

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – March 23, 2020

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday March 23, 2020 Electronically from home for health and Safety reasons. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman and Councilors Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt, Brenda Scott and Bill O'Hallarn.

**Staff in Attendance :** Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator (present in Council Chambers)  
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 6:10 p.m.

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

3. **Covid-19 update** – No cases in our community. North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit has 6 confirmed cases. Council has recommended a State of Emergency within the Village of South River be declared by the Mayor in the coming week.

**4. By-law 12-2020**

71-2020 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**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# 12-2020, being a procedural by-law amendment to permit electronic meetings during emergencies under Bill 187 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**5. By-law 13-2020**

72-2020 Scott/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time and finally pass By-law# 13-2020, being a by-law to adopt Emergency Plan 20202 and all previous emergency plans be rescinded in its entirety with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**6. Adoption of Minutes**

73-2020 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on March 9th, 2020 as presented.**

Carried

7. **Accounts and Finance – Nil**

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

74-2020 Scott/Brandt

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

Carried

75-2020 Sewell/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Public Works report.**

Carried

**8.2. Reports from Joint Committees**

76-2020 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Joint Committees: Item # 1 to 2.**

Carried

**8.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

77-2020 O'Hallarn/Scott

**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

**9. Correspondence**

78-2020 Scott/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #4.**

Carried

**10. Roundtable**

Mayor Coleman is quite concerned that this Covid-19 will get much worse before it gets better, we need to do our best to support our neighbors and community.

Councillor Brandt feels that we need to defer interest on water and tax accounts until this pandemic is over.

Councillor Scott would like to see the tax due dates change to April 30<sup>th</sup> from March 31, and June 30 to July 31. Everyone agreed.

Councillor O’Hallarn feels we need to stay in touch with our neighbor Machar Township in regards to their procedures as well during this pandemic.

Clerk-Administrator reported that the administration staff are working from home, 1 administration staff is in the office each week, and it will be rotated to protect everyone.

Public works is working pairs and not sharing equipment or vehicles and practicing social distancing.

Arena staff are working on various projects within the arena, and working alone for safety reasons.

The safety of staff is very important, and if any staff requires off at this time it is being granted.

Janice Coombs left meeting at 7:30pm

**11. In Camera**

79-2020 Scott/O’Hallarn

**Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. 2 (a) security of the property and (c) personal matter about an identifiable individual and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing those issues.**

Carried

80-2020 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:40p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

**12. Confirming By-Law**

81-2020 Scott/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 Tuesday, April 14, 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: 8:53 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**