

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – January 23, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday January 23rd, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councilor Robert Brooks, Councilor Teri Brandt and Councilor Brenda Scott (Virtual).

**Staff in Attendance:** Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person  
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer– In Person  
Janice Coombs, Accounts Clerk – In Person

**Guests:** Risto Maki, Fire Chief – In person  
Doug Sewell – In Person

1. **Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:36pm.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Mayor Jim Coleman presented Doug Sewell with a certificate for his years of service on Council from MP Scott Atchison.

**3. Delegation and Public Meeting**

With the permission of Council, Mayor Coleman moved up Item 6.2.1 to accommodate Fire Chief Maki.

**6.2 Reports from Shared Services**

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki January Report

During discussion of Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Fire Chief Maki January Report Council highlighted the exceptional fire and emergency response time and that the technology development for 9-1-1 dispatch with text ability may create challenges in the future in regards to budget and training.

*Fire Chief Risto Maki leaves meeting at 5:58 p.m.*

With the permission of Council, Mayor Coleman moved up Item 6.1.1 to accommodate Doug Sewell.

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

1. South River Strategic Plan

Council reviewed the updated draft plan in detail. Council plans to have a public meeting dated for Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Council directed staff to enquire regarding spaces for public meeting including the South River Brewery.

*Doug Sewell leaves meeting at 6:45 p.m.*

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

16-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on January 9, 2023 as presented.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. 2023 Rental Income 63 Marie St.

17-2023 O’Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase by 6.8%, the 2022 average annual CPI, the 2023 rent for the Central Almaguin Planning Board, Bell Canada, South River Power Generation Corporation and the South River Machar Union Public Library.**

Carried

18-2023 Brandt/Brooks

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

Carried

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

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

2. OCWA 2022 Q4 Report
3. MOECP Storm Water Environment Compliance Approval
4. Baker/Townsuite Software
5. NOHFC Community Enhancement Program

19-2023 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 #5 as presented.**

Carried

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

2. SRM Chief Arena Operator December Report
3. Machar Shared Services – Mayor Carleton Letter Jan 11, 2023
4. South River Machar Union Public Library Budget

Council discussed Mayor Carleton's letter at length and the implications of Machar not paying the 2022 Budgeted amounts. It was note that the deficit would just be that much larger if Machar's budgeted amount were used. Legal ramifications of failure to pay referred to in-camera discussion.

20-2023 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Machar Union Public Library 2023 Budget with a contribution of \$37,991.00 to be included in the South River 2023 Municipal Budget.**

Carried

21-2023 Brooks/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 #4.**

Carried

### **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

1. PSDSSAB January CAO Report
2. Joint Building Committee 2022 Report and Statistics

22-2023 Brooks/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 #2.**

## **7. By-Laws and Resolutions**

1. Support Municipality of Tweed – Natural Gas Pricing
2. Remembrance Day Road Closure
3. Les Mahon Memorial Donation
4. Part-time Arena Operator Appointment – Avery Coombs
5. Signing Authority Update

23-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Municipality of Tweed's resolution #723 for equitable natural gas pricing and this resolution be forwarded to the municipality of Tweed for inclusion in their submission to the Ontario Energy Board.**

Carried

24-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

**The Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the closure of Eagle Lake**

**Road from Alfred Street south to Ottawa Avenue and from Marie Street at Lily Street west to Eagle Lake Road for a period of seventy-five (75) minutes between 10:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon on November 11, 2023, November 11, 2024, November 11, 2025, and November 11, 2026 for the respectful observance of Remembrance Day and the safety of those participating in the service.**

Carried

25-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize a \$100 donation to the Almaguin Pet Rescue in memoriam of Les Mahon for his many years of dedicated service to the Village of South River.**

Carried

26-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the hiring committee and appoint Avery Coombs as the part-time Arena Operator.**

Carried

27-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby remove former Councilor Doug Sewell as an authorized signing officer for the Corporation of the Village of South River for legal documents and financial instruments with banking institutions.**

Carried

## **8. Correspondence**

1. Township of Puslinch – Bill 23
2. City of North Bay – Hazardous Waster
3. FONOM Conference Parry Sound
4. Royal Canadian Legion Br. 390 – Patio License
5. Labour Market Group Dec Report and Nov Jobs Report
6. AMO and AMCTO – Property Assessment Updates
7. Township of Ryerson – ACED Resolution
8. Sundridge – EMS Appointment
9. MOECP Updates to the Blue Box Transition Schedule
10. Magnetawan – Parry Sound Municipal Association Appointment

28-2023 Brooks/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve entry into the City of North Bay Hazardous Waste Program at a cost of \$1020. (\$2 per household) annually and the cost be included in the 2023 Municipal Budget.**

Carried

29-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby have no objection to an eight months temporary liquor patio license extension for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 390 provided the area is completely fenced and the sidewalk is not obstructed.**

Carried

30-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

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

Carried

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

Councilor O'Hallarn mentioned that the Foodbank is now established in the Employment North building on Ottawa Avenue, Foodbank staff indicated there is a 20% increase in people accessing support from the Foodbank.

Councilor Brandt stated that the New Adventures in Sound Art Grand Opening was a success and the programs offered by the group is worth checking out.

Councilor Scott complimented the Public Works department on a job well done regarding the snow plowing throughout the Village.

*Janice Coombs left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.*

**10. In Camera**

**From item 6.2.3 - Machar Shared Services**

31-2023 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 that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

32-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:50 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

**11. Confirming By-law –** By-law #07-2023

33-2023 Brooks/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 #07-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

34-2023 Brandt/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, February 13, 2023 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: 8:51 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**