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## *What's Happening in South River During COVID-19?*

Be sure to check our website and Facebook for ongoing updates about COVID and how it is affecting our community.

The Municipal Office is currently closed to the public. However, we look forward to being able to see you again. Keep watching the website or Facebook for reopening details. In the meantime call the office to book an appointment if you need us in person. Council and staff will continue to monitor the situation in order to protect residents and staff.

Although the municipal office is not open to the public, you can still reach us by calling (705)386-2573. You can also make a payment using one of the following methods:

- **ONLINE:** this is the preferred method and can be completed with bank accounts from Kawartha Credit Union, Royal Bank, Scotia and TD. You must use a

separate payee for your taxes and water. When creating the payee, search "South River" and you must choose taxes or water accordingly. Your full roll number is the account number for both taxes and water. Please call if you need further assistance.

- **CHEQUE:** Make your cheque payable to the 'Village of South River' and mail it to the address above or place it in the drop box located at the front entrance of the municipal office.
- **CASH:** You can pay with cash only if you have the exact change **between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during regular business hours.** Place the payment in the drop box at the front entrance of the municipal office. **Do not pay with cash outside these times.**

## *What About Day Camp This Year?*

It is with great disappointment that we are unable to operate the South River - Machar Day Camp this year. There is no doubt this was the right decision in order to protect campers, camp staff and their families. We had some exciting new options planned for this season so be sure to check back with us next year.



## *Canada Day Celebrations Are Cancelled*



The South River Lions Club have been hosting Canada Day celebrations in our community for several years now. Unfortunately we will have to celebrate this holiday in our own special way this year as the public celebrations are cancelled.

Show your true Canadian spirit when celebrating this year, by remembering to practice physical distancing, stay home as much as possible and keep you and your family safe.

Many thanks to the Lions Club for their years of hard work and planning for past events; we hope your group

is able to enjoy the holiday this year with a little less work to do!

Please check the South River - Machar Fire Department website for up to date information about current fire ratings if your family plans include a campfire or fireworks.

**Municipal Office Summer Hours** are in effect until July 1st to September 15th: Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

While the office is not open to the public, these hours will affect your ability to contact us by phone or e-mail.

## How Can We Contact You

From time to time, we may need to contact you regarding items such as your water meter or an error on a cheque you have written for your tax or water payment, etc. In instances such as these, it is most efficient to reach you by telephone. When making your next payment or during your next call to the office, please confirm we have your current phone number on file. You can simply write your phone number on your payment stub before mailing it or dropping it in the drop box. Please make your best effort to update your phone number if you don't have a land line and use only a cell phone.

*It is your responsibility to **Call Before You Dig** when doing work on your property. Be sure to call 1-800-400-2255.*

## Be Bear Wise



Please remember to practice good 'Bear Wise' habits for us and the bears.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has lots of good information on their website regarding bears, be sure to visit [www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-](http://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise)

encounters-bear-wise. When bears pick up a scent with their keen noses, they will investigate it. If they find bird food, garbage or pet food they will return as long as the food source is available.

Here are a few reminders: put garbage out only on the morning of

garbage day, not the night before; put garbage in containers that have tight-fitting lids and store it in a bear-proof location such as your basement or a sturdy garage; spray garbage cans and lids with bleach or another strong disinfectant; do not leave pet food outdoors, in screened-in areas or porches.

Please **support local businesses** when you can. They support our community year round and now would be a great time to return the favour when you have the opportunity.



## More News And Business As Usual...

The next **Large Item Pick-up** is Monday, August 17th. You must register for this service no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 by calling the South River Municipal Office (705)386-2573.

Depending on the progress of COVID-19, the next **Hazmat Drop-off** is tentatively scheduled at the Strong Landfill site #1, 483 Forest Lake Road on Saturday, August 22nd. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please check online to confirm this service.

The **Community Garden** still has a few spaces available on a first come, first served basis. Please call the municipal office if you would like to use one.



**Statutory Holiday Hours:** Municipal staff will not be answering inquiries on Wednesday, July 1st and Monday, August 3rd.

**Final tax bills** will be sent out near the end of August.

Keep **all receipts** issued by the municipality. There is a fee of \$25 to provide duplicate copies.

Council has begun **budget** discussions and will continue during regular meetings of Council until the 2020 Budget is passed by Council.

We are pleased to **welcome** Joe Segato as our Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Business Development Intern.



Highlander Brewery in association with the Village of South River is excited to announce that we have been

able to obtain an **IVY electric car charging station** which has been installed at the brewery and will be operating shortly. The site will be named "Happy Landing".

The opening ceremony is planned for July 1, 2020 tentatively at 2 PM. Social distancing guidelines will apply.

This project has been made possible by AmbuEnergy, Hydro One and OPG.

## CodeRED

mass notification service is available to South River residents. Anyone who is not already signed up for this service is encouraged to visit the South River-Machar Fire Department website for information about how you can begin receiving important notices affecting our community. You can also sign up to be notified of unplanned adverse water conditions. You can choose the method in which you want to be notified and you can even download the app.