for shared services. It is suggested that a further examination of prospective proposals should be discussed in the upcoming Strategic Plan Meeting.

The Council thanked Councilor Sewell for his many years of service to The Village of South River and wished him well on his future endeavors.

## **9. In Camera**

1. Fire and Arena Shared Services
2. Public Works Operator Hiring
3. Staff Christmas Appreciation

298-2022 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**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 (d) labor relations or employee negotiations and that this Council Proceed in Camera at 8:59 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

299-2022 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby extend the Council meeting until 10 PM.**

Carried

300-2022 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 9:35 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

301-2022 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Nathan Haynes to the position of Public Works Operator effective November 28, 2022.**

Carried

## **10. By-Laws and Resolutions –**

1. By-law 49-2022 Regulate the Keeping of Poultry and Livestock
2. By-law 50-2022 Asset Management Plan
3. By-law 51-2022 Outdoor ATV 281 Highway 124 Lease
4. By-law 52-2022 Fire and Arena Shared Services Agreement
5. By-law 53-2022 Appoint an Integrity Commissioner
6. By-law 54-2022 Appoint an External Auditor

302-2022 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 #49-2022, being a by-law to regulate the Keeping of Poultry and Livestock with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

303-2022 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 #50-2022, being a by-law to adopt an Asset Management Plan with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

304-2022 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 #51-2022, being a by-law to enter into a lease with Outdoor ATV for the facility at 281 Highway 124 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

305-2022 Scott/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 #52-2022, being a by-law to enter into a shared services agreement with the Township of Machar for Fire and Arena services with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

306-2022 Sewell/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 #53-2022, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with ADR Chambers for services as Integrity Commissioner with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

307-2022 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 #54-2022, being a by-law to enter into a services agreement with Grant Thornton for External Auditor services with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**11. Confirming By-law –** By-law #55-2022

308-2022 Scott/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 #55-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

309-2022 Scott/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 November 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: 9:45 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**