

Village of South River
Council Meeting – May 27, 2025

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday May 27, 2025. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, and Councillor Robert Brooks (virtually). Absent- Councillor Brenda Scott.

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In person
Janice Coombs, Accounts Payable – In Person

Guests: Donald Bruce, Rory Coffey

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 2:00p.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 –

1. Donald Bruce - Canada Day Fireworks
2. Rezoning –Plan of Subdivision 37 Ottawa Ave

In regard to 3.1 Donald Bruce presented to Council the Canada Day fireworks will be held on Sunday June 29 and operation costs is \$1000 and asked Council for \$500 donation.

Donald Bruce left the meeting at 2:12 pm

In regard to 3.2 Rory Coffey asked questions for clarification of the Residential R3 and R2 zoning and was concerned about drainage.

Rory Coffey left the meeting at 2:25pm

157-2025 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# 22-2025, being a zoning by-law amendment to rezone parts of the property known as 37 Ottawa from Residential R3 to Residential R2 for the purpose of creating a plan of subdivision with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council May 13, 2025

158-2025 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting May 13th 2025 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Drinking Water Financial Plan 2025-2031

159-2025 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the 2025 – 2031 South River Drinking Water Financial Plan as presented.

Carried

160-2025 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.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Public Works Committee Minutes May 20, 2025
2. Train Station Committee Minutes May 21, 2025
3. Accessibility Audit Closure May 2025

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the Public Works Committee Minutes and discussed staff levels and work load.

In regard to 6.1.3 Council discussed the Train Station Committee Meeting and suggested the public showing of the Train Station to be July 19, 2025

161-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #3.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. South River Machar Fire Chief Report May 2025
2. South River Machar Community Centre Chief Operator Report April 2025
3. South River Machar Medical Centre April 15, 2025 Minutes

162-2025 O'Hallarn/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 May CAO Report
2. POA Court Manager's Report and Minutes Nov 28 2024
3. ACED Director Report and Minutes April 24, 2025

163-2025 Brooks/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 #3.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions –

1. Resolution - Don Ivens Award Funding
2. Resolution – Addenda RFP 001-2025 Extend Closing Date
3. Resolution – Support - Springwater - Redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax
4. Resolution – Support - Sundridge - Advocacy for Increased Senior Care Housing

164-2025 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the payment of \$167 to the South River Lions for the Don Ivens Memorial Award.

Carried

165-2025 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby extend the closing date from June 2, 2025 to 3:00 PM June 23, 2025 for RFP 001-2025 Operation, Maintenance and Management of the Municipality's Water Treatment Facility and Associated Infrastructure.

Carried

166-2025 Brant/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of Springwater - Redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax Resolution C196-2025 requesting redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of Springwater and MPP Graydon Smith.

Carried

167-2025 B/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Village of Sundridge - Advocacy for Increased Seniors and Aged Care Housing Resolution# 2025-113 and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Village of Sundridge and MPP Graydon Smith.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. South River Friendly Circle - Thank you.
2. Eastholme Spring 2025 Newsletter
3. MFOA - 2025 Provincial Economic and Fiscal Update
4. OPP - Municipal Policing Unit Dissolved
5. Minister Robert Flack - Building Homes Faster
6. Municipality of Chatham-Kent – Opposition Bill 5

- 7. Town of Orangeville - Opposition Bill 5
- 8. Solicitor General - Announcement of Year 4 NG9-1-1

168-2025 O’Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #8.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn noted the South River Food Bank was well organized. Suggested the Village should continue to help the South River Food Bank as they are looking for help.

Councillor Robert Brooks mentioned the old high school is now completely demolished and hoping something will get developed there.

Councillor Teri Brandt noted that the community gardens are looking great and the Gazelles Ball Tournament is at the South River Machar Arena Jun 20-22.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted the new pavement on Marie St may be wearing faster than it should be. Englobe will be brought in for a follow-up inspection.

Janice Coombs left meeting at 4:25pm

10. In Camera –

- 1. 17 Main St.

169-2025 Brandt/Brooks

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. a) security of the property of the municipality and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

170-2025 O’Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 4:44 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

171-2025 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve that the Clerk-Administrator accept the offer as presented from Beverley Waugh for the purchase of 17 Main St. with the added condition that a single family residence must be built within two years of the date of closing

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #23-2025

172-2025 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# 23-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 27th day of May 2025 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

173-2025 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, June 10th, 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: 4:47 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator