



Village of South River
Wednesday February 21, 2024

Committee of the Whole Meeting South River Council Chambers

In attendance: Mayor Jim Coleman, Councilors Teri Brandt, Brenda Scott and Bill O'Hallarn in person, Councilor Robert Brooks virtually.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur and Fire Chief Risto Maki both in person.

Guests in person: Township of Machar Councilors Ron McLaren and Pearl Ivens.

Guests virtually: Mark Savill

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.
2. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest
3. Discussion ensued on the 2023 actuals and the 2024 South River Machar Fire Budget.

Fire Chief Maki discussed that there was still an outstanding 2023 invoice and two small receivables from the Province of Ontario. He then went through the budget line changes and answering questions as they came up.

The municipal contribution increase has been reduced to a 4.21% increase as requested.

It was noted that pavement at the Fire Hall was completed in 2023 and fully funded in 2023 and the 2023 surplus will be added to the Fire reserve making a net increase of \$27,000 bringing the reserve balance to \$194,000

Most of the discussion was on service levels, training, and services offered in the unincorporated territories.

4. Discussion ensued on the 2023 actuals 2023 South River Machar Arena Budget.

There were no changes to the 2023 actuals or 2024 Arena Budget presented.

Discussion ensued about the state of the arena parking lot and the budget contains no funds to address this. In the fall of 2023 prices were received from Canor construction for materials and grading but the cost was not considered good value. Discussion as to whether Machar would be willing to assist with their equipment and expertise to improve the parking lot on a cost recovery basis. The 2024 Summer Camp numbers were just received that afternoon from HOC and were shared. The cost is up from \$36,000 in 2019 to \$57,600 in 2024. The committee recommended going ahead with Summer Camp and adding to the budget the \$57,600 expense and \$57,600 in anticipated revenue. The base cost per child will be \$200 per week. Various marketing options including both municipal websites, local Facebook pages, and sending a message home with school kids.

Both budgets will be forwarded to the joint Council meeting for approval.

5. Adjournment

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee of the Whole of the Village of South River does hereby adjourn at 9:11 PM

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator