



January / February 2021

Emergency Preparedness

The recent power outage was a good opportunity to remind us of the importance of emergency preparedness.

Have you signed up for Code Red? You may want to use the link on the Fire Department's website www.srmfd.com to sign up or update your settings. You can choose to receive calls on your cell phone, text messages and e-mail notifications. You should also review and restock your emergency kit which can be used to sustain your household for a minimum 72 hours in the event of an emergency.

Remember to keep the vents in your house, utility meters, mail boxes and

walkways cleared of snow and well maintained for safety.

Properly working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are an essential safety feature in every home. Protect your family by ensuring your alarms are in proper working order.

The Village of South River is on Facebook. Be sure to visit us there so you can see current information and pass it along.

2021 Tax & Water DUE DATES

Interest is added monthly beginning on the first day of default. These dates are subject to change.

TAXES

Wednesday , March 31, 2021 Wednesday, June 30, 2021 Thursday, September 30, 2021 Tuesday November 30, 2021



WATER

Friday January 15, 2021 Monday, March 15, 2021 Monday May 17, 2021 Thursday, July 15, 2021 Wednesday September 15, 2021 Monday, November 15, 2021

Holiday Skating

Regretfully we are unable to offer free public skating times while under the restraints of the current pandemic. Many thanks to the local businesses who have sponsored ice time over the years, providing local families with a free and enjoyable opportunity to lace up their skates.



2021 Waste & Recycling Calendar

The 2021 Waste and Recycling Calendar is now available on our website or at the municipal office.

The calendar includes dates and information for other waste services such as seasonal compost and large item pickup services. Dates for 2021 hazmat drop-offs will be announced at a later date as the information becomes available.

Remember the bag limit is 2 per household/unit and to have your waste and recycling out to the curb no later than 8:00 a.m. each Friday for pick-up and leave it out until after 8 p.m.

Water Billing

The next annual increase in water rates of 6% will take effect January 1, 2021. This increase will be reflected on the bill processed at the end of February.

The Council and staff of the Village of South River extend their best wishes to you this holiday season.

Business As Usual

- Keep all of your receipts issued by the municipality. There is an administration fee of \$25.00 for providing duplicate copies.
- Christmas tree pick up will take place on Monday, January 4, 2021. To use this service, have your tree at the curb by 8 a.m.
- Interim tax bills will be mailed at Merry Christmas the end of February. The bill will be divided into 2 installments. If paying in person, bring your entire bill with you. We will stamp it as your receipt.



Municipal Office Holiday Hours

Thursday, December 24th 8:30am-12pm Friday, December 25th CLOSED Monday, December 28th CLOSED Tuesday, December 29th CLOSED Wednesday, December 30th CLOSED Thursday, December 31st CLOSED Friday, January 1st CLOSED



The office will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021 for regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please feel free to use the mail slot at the front entrance of the building. You can also make online payments while the office is closed.

On behalf of the South River Council I would like to wish all of the residents in our community a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday.

A special thank you to those who volunteer their time or make donations to those in need during this time of year, you make our community truly special. There are many groups in our community that benefit from the kindness of others such as the Lions Christmas Telethon, Good Happenings Foodbank, South River Public School Breakfast Programme, and Almaguin Highlands Secondary School Food Bank to name a few.

This year is a very unusual one for all of us as the entire world struggles with the COVID 19 Pandemic. We have been blessed in South River with no reported cases to date but things still continue to get worse in many areas of our province. Thank you for following the necessary precautions that have kept you, your family and others healthy in our small close community.

Please continue to use your mask, keep a safe distance, continue scrubbing and celebrate this wonderful season in your own home.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely Jim Coleman, Mayor

Snow Removal And Winter Parking

The Village of South River has a policy to define and explain snow clearing and ice control which is available for viewing on the municipal website under the 'Policy' tab or at the municipal office, please take time to read it.

- * Windrows of snow plowed across private approaches and/or walks and resulting from street plowing or sidewalk clearing shall not be removed by the municipality.
- * It is suggested to pile snow on the right side of your driveway (when facing the road) when

shoveling. This helps minimize the ridge of snow created by the snowplow at the end of your drivewav.

When you are shoveling or blowing snow, it's a good idea to make a plan. Push your snow banks back now to make room for the snow that will come later.

*It is illegal and unsafe to deposit snow or ice onto a roadway. DO NOT push snow across the road when shoveling your driveway. (Ontario Highway Traffic Act, Deposit of snow on roadway 18.1)

Remember no person shall park any vehicle on any highway under the jurisdiction of the Village between the hours of 12 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. from November 01 of each year to April 30 of the following year. Contravention of this section of the by-law may result in the vehicle being towed and impounded at the expense of the owner. Read the parking bylaw 34-2016 in full for more details. The by-law is available on our website or can be viewed at the municipal office during regular business hours. 673