

Village of South River
Council Meeting – September 23, 2019

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday September 23, 2019 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman and Councilors Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt, Bill O'Hallarn and Brenda Scott.

Staff in Attendance: Susan Arnold, Clerk Administrator
Don McArthur, Deputy Clerk
Sherri Hawthorne; Chief Financial Officer\Deputy Clerk
Janice Coombs, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30 p.m.

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

3. Guests – Malcolm Cockwell and Jamie Miller from Almaguin Forest Products
- Lanny Dennis, Planner with Wayne Simpson and Associates

Council members was given a tour of the Almaguin Forest Products sawmill as well as given some history of this business which had closed down in 2018. Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve acquired Almaguin Forest Products in February 2019.

Since February Haliburton Forest has invested substantial money into Almaguin Forest Products. Operations Started operating on July 6, 2019 and has been running daily since then, 14 people are employed full time, year round, with hopes of hiring a couple of more by next year. They are hopeful that the sawmill will be running at full efficiency by the end of September, they are expecting to invest further in equipment and buildings in the next two years.

Chips/sawdust/bark are sold for various purposes, so there is absolutely no waste.

Haliburton Forest was founded in 1962, first forest company to be certified as sustainable in Canada. They own private timberland in Haliburton, Muskoka and Timmins and also manage Crown forests mostly in Muskoka.

Haliburton Forest operates a multi-use business with equal revenue and equal staffing from the Tourism and Recreation division and the Forest Products division.

Council thanked Malcolm Cockwell and Jamie Miller for the tour and their time to help educate everyone on their business and plans. Council welcomed them to the community and wished them the best of luck with their business.

Jamie Miller and Malcolm Cockwell left the meeting at 5:50pm

Lanny Dennis from Wayne Simpson and Associates spoke with council in regards to the Community Improvement Plan. A simplified plan with incentives for businesses over a 3 year span, this being initiated by a building permit and the savings calculated on MPAC Assessment increases in the three full years following completed construction was recommended. The proposed savings for business would be 80% for the first year 40% for the second year and 20% for the third year. The savings are calculated on the increased assessment from the construction or improvements only.

Lanny Dennis left the meeting at 6:05 pm

4. Adoption of Minutes

223-2019 Sewell/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, September 9, 2019, as printed.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

224-2019 O'Hallarn/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the following reports:

- 1) Winter Maintenance Overtime Report, Nov. 2017 to April 2019
- 2) Employee Benefits – Mosey and Mosey Report

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal staff and/or Committees

225-2019 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby endorse and support the resolution of the Municipality of Bluewater calling upon the Province of Ontario, through its discussion paper entitled "*Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities*", to review and implement a deposit/return program for all single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario review current producer requirements and look for extended producer responsibility for all packaging;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Carried

226-2019 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees: Items #1 to #4.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Joint Committees

227-2019 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Michael Bechard as a volunteer Fire Prevention Officer to the South River – Machar Fire Department.

Carried

228-2019 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the draft Joint Committee minutes and reports: Agenda Items #1 and #2.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

229-2019 Sewell/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Report Item #1.

Carried

7. Correspondence

230-2019 Brandt/Sewell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #3.

Carried

8. Roundtable

Council members will attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting on September 27, 2019.

9. In Camera – Nil

10. By-laws – Nil

11. Confirming By-law

231-2019 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#30-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23rd day of September, 2019 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

232-2019 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby adjourn to meet again as the South River Council on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 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: 8:06 p.m.

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Deputy -Clerk