

Village of South River
Council Meeting – September 10th 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday September 10, 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
Candice Robertson, Administrative Assistant – In Person
Risto Maki – South River Machar Fire Chief – In Person

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

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Fire Chief Report August/September 2024

Fire Chief Risto Maki reviewed the report highlighting the number of calls and the response times, breaking down the number of calls that were medical emergencies, wellness checks, false fires, and structure fires. Fire Chief Risto Maki also told Council that the response times are calls are continually exceptional. Highlighting that they were called to a structure fire that was 10 min away and they arrived on scene 13 min from call and only took 50 seconds from arrival to have water being put on the fire. In the report it was noted that all the vehicles and equipment have had regular maintenance. The fire hall has switched to the Lakeland fiber optic internet, and has a new phone system for receiving 911 calls. Making it possible to receive clearer calls and be able to receive multiple calls at the same time. This has been part of the NG911 project. This project is allowing for additional improvements in the next phase of the project. Two further grants have been submitted; Fire Protection grant and the Fire Smart grant. The fire fighters have also completed training and took part in the youth soccer game for the emergency challenge match. Fire Chief Risto Maki expressed interest in the Expression of Interest for 309 Hwy 124. Suggesting the building would be a more cost effective renovation for a new fire hall rather than to renovate the existing location if no viable commercial purpose is found.

South River Machar Fire Chief Risto Maki left meeting at 2:27 pm

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting – Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council Tuesday August 13, 2024

284-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting August 13, 2024 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

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

285-2024 Brooks/Scott

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 August 15, 2024
2. 2024-25 MECP Drinking Water Inspection

In regards to 6.1.1 council reviewed the minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting. Council discussed the brush pile working very well, the part time posting for a snow plow operator and the collapsed culvert. Quotes have been received to fix the culvert and will be reviewed. Council reviewed the traffic counts for July on the town limits at Eagle Lake Rd., Howard at Chemical Rd. bridge and Broadway at the village

limits. Suggesting that traffic counts should be collected again in a different month for reference.

In regard to 6.1.2 Council discussed the Drinking Water Final Inspection rating was 100%. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted that the full report is posted on the South River website.

286-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #2 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

2. South River Machar Chief Arena Operator Report July 2024
3. South River Machar Library Board August 20 2024 Minutes Draft
4. South River Machar Medical Centre Minutes August 20, 2024

In regard to 6.2.2 Council discussed the elevator in the arena was repaired, but continues to not be working and repairs are needed to be done again.

In regard to 6.2.4 Council discussed the agreement with the Powassan Health team has been signed. The new RPN started in September a couple days a week at the South River Medical Clinic.

287-2024 Brant/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. PSDSSAB July. August CAO Report
2. ACED – Directors August 2024 Report

288-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1 to #2.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution – Support Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Creation of a province-wide long-service medal for police and for paramedics
2. Resolution – Support AMO in recognizing the physician shortage in Ontario
3. Resolution – Water Service Line Policy

289-2024 Brant/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby express our support for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury resolution asking for the creation of a province-wide long-service medal for police and paramedics, modelled after the existing award for firefighters; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Carried

290-2024 Brant/O’Hallarn

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Ontario, to fund health care appropriately, and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried

291-2024 O’Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt Policy 4:02 Water Service Line Repair policy as presented.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. Brampton Speed Processing.
2. District Parry Sound Municipal Association Agenda – Fall 2024
3. City of Quinte West - The Canada Community-Building Fund
4. EPRA - Electronic Waste Recycling Program
5. Township of Stirling Rawdon - Public Sector Salary Disclosure
6. Brantford City Council - Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct
7. Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund
8. AMO Policy Update Homelessness and Opioids
9. Township of Nairn and Hyman- Radioactive Material Being Transported

292-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the following attendees at the Parry District Municipal Association Fall Meeting and expenses be paid per Village policy; Mayor Jim Coleman and Clerk Administrator Don McArthur

Carried

293-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #10.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Bill O’Hallarn discussed with council Employment North helps pay for training costs for business’s. Councillor Bill O’Hallarn suggested to see if we can have some of the costs covered for training for the staff in the Village.

Councillor Bill O’Hallarn noted that he would be absent from the next council meeting.

Councillor Robert Brooks discussed with council Burks Falls town theatre is looking to expand and make it a cultural hub. The municipal office would move to a new location and the theatre would use the entire building to create the new hub.

Councillor Robert Brooks inquired about an update on the Disc Golf upgrade and the Car Show at Tom Thomson Park. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur reviewed with council that Disc Golf had not followed up yet with their request and the Car Show has set the date for next year and would like the large dip filled in and some of the disc golf holes should be removable in some locations to create space for other functions at the park.

Councillor Robert Brooks noted Restoule had a successful Rib Fest and craft show and a similar event could be successful in South River.

Councillor Teri Brandt discussed public skating at the arena. Council agrees we should have regular scheduled free public skating all winter not just Christmas and March Break, and open sponsor to be both businesses and individuals that would like to sponsor public skating.

Mayor Jim Coleman wanted to discuss the building that is boarded up. Mayor Jim Coleman wanted to know if anything further could be done. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur discussed with Council that no action can be taken if the owner is abiding by Village By-Laws and property taxes are paid. The boards were put on the building for precaution to keep people and animals out.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur discussed with Council that the architect for the arena also feels the estimates received for the arena may be on the higher end. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted the removal of the floor will be a separate item in the tender..

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted to Council he would be absent from the first Council meeting in October, Council suggested only one council meeting in October on October 22, 2024 and the October 8th be cancelled.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 4:56 PM

10. In Camera – Machar Shared Services - Fire and Community Centre

294-2024 Brooks/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 4:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

295-2024 O’Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:47 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #41-2024

296-2024 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# 41-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of September 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-

Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

297-2024 O'Hallarn/Brandt

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 24th, 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: 5:52 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator