

Village of South River
Council Meeting – July 23th 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday July 23th, 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: Jody Slade, Micah Streeter, Father Simone Drapeau, and Janice Whitelock

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. Disc Golf Delegation - Jody Slade
2. Shock Rodz Car Club – Janice Whitelock

Regarding item 3.1 Jody Slade discussed the annual Blackfly Disc golf Tournament was a great success. Looking to continue to grow and add an additional tournament. Inquired about park availability for holding a Masters tournament. The Masters tournament would be on the Wednesday prior to the main tournament on the May long weekend. The main tournament would take place Saturday and Sunday. Once again partnering with the Legion to cater and host the closing ceremonies. Jody Slade asked for options for funding to make improvements to the course. They need new baskets, possibility to adjust course to create a par 4 and some minor adjustments for maintenance of course for sight lines.

Jody Slade and Micah Streeter left at 2:30pm.

Regarding 3.2 Janice Whitelock discussed the upcoming car showing happening July 27th at Tom Thomson Park. There is over \$18,000 in prizes and all proceeds from the event are donated back to the community. This year’s proceeds are being donated to the Muskoka Parry Sound Mental Health Services. Janice Whitelock requested that Ottawa Ave at the intersection of Dublin and Lewis would be closed as traffic is detoured to Broadway to allow the show cars space to enter and not create congestion at the park entrance for guests. Janice Whitelock discussed the possibility of moving the weekly South River Car show to Tom Thomson Park, as the show has outgrown the brewery parking lot. This would mean a change from being a weekly show with a 150 car max to larger less frequent event.

Janice Whitelock left at 2:55pm

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council Tuesday June 25, 2024

245-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting June 25, 2024 as presented.

Carried

With Council permission Mayor Coleman requested Item 7.2 be brought ahead on the Agenda.

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

2. By-law 34-2024 - Zoning Amendment 92 Ottawa Ave

246-2024 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# 34-2024, being a by-law to rezone 92 Ottawa Ave from Institutional (I) to Downtown Commercial with exception and the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

Father Simone Drapeau left meeting at 3:10pm

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. June 2024 Income Statement
2. June 2024 Cheque Register

In regards to 5.1.2 Council discussed the possibility of year end preparation for financial statements and Farm Debt notices being done in house rather than having them being paid for to be outsourced.

247-2024 Brant/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 and #2.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Public Works Committee Minutes June 20, 2024

In regard to 6.1.1 Council discussed the recommendation for crack sealing equipment, the brush pile being cleaned up and only for South River residents. Council also discussed creating a Water Service Policy to provide clarity as to who is responsible to repair water lines from the curb stop.

248-2024 O’Hallarn/Brooks

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Fire Chief Report July 2024
2. Chief Arena Operator Report for June 2024
3. South River Machar Medical Centre Minutes June 18, 2024

In regard to 6.2.2 Council noted the new system is working well, and will be getting a second quote for repair of the elevator. Cost estimates are being prepared for the concrete pad as currently configured and for an expansion of the ice surface. It was noted that expansion would significantly reduce the lobby area reducing the effectiveness of the lobby.

In regard to 6.2.3 Council reviewed getting access to a RPN and a social worker 3 days a week, joining with the Powassan Family Health Team as well as having access to physio available at the Powassan location. Council also supported requesting LifeLabs to be weekly.

249-2024 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. Emergency Management Program Committee May 30, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. ACED – May 23 Minutes, DOED June 2024 Report and AHSS Student Survey
3. Joint Building Committee June 2024 Stats
4. North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit Board and Finance Minutes Apr 24, 2024

250-2024 Scott/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the billing of economic development services from Almaguin Community Economic Development on a year by year actual amounts and that surpluses and deficits be covered in year to the best of committee’s ability. The Village supports the simplicity of accounting and clarity of costs to participating members that this method promotes.

Carried

251-2024 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 #4.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. By-law-33-2024 - Ontario Infrastructure Loan Application
3. By-law 35-2024 – 2024 Tax Rate
4. By-law 36-2024 – 2024 Tax Ratio
5. By-law 37-2024 – Sale and Disposition of Land
6. By-law 38-2024 – Mitchell Jensen Architecture Service Contract
7. Resolution support Municipality of West Nipissing - Champlain Bridge Replacement
8. Resolution support Municipality of Tweed - OPP Notice of Motion
9. Resolution 2024 Water Rates
10. Resolution South River 2024 Energy Plan

252-2024 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# 33-2024, being a by-law to apply for an Infrastructure Ontario Loan in the amount of \$800,000 for the Watermain Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

253-2024 Brant/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# 35-2024, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest for the year 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

254-2024 Brant/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# 36-2024, being a by-law to set 2024 Tax Ratios for the prescribed property classes with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

255-2024 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# 37-2024, being a by-law to adopt a policy for land disposition with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

256-2024 Brant/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# 38-2024, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Mitchell Jensen Architects for Architecture Services with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

257-2024 Brooks/Brant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby express our support for the Municipality of West Nipissing Resolution # 2024-147 Champlain Bridge Rehabilitation and that a copy of this resolution letter be sent to the Municipality of West Nipissing and the Ministry of Transportation.

Carried

258-2024 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby express our support for the Municipality of Tweed Resolution #229 - Sustainable Funding for Rural OPP and that a copy of this resolution letter be sent to the Municipality of Tweed

Carried

259-2024 Brant/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation to increase the Water Rates in Schedules A and B for 2024 by 10% per the attached schedules effective June 21, 2024.

Carried

260-2024 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the 2024 South River Energy Conservation and Demand Plan as presented.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. J Warden - Water Access Fee
2. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Request
3. CN Rail - Rail Safety Week
4. Labour Market Group June Report and May Job Stats
5. Emergency Management Ontario -Engagement on Proposed EMCPA Modernization
6. MNR Geologic Carbon Storage Letter and Backgrounder
7. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit - Private Well Water Testing
8. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Approves New Strategic Plan
9. Brantford City Support Decision of the OEB to End Gas Subsidy
10. Ombudsman Ontario - 2023-2024 Annual Report
11. MMAH Planning Act and Development Charges Act - Cutting Red Tape Bill 185
12. Town of Cochrane - O. Reg 391-21 Blue Box Transition
13. Township of North Glengarry - Support Infrastructure Funding
14. City of St. Catharine's - AMO Green Roads Pilot Project
15. Ontario Energy Board - Enbridge Notice
16. Municipality of East Ferris - Regulations for Lithium-ion Batteries
17. McMurrich/Monteith AHHC Contribution Resolution

In regard to 8.2 Council reviewed the request for the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare and discussed the options of donating.

261-2024 O'Hallarn/Scott

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 Robert Brooks inquired about the Public Works issue taking rocks from a ditch on Grant Court that are in place to prevent erosion. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur confirmed that if we take the rocks away the property owner said he would replace the soil and sod.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur advised council of the Trail Tender. The lowest tender was higher than the estimated costs and is under review.

Councillor Teri Brandt wanted to confirm if the section of road fixed on Eagle Lake Rd required a guardrail and if it meets code. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur confirmed that the road having a speed limit of 40km does not require a guardrail.

Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn wanted to confirm if residents can bring in modular homes. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur confirmed that the current Zoning Bylaw does not restrict modular homes.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 5:01 PM

10. In Camera – 309 HWY 124 Lease

262-2024 Scott/Brooks

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 5:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

263-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 6:05 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #39-2024

264-2024 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#39-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23rd day of July 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

265-2024 Brooks/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, August 13th, 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: 6:07 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator