

**JOINT COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE OF SOUTH RIVER – TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
6:30PM Wednesday November 20, 2024**

In attendance for Machar: Mayor Lynda Carleton, Councillors Neil Scarlett, Pearl Ivens, and Ron McLaren, Councillor Blair Flowers absent with notice. Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Angela Loney.

In attendance for South River: Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillors Bill O’Hallarn and Brenda Scott in person. Councillors Teri Brandt and Robert Brooks attended via remote livestream. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur and Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft were also in attendance.

Also in attendance for both communities was Fire Chief Risto Maki.

1. Call to Order as the Joint Council of the Township of Machar and Village of South River

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Village of South River acknowledges the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties on the land of the Anishinabek that we meet today. We seek to work respectfully with Indigenous people, and are thankful for their teachings and stewardship of the land.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof - nil.

4. South River Machar Community Centre Joint Services Agreement

The new South River Machar Community Centre Joint Services Agreement had been previously reviewed by both Councils and the suggested changes had been incorporated. There were no further changes suggested.

The recording secretary for the committees will be hired again as they were in the past.

The document is to be sent back to each Council to be passed by By-law.

5. South River Machar Fire Joint Services Agreement

The new South River Machar Fire Joint Services Agreement had been previously reviewed by both Councils and the suggested changes had been incorporated. There were no further changes suggested. The document is to be sent back to each Council to be passed by By-law.

6. South River Machar Community Risk Assessment – Fire Chief Maki

Fire Chief Maki went through the Community Risk Assessment in summary form for each section. The document is updated from 2022 and will inform the next Establishing and Regulating By-law for each community. There was considerable discussion about the document but no changes were proposed. The Fire Chief was commended for the thoroughness of the document.

7. South River Machar Fire NG-911 Update – Fire Chief Maki

Fire Chief Maki updated Councils on the NG9-1-1 project, particularly the large amount of staff time dedicated to the project. The unique nature of the South River Machar Fire Department dispatch means there is no other system like it in Ontario. Equipment delays are ongoing and may cause the March 2025 deadline to be missed. Everything is being done to meet the deadline but the equipment should be in testing phase at this point but hasn’t been delivered yet. Many other dispatches in Ontario are experiencing similar to worse delays. To date the project is on budget.

8. South River Machar Community Centre Upgrade Project – Update

The tender results and the additional cost of up to \$222,000 had been discussed at each Council previously. Both Councils agreed that cost savings should continue to be looked for but the best course of action was to move forward as quickly as possible to minimize interruption to user groups.

ADJOURN

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THAT we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Nov 25, 2024. CARRIED

Mayor Lynda Carleton

Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney