Village of South River
Council Meeting – Oct 13, 2026

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday October 13, 2026. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, Councillor Brenda Scott, and Councillor Robert Brooks (virtually).

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

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council Meeting September 22, 2026

318-2026 Scott/Brooks
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting September 22, 2026 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance
5.1 Accounts Reports –

1. September 2026 Income Statement and Machine Time
2. September 2026 Cheque EFT and Online Payments

319-2026 O'Hallarn/Scott
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. Health and Safety September 23 and Revised June 24, 2026 Minutes
2. ADR Chambers Appoint Integrity Commissioner - James Rowe
3. Economic Development Report September 2026
4. 1-11 Mill Rd Surplus Property
5. Rural Ontario Development Application Oct 2026
6. MTO OTIF Meeting Summary October 7, 2026

In regard to 6.1.3 Council reviewed the Economic Development Report with the Economic Development Officer. Discussion included the South River Machar Agricultural Society Fall Fair, stargazing initiatives, and cultural days. The Dark Sky designation is progressing to the next steps. Council discussed rideshare services in the Village and noted that the Ministry of Transportation pilot program does not guarantee service in South River. Council expressed the desire to send a letter to the MP and MPP expressing their concerns. With the Ontario Northlander train service fast approaching Council discussed the need for reliable last-mile transportation to connect passengers to their final destinations.

Tanvir Kabir leaves meeting at 2:40pm

320-2026 Brandt/O'Hallarn
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby Appoint James Rowe of ADR Chambers Integrity Commissioner for the Village of South River.

Carried

321-2026 Brandt/Brooks
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to enter a combined listing agreement for the sale of eight surplus properties 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 Mill Rd and PLAN M-26 L 114 TO 119 PCL 15319 N/S and PLAN M-26 L 120 PCL 15327 N/S with an asking price of $150,000 with Royal Lepage Lake of Muskoka Realty

Carried

322-2026 Scott/O'Hallarn
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Rural Ontario Development Application for economic development resources as attached.

Carried

323-2026 Brandt/Brooks
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee report #1 to #6 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. SRM Recreation Committee September 24 2026 Minutes
2. SRM Library Minutes September 17, 2026 Draft

324-2026 Scott/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 #2.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. NBMCA Source Protection Update Notice
2. JBC Minutes Sept 18 2026 and Resolutions - Draft
3. JBC September 2026 Permit Summary
4. NBPS Medical Officer of Health Update

325-2026 O'Hallarn/Brandt
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Joint Building Committee resolution # 2026-018 committee does hereby accept the recommended policy changes to; C-1.1 Hiring Procedures.

Carried

326-2026 Brooks/Brandt
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Joint Building Committee resolution # 2026-019 committee does hereby accept the recommended policy changes to; Statutory Holidays adding Truth and Reconciliation Day as a paid holiday.

Deferred

327-2026 O'Hallarn/Brooks
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Joint Building Committee resolution # 2026-020 committee does hereby accept the recommended policy changes to; B-2.1A Staff Benefits increase to boots and uniform allowance.

Carried

328-2026 Brooks/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. By-law-49-2026-NORDS Transfer Payment Agreement

329-2026 O'Hallarn/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# 49-2026, being a by-law to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario to receive funding under the Northern Ontario Resource Development grant, with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. Eastholme Fall & Winter Newsletter 2026
2. Municipality of South Huron - 2027 OPP Policing Costs
3. Ramara Council - Transport Canada Review and Amendment of Water Aerodrome
4. ACED Monthly Business Letter
5. AHHC August 6, 2026 Minutes
6. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Update September 2026
7. Town of Aurora - Cannabis Retail Review Task Force-Findings
8. Township of Brock -Combating Tick Borne Diseases
9. Township of Ramara - Support for Continued Lyme Disease Research and Care
10. City of Hamilton - Request for the Expansion of Ontario's Deposit-Return Program

330-2026 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #10.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Deputy Mayor O'Hallarn inquired about revisiting options to rehabilitate an area at Tom Thomson Park for swimming. Would like to follow up with the MOE.

Councillor Brandt shared changes coming to Planning and having standardized planning by 2029 and all Official Plans will follow the same template going forward.

Clerk Administrator shared that the ads for medical and library committee appointments for next council term have been posted. Public works meeting is moved to Oct 23. There is training for the next council in Burks Falls on November 5th.

Chief Financial Officer asked about scheduling the next cemetery meeting and Council would like it to be after the election in the next term.

10. In Camera – Nil

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #50-2026

331-2026 O'Hallarn/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#50-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13th day of October 2026 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. **Adjournment**

332-2026 O'Hallarn/Scott
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, November 10, 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: 27 p.m.

Carried

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Jim Coleman, Mayor

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Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator