

Village of South River
Council Meeting – February 10, 2026

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday February 10, 2026. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, and Councillor Robert Brooks (Virtually). Absent with notice Councillor Brenda Scott

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In person
Candice Robertson, Administrative Assistance – In Person

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 2:06 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.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting –

4. Adoption of Minutes – Special Council January 22, Council January 27, and Committee of the Whole January 28, 2026

34-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings January 22nd, and January 27th, and Committee of the Whole Meeting January 28th 2026 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports -

1. January 2026 Income Statement and Machine Time
2. January 2026 Cheque EFT and Online Payments
3. OPP 2026 Costs
4. South River Reserves

In regard to 5.1.4 Council reviewed and discussed in detail the South River reserves statement that was requested at the previous Council meeting.

35-2026 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize payment of the 2026 OPP costs of \$282,349 an 11% increase over 2025 and the amounts be included in the 2026 Budget.

Carried

36-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #4.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Explore South River App
2. Radiator/Generator

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the request for the Village of South River to assume management over the Explore South River App and website. Council discussed how this can benefit the Village and promote tourism in the Village with minimal financial impact.

In regard to 6.1.2 Council discussed the replacement of the radiator for the generator for the Water Treatment Plant vs the cost to buy a new generator. Discussing the age of the generator and the number of hours on it.

35-2026 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the Economic Development department taking on the administration of the Explore South River app and website.

Carried

36-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the upgrade to the water treatment plant generator at a cost \$14,864.00 plus HST

Carried

37-2026 Brooks/Brandt

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services – Nil

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. NBMCA Notice of Source Protection Plan Updates
2. Joint Building Committee January 2026 Statistics
3. Emergency Management Program CEMC Remuneration
4. Emergency Management Program January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes – Draft
5. 2026 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Levy

In regard to 6.3.1 Council discussed the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority notice of source protection plan update and the changes that would affect the Village of South River. The North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority are accepting feedback to the new policy until March 1 2026.

In regard to 6.3.3

38-2026 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize payment of the 2026 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Levy in the amount of \$38,354 be included in the 2026 Budget.

Carried

39-2026 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1 to #5.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions –

1. Resolution Support - Village of Sundridge - Canada Post re: Library Books
2. Resolution – 2026 Joint Building Committee Budget
3. Resolution - 2026 Parry Sound DSSAB Levy
4. By-law-12-2026 Eagle Lake Resort Summer Day Camp Agreement

40-2026 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Village of Sundridge Resolution # 2026-003 urging the government to ensure that Canada Post continues to provide a library postal rate so that library services remain accessible for all of Canada through interlibrary loans and this resolution be circulated to MP Scott Aitchison, the Honourable Joël Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement and the Village of Sundridge.

Carried

41-2026 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the proposed 2026 Joint Building Committee budget in the amount of \$365,700.

Carried

42-2026 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize payment of the 2026 Parry Sound District Social Services levy in the amount of \$37,023 be included in the 2026 Budget.

Carried

43-2026 Scott/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 #12-2026, being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Administrator to enter into an agreement with Eagle Lake Resorts for summer day camp services the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. Good Happenings Food Bank - Thank You
2. Shock Rodz Car Club - Request July Tom Thomson Events
3. Michel D'Amours - Return of Ontario Northland Railroad
4. Explorers Edge January Newsletter
5. AHCC February 2026 Newsletter
6. Labour Market January 2026 - December 2025 Jobs Report
7. Village of Sundridge - Resolution Road Salt Reduction
8. Village of Sundridge - Resolution JBC 2026 Budget Approval
9. Village of Sundridge - Resolution CEMC Remuneration
10. Algonquin Disc Golf Club - Tournaments May 14, 16 and 17, 2026
11. Town of Fort Frances - Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program
12. Municipality of Markstay-Warren - Sudbury LifeLabs Closure

Council defers 8.7

Council supports 8.12

45-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the use of Tom Thomson Park by the Shock Rodz Car Club for their weekly meet and greet on Thursday's July 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th.

Carried

46-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the use of Tom Thomson Park by the Algonquin Disc Golf Club for tournaments on May 14th, 16th, and 17th.

Carried

49-2026 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #12.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Robert Brooks noted the City of Brampton increasing property tax by 1% to fund the refurbishment project of the old hospital. Additional Councilor Brooks added the North Bay casino generated \$3 million in revenue into the City of North Bay.

Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn mentioned he attended the announcement in North Bay for the \$100 Million in track repair and new stations being put in for the Northlander return. The ONR is very ambitious and hope for the train to be running this summer. Deputy Mayor O'Hallarn added the ONR appreciated all the feedback it was receiving from the municipalities. Mayor Jim Coleman added the more we can market it the more we can get people to use the train when it returns. Suggesting advertising in Toronto and other areas packages to draw people to using the train and coming to the Village of South River. Councillor Brandt noted that Explores Edge has a marketing arm with the ONR and can put packages together. Making the example to highlight the car show and package with an Airbnb. Deputy Mayor O'Hallarn said the ONR still have not set ticket prices for the train and the price will be a very important factor on if people use the train.

Mayor Jim Colman wanted to note that Public Works is doing a great job with keeping up with the snow.

Clerk Administrator advised Council that the last couple weekends we have had some frozen service water lines. If anyone has discoloured water to let the Village know immediately as it can be sign of imminent freezing.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 3:48pm

10. In Camera –

1. Economic Development Position
2. Municipal Office Cleaning
3. 281 HWY 124 Sale of Property

50-2026 O'Hallarn/ Scott

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (b) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipal or local board purposes and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and that this Council proceed in Camera at 3:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

51-2026 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 4:37pm with Mayor Jum Coleman as Chair.

Carried

52-2026 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a letter of understanding with CUPE Local 4616-03 for the position of Economic Development Officer with a February 23, 2026 start date.

Carried

53-2026 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a letter of understanding with CUPE Local 4616-03 for cleaning at the Municipal Office by the Accounts Clerk – Assistant Finance Officer to start as soon as possible.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law –

By-law #13-2026

54-2026 O'Hallarn/Scott

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# 13-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of February 2026 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

55-2026 Scott/O'Hallarn

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, February 24th, 2026 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: 4:44 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator