

Village of South River
Council Meeting – September 24th 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday September 24, 2024. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in-person in Council Chambers), Councillor Robert Brooks, Councillor Teri Brandt and Councillor Brenda Scott. Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn was absent with notice.

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 – Nil

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

298-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting September 10, 2024 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

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6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Public Works Committee Minutes September 19, 2024
2. South River Land Acknowledgement
3. Algonquin Disc Golf Grant Application
4. JHSC Health and Safety Minutes August 21 2024
5. Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Guidelines 2024-25

In regards to 6.1.1 council reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting. Council discussed the culvert being replaced on Ottawa Ave and the work should be completed within the next couple of weeks. Council also reviewed the 2006 Sterling L8500 with Plow that is for sale.

In regards to 6.1.2 council reviewed the land acknowledgment and discussed options of adding the land acknowledgment to the Village of South River website.

In regards to 6.1.3 council reviewed the Algonquin Disc Golf Grant and wanted to discuss the option of removable baskets for 3 locations and options for fundraising and what funding would be available.

In regards to 6.1.5 council reviewed the Emergency Preparedness Grant and discussed the option to apply for the grant to upgrade the generator at the office to provide hydro for the entire building and to have heat. Council also discussed the grant could be used to get satellite phones and Star link equipment for the Emergency Operation Centre.

299-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee for an emergency replacement of the storm sewer culvert on Ottawa Ave at a cost of \$39,657 plus HST as quoted by Canor Construction and be funded from municipal reserves.

Carried

300-2024 Scott/Brooks

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. Chief Arena Operator Report August 2024
2. South River Machar Arena TKE Elevator Service Proposal

301-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the elevator repairs at the South River Machar Arena from 46 Elevator Service Inc at a cost of \$3683.85 plus HST.

Carried

302-2024 Scott/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 #2.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. Emergency Management Program Committee August 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board Sept CAO Report
3. Joint Building Committee August 2024 Stats

303-2024 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 #3.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution - Support Township of Stirling Rawdon - Public Sector Salary Disclosure
2. Resolution - Support Township of Nairn and Hyman- Radioactive Material Being Transported
3. Resolution – Support Township of Red Rock - Catch and Release
4. Resolution – Cancel Council Meeting October 8

304-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby express our support for the Township of Stirling-Rawdon resolution asking for reform of Public Sector Salary Disclosure; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of Stirling Rawdon

Carried

305-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of Nairn and Hyman requesting notice and consultation for Radioactive Material Being Transported; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of Nairn and Hyman.

Carried

306-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of Red Rock requesting the Government of Canada to reform the criminal code to stop the “Catch and Release” of criminals; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of Red Rock.

Carried

307-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby cancel the regularly scheduled Council meeting of October 8, 2024.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. DPSMA Agenda - Fall 2024 Delegate Agenda Package
2. Labour Market Group August 2024
3. AHHC September Draft Minutes
4. ACED - Save the Date RED Gala
5. Township of Joly - AHHC Roadmap
6. Township of Ryerson - MAHC Support
7. MNR - Flood Hazard Identification and Marking Program
8. Amanda Dion - Halloween
9. MMAH - Provincial Planning Statement

308-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #9.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brenda Scott commented on Short Term Rentals needs in the community for building economic development.

Councillor Robert Brooks asked about security cameras at Tom Thomson Park, noting vandalisms that happened in surrounding communities' parks.

Councillor Teri Brandt asked about the date for Christmas in the Village. Council discussed December 13, 2024 or December 6, 2024 as alternative option. Council discussed food/beverage and activities for Christmas in the Village.

Mayor Jim Coleman discussed with Council that the Higher Heights Fellowship is having an appreciation service acknowledging first responders in October.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur discussed with Council they have an interview for the Part Time Snow Plow position Thursday. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur reminded Council to complete the IMS training and that there would be Basic Emergency Management course available to take.

Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft discussed the Cemetery meeting with Council and decided on a date. Council discussed some of the work that needed to be done at the Cemetery.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 4:30 PM

10. In Camera –

1. 309 HWY 124 Request for Expression of Interest
2. Machar Shared Fire and Community Centre Services

309-2024 Brandt/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 and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

310-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #42-2024

311-2024 Brandt/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# 42-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 24th day of September 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

312-2024 Brandt/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 22nd, 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: 5:16 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator