

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – September 14, 2020

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday September 14th, 2020. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Virtual) and Councilors Doug Sewell, Bill O’Hallarn, and Teri Brandt. Councilor Brenda Scott was absent with notice.

**Staff in Attendance :** Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator  
Sherri Hawthorne; Chief Financial Officer\Deputy Clerk  
Joe Segato, Business Development Intern

**1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:40 p.m.

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

**3. Public Meeting** –

1) The Re-zoning application was reviewed. The advertisement, as prepared by the planner, had been placed in the Almaguin News on August 20, 2020. No member of the public inquired, either in person or in writing, regarding the matter. The planner, Lanny Dennis (Wayne Simpson & Associates) provided comment that the property should have been zoned R2 at the time of construction in 2004. Council has voted to move ahead with the request.

196-2020 Brandt/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#29-2020, being a by-law to rezone 5 Mary St. from Rural Residential to Second Density Residential with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

2) The Community Improvement Plan of Bylaw 41-2019 did not allow for an improvement of an essential service to our economy like a sole grocery store. This amendment corrects that oversight and allows for property tax incentives for services that Council deems essential to the community. The advertisement, as prepared by the planner, had been placed in the Almaguin News on August 20, 2020. No member of the public inquired, either in person or in writing, negatively regarding the matter, although, Brian Edward sat in attendance and was in favor of the amendment.

197-2020 Brandt/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# 30-2020, being a by-law to amend the Community Improvement Plan By-law 41-2019 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

198-2020 Brant/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on August 10th, 2020 as presented.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

199-2020 Brandt/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the finance reports #1 to #3 as presented.**

Carried

**6. Reports from Municipal Staff/Committees**

200-2020 O’Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby enter into a Listing Agreement with Coldwell Banker for the building and property at 93 Ottawa Ave. until June 30th, 2021 with an asking price of \$165,000.**

Carried

201-2020 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the Joint Health and Safety Terms of Reference as presented by the Committee and attached herewith for signature by Mayor and Clerk-Administrator.**

Carried

202-2020 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to apply for the CTAF Technology Grant and the appropriate costs up to \$3000 be allocated in the 2021 Budget.**

Carried

203-2020 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff reports #1 to #4 as presented.**

Carried

### 6.2 Shared Services

204-2020 O'Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby set the Arena Rates for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 ice season as follows;**

Adult and Summer Ice	Hourly Rate	\$101.77 + 13.23 HST = \$115.00
Youth	Hourly Rate	\$92.92 + 12.08 HST = \$105.00
Ice Surface (ice out)	Daily	\$327.43 + 42.57 HST = \$370.00
Ice Surface (ice out)	Hourly	\$37.17 + 4.83 HST = \$42.00

**And that the non-prime ice rental category is eliminated.**

Carried

205-2020 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Shared Services department: Items #1 to 4.**

Carried

### 6.3 Regional Committees

206-2020 Sewell/Brandt

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

Carried

### 7. Correspondence

207-2020 Sewell/Brandt

**Whereas** the Council for the Village of South River understands the Federal priority of ensuring broadband access to 95% of all homes by 2026 & 100% of homes in 2030 and the Province of Ontario's priority of supporting infrastructure development projects through the recently announced Improving Connectivity in Ontario Program;

**Whereas** the Council for the Village of South River recognizes that there are homes and/or businesses in the municipality that do not have access to affordable, reliable and adequate broadband internet that meets national standard of at least 50mbps download and 10mbps upload;

**Whereas** the Council for the Village of South River acknowledges the availability of reliable broadband internet services to all residents and businesses throughout the municipality as critical to economic growth, social prosperity and community well-being; and

**Whereas** Council for the Village of South River acknowledges recent pressures imposed by the COVID-19 Pandemic on local governments to advocate for improved broadband service availability and improvement to support functions such as: working from home, e-learning from home, remote and virtual health care service delivery and increased demand for in-home entertainment; and

**Whereas** the Council for the Village of South River is aware of the development of a Muskoka –Parry Sound Riding Cooperative Broadband Initiative focused on developing a model for a collective, multi-regional strategy for creating and deploying broadband to all residents throughout both districts; and

**Whereas** the Council for the Village of South River recognizes that this initiative relies on the partnership efforts of all affected municipalities, the West Parry Sound SMART Community Network, Blue Sky Net, health agencies, education boards, DSSABs, economic development organizations and other supportive partners and/or agencies;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Council for the Village of South River hereby declares their support in principle for the Muskoka – Parry Sound Riding Cooperative Broadband Initiative to develop and implement a riding wide strategy to ensure the availability of reliable broadband services to all residents within the Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts.

Carried

208-2020 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #12.**

Carried

### **8. Council Roundtable**

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur addresses that it may be time for councilor revisit the procedural bylaw and propose some changes that would eliminate unnecessary contents of the bylaw. In addition, the clerk mentioned an RFP for water distribution engineering and that our garbage and recycling collection contract expires December 31, 2020.

Councilor Bill O’Hallarn stated that Chalmers United Church will be listed for sale.

Chief Financial Officer Sherri Hawthorne added that we’ve received the final report for Tom Thomson rejuvenation.

### **9. In Camera – CUPE Negotiations**

209-2020 Sewell/O’Hallarn

**Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. 2 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

210-2020 O’Hallarn/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:04 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

### **10. By-laws and Resolutions-**

211-2020 Brandt/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Andrew Cole to the South River Machar Fire Department.**

Carried

212-2020 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby release the \$324.91 raised by youth groups in 2004 for a Skateboard Park to the South River Lions for their fundraising to a new Skateboard Park.**

Carried

213-2020 Sewell/Brandt

**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# 31-2020, being a by-law to declare surplus the properties at 93 Ottawa Ave. 309 HWY 124, 281 HWY 124, and 68 Riverside Ave. with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

### **11. Confirming By-law**

214-2020 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#32-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of September 2020 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

215-2020 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 28, 2020 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: 8:14 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**