

Village of South River
Council Meeting – June 23, 2026

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday June 23, 2026. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillor Teri Brandt, Councillor Brenda Scott, and Councillor Robert Brooks. Absent with Notice Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn.

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In person
Candice Robertson, Administrative Assistance – In Person
Tanvir Kabir, Economic Development Officer/Recreation Director – In Person

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman 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.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting – Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council Meeting June 9, 2026

230-2026 Brant/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting June 9th as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports –

1. 2026 Municipal Budget
2. 2025 O Reg Report 284-09 Capital Financing

Council reviewed the proposed municipal budget and O Reg report and recommended both come forward for the next meeting of Council.

231-2026 Scott/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 –

1. Economic Development Report June 2026 and Dark Sky Park Application

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the Economic Development Report discussing the Star Gazing event, signage projects and Business Networking.

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

3. South River Machar Recreation Director Report June 2026

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the South River Machar Recreation report. Discussing summer camp registration, the dance program ending, soccer starting up and having a point-of-sale system put into the snack bar at the arena.

Economic Development Officer left meeting at 3:08pm

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

2. Public Works Committee Minutes June 16, 2026
3. Notice Zoning Bylaw Amendment Public Meeting July 14, 2026
4. Renovations 309 HWY 124 -Update
5. Cemetery Solar Light Report

In regard to 6.1.2 Council reviewed the Public Works minutes discussing potholes filled in the Village, the Japanese Knotweed was sprayed, getting a new ¾ ton pickup truck and the value of continuing to maintain the 2015 pickup.

In regard to 6.1.5 Council discussed appropriate displays in the cemetery.

232-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Rasc Urban Star Park Application as presented.

233-2026 Scott/Brandt

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. South River Machar Fire Chief Report for June 2026
2. South River Machar Community Centre Chief Operator Report May 2026
3. South River Machar Recreation Director Report June 2026

234-2026 Brooks/Scott

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 as presented.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. PSDSSAB June CAO Report

235-2026 Scott/Brooks

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

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions –

1. Resolution – Support FONOM - Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant
2. Resolution – Support Northern Policy Institute - Fringe Populations
3. Resolution – Support Township of Armour - Rest Stops Highways 11 and 17
4. Resolution – Support Town of Iroquois - Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements

236-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) in their call for a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant over three years to support 157 Northern

Ontario municipalities and further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

237-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Fiscal Impact of Municipal “Fringe Populations” in Northern Ontario as prepared by the Northern Policy Institute and encourage all Members of Provincial Parliament to read it and act on the inequities that result from unincorporated municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

238-2026 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of Armour Resolution # 2026-158 requesting the Province provide infrastructure include year-round washrooms, safe parking areas, commercial truck parking, warming shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, fuel access, tourism information, and improved emergency communication services where feasible along Highways 11 and 17 and copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Township of Armour.

Carried

239-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Town of Iroquois Falls requesting the Province provide relief regarding the implementation of Ontario Regulation 343/22 (Firefighter Certification) and the impact these requirements will have on volunteer fire departments, particularly in rural and northern communities.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. South River Lions - Canada Day Invitation
2. Village of Sundridge - Support South River OTIF Rideshare Application
3. Town of Halton Hills – Invasive Plant Species
4. Explorers Edge June Newsletter
5. Municipality of Wawa - Finlay's Law - ER Wait Times
6. Town of Plympton-Wyoming Letter to Minister Flack
7. MTO Notice Redesign Hwy 69

Council would like to support 8.3, 8.5 and 8.6

240-2026 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #7.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Scott shared Algonquin Wilderness Centre (Voyageur Quest) are operating the access point entrance to Algonquin Park at Round Lake.

Councillor Brooks asked about the development in Laurier. Councillor Brandt replied a private developer would like to develop the property for tourism. Councillor Brooks also inquired about the concrete property on Tom Thomson Lane and when the building was being taken down and cleaned up.

Mayor Coleman – Shared he stopped in at the South River Machar Arena and it looks great, the ice is being put back in for the summer.

Candice Robertson left the meeting at 4:28pm

10. In Camera –

1. Cemetery Plot Buyback

241-2026 Brooks/Brandt

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239(c) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

242-2026 Brandt/Brooks

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

Carried

243-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to purchase back lot New-H-1-D at the current value and extend the Village’s appreciation to the Wager family.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #38-2026

244-2026 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# 38-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23rd day of June 2026 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

245-2026

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, July 14th, 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: 4:38 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator