

Village of South River
Council Meeting – October 14, 2025

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

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

Guests: Tanvir Kabir – Economic Development Intern

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 September 23, 2025

284-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting September 9th 2025 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports -

1. September 2025 Income Statement and Machine Time
2. September 2025 Cheque EFT and Online Payments

285-2025 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 #2.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Train Station Committee Minutes October 1 2025
2. Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Application 2025
3. EMPC Meeting Minutes September 11 2025 – Draft
4. Economic Development Intern Sign Update

In regard to 6.1.1, Council reviewed the Train Station Committee minutes discussing not receiving a formal proposal from the request for interest to rent the space in the Train station and noted that there is a possibility of a short-term rental for over the winter. Suggested putting a for rent sign in the window with information to contact the office.

In regard to 6.1.3 Council reviewed the Emergency Planning Committee minutes discussing the Emergency Planning committee is hosting and information night for organizers of special events and festivals to review emergency planning for events.

In regard to 6.1.4 Economic Development Intern Tanvir Kabir presented to Council the proofs and templates for new signage for the Village of South River at the power generation station and highway signage as you enter the Village. Council gave their feedback on what they would like to see on the highway signage.

Economic Development Intern Tanvir Kabir left the meeting at 2:45pm

286-2025 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Application 2025 as presented for a generator for the Emergency Operation Center.

Carried

287-2025 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee report #1 to #4 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. SRM Library Board Meeting Draft Minutes September 18, 2025
2. SRM Community Centre Draft Meeting Minutes Sept 30 2025

In regard to 6.2.1 Council reviewed the minutes from the South River Machar Library Board noting that the South River Machar Library has received 4 new computers and they have been installed and set up and working. The South River Machar Library is also looking at having games night every 3rd Wednesday.

In regard to 6.2.2 Council reviewed the South River Machar Community Centre Minutes. Discussing that Neil Scarlett and Ginny Ball will be hosting a Halloween Party in the Community Centre on Friday October 31. Council also discussed that the Township of Machar would like to partner with the Village of South River for Christmas in the Village. Councillor Brandt suggested to have to closer to Christmas once the kids are on Christmas Break. There are activities at the beginning of the month and nothing later in December once the kids are on Christmas Break, suggesting Sunday December 21, 2025 from 1-4. Township of Machar asked if the Village of South River would like to partner with them for the Family Day skate on Family Day.

288-2025 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 #2.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. ACED Renewal Package and Draft Shared Services Agreement
2. JBC Sept 18 Minutes, Statistics and 2024 Financial Statements
3. Central Almaguin Planning Board July 2 and August 6, 2025 Minutes
4. Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board June 11, 2025 Minutes

289-2025 Brandt/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 #4.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions –

1. Resolution Support St.-Charles - Natural Gas Expansion - Project Cancellation
2. Resolution Support Bluewater - Closure of Before and After School Programs
3. Resolution - Administrative Monetary Penalties Schedule A Update
4. Bylaw 39-2025 Fire Services Transfer Payment Agreement
5. By-law 40-2025 Loney Subdivision Agreement Amendment

290-2025 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Municipality of St. Charles resolution 2025-214 calling on the Province of Ontario to make the expansion of natural gas a permanent feature of its energy programs for northern municipalities and this resolution be sent to the Municipality of St. Charles and the Hon. Graydon Smith MPP.

Carried

291-2025 Brandt/ O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Town of Bluewater opposing the closing Before and After School Programs resolution passed September 2, 2025 calling on the Province of Ontario to implement policies that have been successful in other areas of the Province and this resolution be sent to the Town of Bluewater and the Hon. Graydon Smith MPP.

Carried

292-2025 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt a revised

Schedule A and B for Adminstrative Monetary Penalties By-law# 35-2025 and the previous A and B Schedules be deleted.

Carried

293-2025 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 #39-2025, being a by-law to enter into a Fire Protection Service Reimbursement Agreement with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

294-2025 Scott/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 #40-2025, being a by-law to enter into a subdivision agreement with Nick Loney of Riverwood Estates with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

8. Correspondence

- 1. Whitehead Family Thank You.
- 2. Near North Snowdrifters -Thank You
- 3. Solicitor General - 2026 OPP Costs
- 4. Red Gala - Save the Date Dec 9 2025
- 5. MECP - Industrial Commercial and Institutional Recycling
- 6. Circular Materials - ICI Letter to Village of South River
- 7. MECP Update of Compliance Policy Timmins District
- 8. Township of Bonfield - CUPW Post Office
- 9. City of Kitchener – Municipal Act and Postage
- 10. Municipality of Brighton - Electoral Reform
- 11. SMHF - Huntsville and South Muskoka Donor Support
- 12. Township of Woolwich Resolution - First Nations Clean Water Act
- 13. City of Dryden - Lifesaving Water Training
- 14. Almaguin Highland Chamber Oct. 2025 Newsletter
- 15. D and D Patterson - Request Support re Severance
- 16. Good Happenings Food Bank - Request Support for Grant Application
- 17. Legion Road Closure

295-2025 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principle the severance of CON 3 PT LOT 6 REM PCL 6491 EAGLE LAKE RD W SIDE into two one-acre parcels and the remainder as forty-five acres. The new lots would require rezoning, servicing, and the extension of Poplar St before building permits could be issued. The proponent would be responsible for all costs associated with development.

Carried

296-2025 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the closing of Hunter St. from Ottawa Ave to Montreal Ave on Friday October 31, 2025 from 6:30 PM -8:00 PM for a Royal Canadian Legion Branch 390 Fundraiser.

Carried

297-2025 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #17.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brenda Scott commented that she visited Yield of Dreams Garden and Gifts and said it’s a wonderful new business in the Village of South River. Indoor plants, succulents, micro greens, and teach you how to grow them. Councillor Robert Brooks added he also went to the new business and has lots of product.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted that there is a scheduled Council meeting on November 11th, but the office is closed that day. Council will need to decide at the next meeting.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 4:15pm

10. In Camera –

1. Property at 281 HWY 124
2. Offer to Purchase 17 Main St.

298-2025 Brandt/O’Hallarn

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 that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:16 pm for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

299-2025 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 4:41 pm with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

300-2025 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct staff to create an request for proposal for the sale of all or part of the property at 281 HWY 124.

Carried

301-2025 O’Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to accept the offer for the sale of 17 Main St for \$30,000 plus HST to Tim Hyland.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #41-2025

302-2025 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# 41-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of October 2025 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

303-2025 Scott/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, October 28th, 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: 4:42 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator