

Village of South River
Council Meeting – October 29, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday October 29, 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. Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn

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

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 – L.Gage – Train Station. Was moved to In camera Item 10.5

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council Tuesday September 24 and Wednesday October 2, 2024

319-2024 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting September 24th And October 2nd, 2024 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

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

320-2024 O’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 #2.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Public Works Committee Minutes October 17, 2024
2. South River Land Acknowledgement
3. CUPE Notice to Bargain
4. OCWA - Emergency Pump Replacement
5. Community Emergency Preparedness Grant
6. Housing Enabling Water System Fund II Application
7. OPP 2025 Costing
8. Zoning Bylaw Amendment – 92 Ottawa Ave

In regards to 6.1.1 Council discussed they hired a part time snow plow operator, they got a quote from Claridge to remove a shed at the cemetery and the collapsed culvert on Ottawa Ave was repaired.

In regards to 6.1.2 Council discussed the land acknowledgment being read at the being of every council meeting and adding it to the Village of South River website.

In regards to 6.1.4 Council discussed needing a pump replacement recommended by OCWA.

In regards to 6.1.5 Council discussed the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant for the installation of a generator at the office to have heat and hydro.

In regards to 6.1.6 Council discussed the Housing Enabling Water System Fund to acquire high lift pumps and sludge maintenance equipment to increase the capacity for treated water.

In regards to 6.1.7 Council discussed the increase of OPP costs for 2025 and the potential increase in taxes it will cause.

321-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the following Land Acknowledgement to be read at the start of each meeting;

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.

Carried

322-2024 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Ontario Clean Water Agency for an emergency pump replacement at a cost of \$11,404 and be funded from municipal reserves.

Carried

323-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant application for a generator sufficient to run the Municipal office as an Emergency Operations Centre.

Carried

324-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support a Housing Enabling Water System Fund II Application for high lift pumps and sludge maintenance equipment to substantially increase the capacity for treated water to allow for new homes in South River to be built.

Carried

325-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #8 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. Chief Arena Operator Report September 2024
2. South River Machar Arena Elevator Update
3. SRM Fire Chief Report for October 2024
4. SRM Library Board Meeting Draft Minutes September 17 2024

In Regards to 6.2.2 Council discussed the issues with the elevator at the South River Machar Arena. Discussing what has been replaced and next possible steps to repair the elevator.

In regards to 6.2.3 Council reviewed the South River Machar Fire Chief Report for October 2024. Council reviewed the number of calls received, what the calls were for and the response times.

326-2024 Brandt/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 #4.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. Emergency Management Program Committee September 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes and Emergency Plan Draft
2. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board Oct CAO Report
3. Joint Building Committee Minutes Sept 19 and Sept 2024 Stats
4. ACED Directors Reports June and Sept and Minutes June 27 and Sept 26, 2024
5. Almaguin Housing Task Force Summary and Recommendations
6. NBPSDHU Board of Health Minutes June 26 and Sept 25, 2024
7. Medical Officer of Health Board Report September 2024

327-2024 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the adoption of a new IMS based Emergency Plan as developed by the Joint Emergency Planning Committee and the final version be brought forward to be adopted by by-law.

Carried

328-2024 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support The Almaguin Housing Task Force Summary and Recommendations Final Report as presented.

Carried

329-2024 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1 to #7.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. By-law 45-2024 OILC Debenture

330-2024 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#45-2024, being a by-law to enter into a loan agreement with Infrastructure Ontario in the amount of \$800,000 for Phase 2 of the Watermain Project with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. Royal Canadian Legion Br 390 Poppy Fund Request
2. Royal Canadian Legion Br 390 Lottery Letter
3. AHHC October 3 and 10 2024 Draft Minutes
4. AMO CCBF 2023 Annual Report
5. Ministry of Infrastructure 2025 OCIF Funding
6. Ontario Big City Mayors - Housing and Mental Health Crisis
7. FONOM Support Ontario Forest Industry
8. Eastholme Newsletter.
9. Minister Robert J. Flack - Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative
10. South River Lions - Winterfest Request
11. Near North District School Board - Hockey Program Ice Request
12. MNR – Past Imagery Partners Letter
13. ROMA 2025 Annual Conference
14. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Ontario Deposit Return Program
15. Town of Tillsonburg - Continued Funding Support Southwest Community Transit
16. City of Temiskaming Shores - Alcohol Sales and Provincial Alcohol Strategy
17. Hope Air - Request for Support
18. MAHC - Celebrated for Organ and Tissue Donation

331-2024 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Royal Canadian Legion Br 390 retaining 100% of the profits from their Lottery Account to assist in funding the ongoing operations of Branch 390 in South River.

Carried

332-2024 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Lions with use of the of the South River Machar Community Centre at no cost for Saturday February 8th 2025 for their Annual Winterfest.

Carried

333-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Near North District School Board 2024/25 Hockey program at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School with a contribution of up to twenty free hours of matching ice-time for each hour of ice time purchased.

Carried

334-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #18.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brenda Scott commented on the new trail and concerns that the trail was too loose and worried about seniors walking on the loose gravel. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur commented that he was at the trail today and that the gravel is beginning to be more packed down.

Councillor Bill O’Hallarn commented that demolition has beginning at the old Almaguin Secondary School.

Councillor Robert Brooks commented that the Spartans hockey was ending and trying to find new ownership. Councillor Robert Brooks asked if it would impact the rental ice times and possibly open more times up for new rentals. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur said it would not have much of an impact, and that most of the times they had rented were not peak ice times.

Councillor Teri Brandt suggested that Council discuss more about planning of Christmas in the Village.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur discussed that the train station is close to be done, with the exception of a septic system. Cost for the septic system was quoted at \$25,000 which would bring the project over budget. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur said the contractor is expecting a second quote.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 4:58 PM

10. In Camera –

1. Machar Shared Fire and Community Centre Services
2. CUPE Bargaining
3. Firefighter Personnel Recommendation
4. Joly Fire Agreement
5. L. Gage – Train Station

335-2024 O’Hallarn/Scott

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, (c) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and d) labour relations or employee negotiations and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:58 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

336-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 6:14 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

337-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the negotiation of new agreements for Fire and Community Centre Shared Services based on the principals that have been shared to date.

Name of Council Member	Yeas	Nays	Abstention	Pecuniary Interest	Recorded Vote
Mayor Coleman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Councillor Brandt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Councillor Brooks		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Councillor O’Hallarn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Councillor Scott		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Carried

338-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Machar Fire Chief in negotiating a renewal to the Fire Agreement with the Township of Joly to be brought back to the Councils of the Village of South River and Township of Machar for approval.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #46-2024

339-2024 O’Hallarn/Scott

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# 46-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 29th day of October 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

340-2024 O'Hallarn/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, November 12, 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: 6:18 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator