

Village of South River
Council Meeting – April 11, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday April 11, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Robert Brooks and Councillor Brenda Scott (Virtual). Councillor Teri Brandt was away with notice.

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

Guests: Heather Hickey, Delegation– In person
Nick Loney, Delegation– In Person

1. **Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30pm.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting

1. Near North District School Board – Hockey Program
2. Pump Track – Nick Loney

Principal Heather Hickey presents the proposal from the Near North District School Board in relation to the Hockey Canada Skills Academy program held through the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School for a Joint Use Agreement with the Village of South River. The HCSA program is designed to run from September to January and include 2 credits for students including fitness credits. The program will focus on enhancement of the educational experience for students by integrating hockey into their regular school day with hopes to supplement academic achievement through balance of both academics and athletics. Heather Hickey notes that there is considerable amount interest in the program from both participants and families alike. The program will require 40 to 50 hours of ice time, which has been proposed to be split between the South River Machar Arena and the SSJ Arena in Sundridge. Currently, the proposal includes 10 to 15 hours of ice at the SSJ Arena and the remainder with the South River Machar Arena. During discussion of the proposal Council reviewed the necessary needs of the program and agrees to donate up to 20 hours of ice time for the Almaguin highlands Secondary School Hockey Program.

110-2023 O’Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principal the Near North District School Board 2023/24 hockey program at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School with a contribution of up to 20 hours of donated ice matching the rental paid hour for hour and the amount be included in the 2023 municipal budget.

Carried

Heather Hickey leaves the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Nick Loney enters meeting at 5:57 p.m

Nick Loney presented to the Council the scope and details pertaining to the purposed Pump Track set to be constructed beside the Skate Park on Dufferin Street, highlighting that the purposed track will have dirt hump heights ranging from 1 Ft to 2.5 Ft, as to be safe for all participants. Council agrees to approve the project in principle; Council looks forward to approving the actual cost estimates once they have been determined.

111-2023 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principle the construction of a pump track at Dufferin Park in cooperation with the South River Lions Club and volunteers.

Carried

Nick Loney leaves the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

4. Adoption of Minutes

112-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting March 27, 2023.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement to March 31, 2023
2. Cheque Register to March 31, 2023
3. 2023 Arena Budget Update
4. MLEO Draft Budget 2023

Regarding Item 5.1.3 2023 Arena Budget Update: Council note that the Township of Machar has yet to approve the arena budget for 2023. Council review options for clearer ongoing communication with the neighboring municipality including the possibility of an Ad Hoc Committee for the 2023/2024 budget discussions.

During Discussion of Item 5.1.4 MLEO Draft Budget Council reviewed the various categories that contribute to the overall budget, noting that training and professional development classes specifically, the Ontario Association of Property Standards and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers Association courses are highly beneficial.

113-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the draft MLEO 2023 Budget as presented and the amount be included in the 2023 municipal budget.

Carried

114-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #4.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Phase 2 Watermain Tender and Feb 14 Minutes
2. Intern Report – Automated Speed Cameras

115-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the recommendation of GSS Engineering to award the Watermain Phase 2 Agreement tender to Canor Construction Inc and the appropriate by-law be drafted for the next meeting of Council.

Carried

During Discussion of Item 6.1.2 Intern Report – Automated Speed Cameras Council noted that the report was informative and concluded that this is not a viable option with the current budget however options could be considered in the future, possibly in partnership with neighbouring municipalities..

116-2023 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 #2 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. South River Machar Medical Centre Minutes March 21, 2023

117-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the reports from Shared Services Staff and Committees #1.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. Joint Building Committee March 2023 Statistics
2. EMS Advisory Board Minutes March 30 2023

118-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

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

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. By-law 17-2023 Appoint Deputy Chief Building Official
2. By-law 18-2023 Joly Fire Agreement
3. By-law 19-2023 ORNGE Helipad Agreement
4. Resolution Supporting Town of Essex – Tax Sale Proceeds

119-2023 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 #17-2023, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

120-2023 O'Hallarn/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 #18-2023, being a by-law to enter into a fire agreement with the Township of Joly with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

121-2023 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 #19-2023, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with ORNGE for the operation of a helipad at 253 Hwy 124 with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

122-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Town of Essex in their effort for municipalities to retain the excess share of tax sale proceeds.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. Korol Contracting – Construction 11 Howard St
2. B Bala 19 Main Street Rezoning Pre-consultation
3. Ontario – Minimum Wage
4. FONOM Draft Agenda
5. AORS – Enbridge Gas Utility Locate
6. Labour Market Group March Report and Feb Job Report
7. Ministry of Seniors – Senior of the year Call for Nominations
8. Classic Car Show – Date Change
9. OCWA – Standard of Care Invitation
10. South River Lions Club – Billboards
11. Attorney General – Provincial Offence Act

123-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby delay enforcement of Zoning By-law 17-95 in regards to a mobile home at 11 Howard St. until December 1, 2023 to permit construction to be completed at the site.

Carried

Regarding Item 8.2 B Bala 19 Main Street Rezoning Pre-Consultation. Council notes that the nearby Village properties within this rural zoning should be considered for rezoning from Rural to Second Density Residential as the land, as zoned currently, does not permit development.

124-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principle the rezoning of 19 Main St from Rural to Second Density Residential (R2) subject to our planners review and a complete application with applicable fees.

Carried

125-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the use of Tom Thomson Park for a Classic Car Show on July 22, 2023 provided all rules of the park are observed.

Carried

126-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #11.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)

Councilor O'Hallarn notes that April 21st at 2PM is the Grand Opening of the Employment North Building with participation from Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, Employment North, Almaguin Forest Products and Swift Canoe.

Clerk Administrator McArthur notes that Canada Day will fall on a Saturday and suggests that the office be closed for Monday, July 3rd in acknowledgement of the holiday. Council agrees that this date makes the most sense as Friday, June 30th, is a property tax due date.

Chief Financial Officer Wedseltoft suggests that a cemetery tour date be set for May 1st, as this should fall between the melting of the snow and Mother's Day. Highlighting that all interested parties are welcome to join including the professional partners and Chief Public Works Operator Seppe Maes. The tour would begin at 2PM for a walk through of the cemetery followed by a formal meeting to discuss options regarding the future and maintenance of the cemetery.

Kristen Greig leaves the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

10. In Camera

1. Commercial Lease
2. Joint Building Committee Staffing Matters

127-2023 O'Hallarn/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 of local board and d) labour relations or employee negotiations and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

128-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:02 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

129-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support

the Chief Building Official remuneration as approved by the Joint Building Committee by Resolution 2023-021 at their April 6, 2023 meeting.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #20-2023

130-2023 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 #20-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of April 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

131-2023 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 Monday, April 24th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the South River Council Chambers located at 63 Marie Street or at the call of the Mayor. Time of Adjournment: 8:04 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator