

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Jan 14, 2025

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday January 14, 2025. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in-person in Council Chambers), Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Robert Brooks, Councillor Teri Brandt, and Councillor Brenda Scott.

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

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council Tuesday December 10, 2024

1-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting December 10th, 2024 as presented

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. December 2024 Income Statement
2. December 2024 Cheque Register
3. Pahapill Audit Planning and Engagement Letter
4. 2025 Fire, Community Centre and MLEO Budget Schedule

2-2025 Brandt/ Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the letters of direction for the 2024 2024 Audit by Pahapill CPA.

Carried

3-2025 Brandt/O’Hallarn

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. Public Works Committee Minutes December 17, 2024
2. North Bay Hazardous Waste Program
3. Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision 37 Ottawa Ave.
4. Declaration of Surplus Property 17 Main St, PLAN 48 LOT 10
5. EMPC Meeting Minutes - Nov 21 2024
6. Association of Municipalities of Ontario Invoice
7. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Invoice
8. Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario Invoice

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes, reviewing the recommendation OCWA for major maintenance at the water treatment plant. Council also discussed the recommendation of water rates to increase by 10%.

In regard to 6.1.2 Council discussed the North Bay Hazardous Waste Program. Council suggested that this service needs to be better known to the public. Council suggested having the program mentioned on all the Ripples as well as posts on social media.

In regard to 6.1.4 Council discussed the declaration of surplus property for 17 Main St. Council agrees with declaring 17 Main St as surplus property and be publicly posted for sale.

4-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Public Works Committee recommendation that the 2025 budget include \$57,800 in major maintenance for the Water Treatment Plant and Distribution.

Carried

5-2025 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve South River's participation in the 2025 North Bay Hazardous Waste Program at a cost of \$2040.

Carried

6-2025 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the application to the Central Almaguin Planning Board for 37 Ottawa Ave, Roll Number 4956-000-001-17200 for a plan of subdivision as outlined in Lanny Dennis MCIP, RPP Report dated Jan 8, 2025.

Carried

7-2025 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby declare the property 17 Main St, PLAN 48 LOT 10 surplus in accordance with the Disposition of Land Policy.

Carried

8-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the payment of the annual dues for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario.

Carried

9-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #8 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Fire Chief Report December 2024
2. South River Machar Community Centre Chief Operator Report November 2024
3. Joly Township - South River Machar Draft Fire Agreement 2025-2027

In regard to 6.2.2 Council reviewed the South River Machar Community Centre Chief Operator Report. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur added that the elevator has now been repaired at the South River Machar Arena. The engineer from the manufacturer reprogrammed the elevator and is now functioning correctly.

In regard to 6.2.3 Council discussed the Joly Township – South River Machar Draft Fire Agreement. Noting it will be another 3 year agreement similar to the previous agreement.

10-2025 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct that a By-law be brought forward accepting the terms of the Joly Township Fire Agreement for 2025-2027 as presented.

Carried

11-2025 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 #3.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. PSDSSAB December CAO Report
2. Joint Building Committee Statistics December 2024
3. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit 2025 Levy
4. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Source Water Protection Update

In regard to 6.3.2 Council discussed that the housing in Powassan still has vacant apartments. There are 5 one bedroom units and 2 studio units at market value available. In efforts to fill the remaining units the PSDSSAB is lifting the age restriction and making them available to everyone.

In regard to 6.3.4 Council reviewed the Environmental Management of Road Salt. This program requires municipalities to have a program in place for the application of road salt in areas that affect waterways.

12-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the payment of North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit 2025 levy in the amount of \$36,913.

Carried

13-2025 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 #4.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution – 2025 Water Rates Schedules A and B
2. Bylaw 1-2025 - Borrowing
3. By-law 2-2025 Interim Tax Levy
4. By-law 3-2025 Appoint Deputy Chief Building Official
5. By-law 4-2025 Fire Protection Grant Transfer Payment Agreement
6. By-law 5-2025 Venasse Building Group Arena Upgrade Contract
7. By-law 6- 2025 NG911 Phase 3 Transfer Payment Agreement
8. Resolution - Sale of Property 17 Main St, PLAN 48 LOT 10

14-2025 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Public Works Committee recommendation that the 2025 Schedule A and B Water Rates be increased by 10% as per the attached.

Carried

15-2025 Brandt/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 #1-2025, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

16-2025 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 #2-2025, being a by-law to authorize the 2025 Interim Tax Levy with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

17-2025 O'Hallarn/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 #3-2025, being a by-law to appoint Yves Savage Deputy Chief Building Official with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

18-2025 Brooks/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 #4-2025, being a by-law to enter into a Fire Protection Grant Transfer Payment Agreement with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

19-2025 Scott/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 #5-2025, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Venasse Building Group for arena upgrades with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

20-2025 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 #6-2025, being a by-law to enter into a NG911 Phase 3 Transfer Payment Agreement with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

21-2025 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Administrator to accept the offer of T. Short for the sale of the property at 17 Main St, PLAN 48 LOT 10 in accordance with the Disposition of Land Policy at a price of \$35,000.

Defeated

8. Correspondence

1. Almaguin Highlands OPP Board Update
2. NAISA - Deep Wave Invitation and Press Release
3. FONOM - Financial Sustainability in Child Welfare.
4. MMAH Minister Calandra - Closing Encampment Funding
5. MMAH Minister Calandra - Code of Conduct
6. NOW Caucus - M Mantha Resignation
7. Labour Market Group December Report and November Jobs
8. AHHC Draft Minutes and Funding options December 5 2024
9. Choral Society - Thank You
10. Alzheimer Society - Descriptions for Education Sessions
11. AMO - Ontario's Homelessness Crisis
12. Bradford West Gwillimbury - Ontario Deposit Return Program
13. City of Toronto - Plasma and Blood Donations
14. City of Woodstock - Children's Aid Society
15. Planet Youth Nipissing - Survey Results
16. Emergency Management Ontario - Proposed Amendments to Modernize the EMCPA
17. Town of Kearney - Cost Recovery AHHC
18. Town of Kearney - Planning Act Changes
19. Town of Kincardine - Property Taxation Implications

22-2025 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #19.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Mayor Jim Coleman asked about the progress with the letter regarding Camp DARE. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur replied he has been in touch with Minister Smith's office with background information and requesting a meeting on site.

Councillor Robert Brooks inquired about the Tom Thomson trail in the park being cleared regularly. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur replied it is part of the regular snow removal when Public Works is clearing the sidewalks.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur let Council know they he had received the OPP bill with the 2025 Adjustment and the increase was 8.5%. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur also mentioned that LAS (part of AMO) is investigating service boards to deliver water and wastewater services jointly across several municipalities.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 4:33 PM

10. In Camera –

1. CUPE Bargaining 2025

23-2025 O'Hallarn/Scott

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 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:34pm for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

24-2025 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:22pm with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #7-2025

25-2025 Brooks/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# 7-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of January 2025 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

26-2025 O'Hallarn/Brooks

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, January 28th, 2024 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: 5:23 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator