

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – August 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in-person in Council Chambers), Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Robert Brooks, Councillor Teri Brandt and Councillor Brenda Scott.

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

**Guests:** South River Power Generation Corp – Sherri Hawthorne (Virtually)

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

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

**3. Delegation and Public Meeting** –

1. South River Power Generation Corp – Sherri Hawthorne, Treasurer

Sherri Hawthorne reviewed the 2023 financial position report of the South River Power Generation Corp with Council. There was a catastrophic equipment failure July 30- November 24 2023. This was an insurable event. The insurance claim covered the equipment and lost revenue. Sherri Hawthorne noted at the end of August Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft will be taking over the Treasurer position with the South River Power Generation Corp.

Sherri Hawthorne left the meeting at 2:40pm

**4. Adoption of Minutes** – Council Tuesday July 23, 2024

266-2024 Brooks/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting July 23, 2024 as presented.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. July 2024 Income Statement
2. July 2024 Cheque Register
3. External Audit Services ADMIN RFP 01-2024

In regards to 5.1.3 Council discussed the External Audit services and the proposal from Pahapill and Associates. Noting that they currently preform the External Audits for several surrounding municipalities

267-2024 O’Hallarn/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend acceptance of the four year proposal from Pahapill and Associates under RFP Admin # 01-2024 and the appropriate By-law be brought forward.**

Carried

268-2024O’Hallarn/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 and #3.**

Carried

**6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**

**6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business** –

1. Public Works Committee Minutes July 18, 2024
2. OCWA South River 2024 Q2 Operations Report
3. ORNGE Contract Update
4. EXP Accessible Trail Recommendations for Award
5. Arena Upgrade Project

In regards to 6.1.1 the council reviewed the minutes from the Public Works Committee Meeting. Council discussed the ditching on Grant Court, the brush pile and Spruce Bud Worm infections.

In regard to 6.1.2 Council reviewed the OCWA MECP Inspection for the South River drinking water. The report showed there were no deficiencies and no areas that needed improvement.

In regard to 6.1.4 Council discussed the revised proposal for the trail recommendation. The revision is to change the trail from being paved to Granular B hard top.

In regard to 6.1.5 Council reviewed purposed options for the Arena upgrade. Options A: to maintain the rink size. Option B: to make it larger, this would affect the lobby of the arena. Council reviewed the options and the estimates of both projects.

269-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the terms of the revised ORNGE contract.**

Carried

270-2024 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the revised proposal from Pioneer Construction to move forward with the trail project up to and including Granular B installation at a cost not to exceed \$140,000 plus HST.**

Carried

271-2024 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend Option A be pursued based on the cost estimates presented by Mitchell Jensen Architects.**

Carried

272-2024 O'Hallarn/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #5 as presented.**

Carried

#### **6.2 Reports from Shared Services –**

1. South River Machar Fire NG 9-1-1 Phase 3 Application
2. South River Machar Arena TKE Elevator Service Proposal
3. South River Machar Library Board July 16 2024 Minutes Draft
4. BFL Council Accident Policy Insurance Quote

In regard to 6.2.1 Council discussed moving forward with the South River Machar Fire NG9-1-1 Phase 3 and the brake down of the application.

273-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the NG9-1-1 Phase 3 application as presented.**

Carried

274-2024 Scott/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the contract to repair the elevator at the Arena from TKE at a cost of \$14,080 plus applicable taxes.**

Carried

275-2024 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. Emergency Management Program Committee June 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. ACED – Directors July 2024 Report
3. Joint Building Committee July 2024 Stats
4. Central Almaguin Planning Board Minutes May 1 and June 5, 2024
5. NBPSDHU - Safer Handling and Disposal of Sharps.

Carried

276-2024 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 #5.**

Carried

## **7. By-Laws and Resolutions**

1. Resolution - Request Return of OTN funds from Almaguin Highlands Health Council

277-2024 Scott/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby request the return of excess funds from the Almaguin Highlands health Council for the OTN project.**

Carried

## **8. Correspondence**

1. A Jeffords - Land Acknowledgement Request.
2. HEWSF Director Letter
3. OPP - OPPA Collective Agreement
4. Ivy EV Stats and Presentation 2024
5. AMO Policy Update
6. Township of Perry - AHHC Assessment and Strategy Roadmap
7. Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Underserved Cellular Communications
8. Township of Perry - AHHC - Ownership Model
9. BFL CANADA - OPP Detachment Boards Insurance Bulletin
10. MARC - Reusable Bag Advertising
11. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Newsletter
12. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Ontario Long Service Medals Resolution

278-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #12.**

Carried

## **9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –**

Councillor Robert Brooks asked council about any By-Laws in regards to having an AirBnB within the Village. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur confirmed there are no additional By-Laws to have an AirBnB in the Village of South River; they would just need to abide by the current in place by-laws (noise etc.)

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur reviewed with Council the fall flushing October 7-11. Council asked if it could be moved ahead a week. Council suggested not flushing the pipes right before Thanksgiving as people may be preparing for thanksgiving. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur will bring to Public Works to see if it can be moved forward a week to September 30.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur discussed with Council that Parry Sound Active Seniors is looking for suggestions for services to better support the seniors in the area. In hope to be able to provide more services and activities for seniors.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted to Council that the OCWA contract ends December 2025 and notice must be given by December 2024 in order to negotiate a new agreement. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur also discussed that the CUPE Collective Bargaining Agreement expires at the end of this year and bargaining should begin in the fall.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 5:29 PM

## **10. In Camera – 309 HWY 124 Lease**

279-2024 Scott/Brandt

**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 5:29 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

280-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 6:12 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

281-2024 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# 40-2024, being a by-law to enter into lease arrangement for 309 HWY 124 with West Wind Trading Co as per the terms and conditions attached and the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Defeated

**11. Confirming By-law –** By-law #40-2024

282-2024 Brandt/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# 40-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

283-2024 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, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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: 6:23 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**