Village of South River
Council Meeting – Sept 22, 2026

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday September 22, 2026. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillor Teri Brandt, Councillor Brenda Scott, and Councillor Robert Brooks (virtually). Absent with notice Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn.

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Candice Robertson, Administrative Assistant – In Person

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 2:07 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 8, 2026

303-2026 Scott/Brooks
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting September 8, 2026 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports –

1. Crossing Guard Remuneration Review

304-2026 Brooks/Scott
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the recommendation from the Chief Financial Officer for Crossing Guard Remuneration.

Carried

305-2026 Brooks/Brandt
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 September 15, 2026
2. 2027 OPP Municipal Policing Costs Draft Letter

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the minutes from the Public Works Committee, discussing the Seasonal Snow Plow Position, containing Japanese Knotweed and locating some of it on private property and working with the residents. As well as discussing road infrastructure for future repairs.

306-2026 Brandt/Brooks
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Public Works Committee recommendation that the Draimad 12 Unit Sludge Bagger be declared surplus equipment and offered for sale through Gov Deals and other used equipment sites with a minimum reserve bid of $15,000.

Carried

307-2026 Brooks/Scott
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee report #1 to #2 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. Fire Chief Report September 2026
2. Community Center August Report 2026
3. SRM Medical Board Minutes August 18 2026
4. SRM Medical Board Minutes September 2025 to July 2026

In regard to 6.2.1 Council reviewed the discussion points of the Fire Chief report discussing roof replacement/repairs at the fire hall noting having a complete assessment of the overall building and potential future renovations.

In regard to 6.2.3 Council discuss the Medical Centre has found a new doctor. Dr Ian Cowan, he is from North Bay Clinic that is ending at the hospital. Dr Cowan will take over Dr Pessotto's patients. The medical centre is having a retirement gathering for Dr Pessotto on Sept 30 from 1-3.

308-2026 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 #4.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. PSDDSAB CAO September 2026 Report

309-2026 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.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions –

1. By-law-46-2026-Property Standards
2. By-law-47-2026-Clean-Yards
3 Resolution - Update AMPS Bylaw35-2025 Schedule A and B Update
4. Resolution - Support Armour Resolution 2026-236 - Library OPL Funding
5. Resolution - Support Municipality of Trent Hills - Elimination WSIB Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF)

310-2026 Brooks/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# 46-2026, being a by-law to implement updated Property Standards with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

311-2026 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#47-2026, being a by-law to implement updated Clean Yard Standards with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

312-2026 Brandt/Brooks
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the updated Schedule A and Schedule B to Adminstrative Monetary Penalties By-law # 35-2025

Carried

313-2026 Scott/Brooks
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of Armour Resolution 2026-236 calling for the Province of Ontario to permanently increase funding to sustainable levels for Ontario Public Libraries; and that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Library Association (OLA), and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL).

Carried

314-2026 Brandt/Brooks
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Municipality of Trent Hills letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board calling for a review of the impacts of eliminating the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) and seeking consultation with stakeholders on its impact; and further this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, and the Municipality of Trent Hills.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. Town of Parry Sound -Establish Regulatory Framework for e-Scooters
2. Township of McNab Braeside - OPP Municipal Policing Cost Model
3. Township of North Huron - Mandated Conservation Authority Amalgamation
4. Explorers Edge – August Newsletter and September 2026 Update
5. Hon. Robert J. Flack- Municipal Accountability Act
6. M Gemme - Substance Abuse Education Program

315-2026 Brooks/Scott
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #6.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brooks noted that one of the Northlander trains was in an accident with a truck earlier in the year is still not back on the tracks, and the progress starting for the platform at the train station.

Mayor Coleman inquired about the progress of the renovation of the old brewery location. The Clerk Administrator replied that all of the renovation is being handled by EMS and they have said they are ahead of schedule.

Clerk Administrator McArthur noted the Chemical Rd bridge has been repaired, and the new OPP community officer was invited to come in to a council meeting and will be setting up a time.

10. In Camera – Nil

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #48-2026

316-2026 Brooks/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#48-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 22nd day of September 2026 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

317-2026 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 13, 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: 3:20p.m.

Carried

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Jim Coleman, Mayor

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Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator