

Village of South River
Special Council Meeting – September 20, 2022

A special meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday September 20th, 2022. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy Mayor Doug Sewell, Councilor Bill O’Hallarn, Councilor Teri Brandt and Councilor Brenda Scott all in person.

Staff in Attendance : Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, CFO – In Person
Fire Chief Risto Maki – In Person

Guests: Rocco Frangione - Virtual

1. Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 6:00pm

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

3. Shared Services Fire and Arena

The meeting was called after receipt of an email from a representative of the Township of Machar indicating that the Township would not pay the 2021 Arena deficit. In 2021 the South River Machar Community Centre suffered a deficit, mostly due to Covid related closures of the arena and the main summer user, Hockey Opportunity Camp not being able to operate. Final statements were issued to The Township mid-August after delivery of the 2021 Audited Financial Statements. The Township has also not been paying full instalments towards the 2022 budgets for the fire department and the community centre, choosing their own numbers rather than the budgeted amounts. Repeated attempts to meet with and discuss these shared services at a joint council meeting have not been successful.

After much discussion, Council recommended that the Mayor send a letter to the Mayor and Council of the Township of Machar respectfully insisting on payment of the 2021 amount owed and for a Joint Council meeting to discuss the Fire and Arena Shared Services Agreements. Receipt of funds and scheduling of the meeting are required by October 17, 2022.

247-2022 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct that the Mayor send a letter to the Mayor and Council of the Township of Machar requesting clarification on their intent to pay for the shared services of Fire and Arena for 2021 and 2022

Carried

In Camera – Shared Services Fire and Arena

248-2022 Scott/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 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

249-2022 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:01 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #44-2022

250-2022 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 #44-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 20th day of September 2022 with the signatures of the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

251-2022 O'Hallarn/Brandt

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 September 26th, 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: 8:02 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator