

Village of South River
Council Meeting – August 26, 2025

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday August 26, 2025. A quorum was present. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, and Councillor Robert Brooks. Absent with notice: Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillor Brenda Scott

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Candice Robertson, Administrative Assistance – In Person

Guests: Dave Turkington – Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn started council with a moment of silence to remember Tyson Whitehead.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting –

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council July 22, 2025

Adoption of Minutes was deferred to next meeting.

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Administrative Monetary Penalties Draft By-law and Policies

Council reviewed the Administrative Monetary Penalties System and compared to the current process when issuing fines for by-law offences. This is a system that the previous Municipal Law Enforcement Officer had also suggested to the Village and is used widely across the province by multiple municipalities. Dave Turkington Municipal Law Enforcement Officer explained to Council how the AMPS system works and the advantages compared to the present system when tickets are issued and need to be filed at the Parry Sound Court. Council asked about unpaid penalties and Dave Turkington replied that if they are resident the fine can be added to the roll number and be added to the property taxes and non-residents would be sent a letter and sent to a collection agency if still unpaid. Council agreed that the Administrative Monetary Penalties system is a better process.

235-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct administration to bring forward an Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law and associated Policies for the next Council meeting.

Carried

Dave Turkington leaves the meeting at 2:30pm

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports -

1. July 2025 Income Statement and Machine Time
2. July 2025 Cheque EFT and Online Payments

236-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #2.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

2. Public Works Committee Minutes August 13 2025
3. OCWA 2025 Q2 Operations Report
4. Surplus Property 281 Hwy 124
5. Train Station Committee Minutes July 17 2025

In regard to 6.1.2 Council reviewed the Public Works Committee Minutes discussing the removal of the invasive plant species Japanese Knotwood. The recommended way to remove the invasive plant is manual spraying with an herbicide. A licensed contractor is required. Staff is reaching out to get a quote to for the affected area areas in the Village. In addition Englobe did a study of the paving on Marie St and it is wearing normally. Council also discussed the water intake inspection report. The report shows everything is fine with the intake and no further maintenance is required at this time.

In regard to 6.1.5 Council discussed the Train Station Committee minutes noting the Grand opening was successful and sold several t-shirts. They continued to clean out the back room and the bench still needs to be brought over to the train station. The also discussed plans for the Commerce of Chambers meeting September 8th being held at the train station.

237-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct staff to obtain an updated appraisal for the entirety and half of 281 HWY 124 and once Council has set a price list the property for sale with a real estate agent.

Carried

238-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee report #1 to #5 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. SRM Fire Chief Report August 2025
2. SRM Library Board Meeting Minutes July 17, 2025
3. SRM Chief Community Centre Operator Report July 2025
4. SRM Medical Centre July 15, 2025 Minutes

In regard to item 6.2.2 Council reviewed the minutes from the Library board meeting and the request to host a Halloween event September 19th.

In regard to 6.2.4 Council reviewed the minutes from the South River Machar Medical Centre noting that Nick Loney will temporarily fill the maintenance position until they hire a new maintenance person. The Medical Centre is still looking for a cleaner to clean the office and common areas nightly, and the electronic medical records is moving forward and expected to roll out in January.

239-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the reports from Shared Services Staff and Committees #1 to #4.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. ACED Minutes June 26, 2025 and July 2025 Directors Report
2. Joint Building Committee July 2025 Statistics
3. CAPB Minutes Mar 5, Apr 2, Apr 30, and June 4

240-2025 Brooks/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. By-Laws and Resolutions –

1. Resolution –Support Town of Aylmer -Increase Income Support for Canadian Veterans
2. Resolution – Accept the 2024 Financial Statements from Pahapill and Associates
3. By-law 33-2025 – Explorers Edge Memo of Understanding –Signage Project

241-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby Support the Town of Aylmer’s July 10th resolution calling on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household for Canadian Veterans.

Carried

242-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the Village of South River Consolidated financial statements, the South River Machar Arena financial statements, the South River Machar Fire Department financial statements and the Trust Funds financial statements for 2024 as presented by Pahapill and Associates on July 22, 2025.

Carried

243-2025 Brooks/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# 33-2025, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Explorers Edge for a signage project with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. Trout Creek Lions - ATV Poker Run.
2. Parry Sound District Age Friendly Community Needs Assessment Report
3. Labour Market Group June and July Reports
4. A Jefford - Economic Prosperity
5. J. Peever - The SPACE Upstairs Dance Program
6. Township of Armour - Family Health Teams
7. Village of Burks Falls - Battery Energy Storage Systems
8. City of North Bay - NORDS Pilot Program Permanent Funding
9. Alzheimer Society of Muskoka - World Alzheimer’s Month
10. South Huron and Glengarry - Producer Responsibility for Blue Boxes
11. St. Catharines - AMO re. Elect Respect Pledge
12. West Nipissing - Moratorium on Aerial Spraying
13. City of Mississauga - Exotic (Wild) Animals
14. Municipality of Tweed - Premier Ford Proposals Follow-up
15. MECP - Storm Water Environmental Reporting Changes
16. AHCC Aug 2025 Newsletter and July 3 Minutes
17. Town of Blue Mountain - Oppose TC Energy Pumped Storage
18. DPSMA Agenda - Fall 2025
19. Near North Snowdrifters - Golf Tournament
20. SRM Library Request - Sept 19
21. Good Happenings Food Bank Invitation

In regard to 8.8, 8.10, and 8.20 Council would like to show support.

244-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support sending the following: Mayor, Council, and Clerk Administrator to the Parry Sound District Fall Meeting and expenses be paid as per Village policy.

Carried

245-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #21.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Robert Brooks inquired about an update in regard to the Tebby Park upgrade. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur responded the group that came forward with the request was not raising funds at this time for the project. Councilor Teri Brandt suggested a plan be developed to upgrade the park as it is used frequently by the community.

Councilor Brooks also asked for an update on the status of the old Brewery location. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur responded there is a new marketing package being put together by the realtor, our Economic Development Intern and ACED. There are still people and businesses inquiring and interested. Councilor Teri Brandt asked is we should look into using the space as rental space for events.

Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn noted there is still the issue with the dirt bikes in town. They are driving dangerously and we don’t want to see anyone get hurt.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 4:27pm

10. In Camera – Water Treatment Plant Negotiations Update

246-2025 Brandt/Brooks

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:27p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

247-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 4:54pm with Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #34-2025

248-2025 Brandt/Brooks

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# 34-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 26th day of August 2025 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

249-2025 Brooks/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, September 9th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the South River Council Chambers located at 63 Marie Street or at the call of the Mayor. Time of Adjournment: 4:59p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator