

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – April 24, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday April 24, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, Councillor Robert Brooks (Virtual) and Councillor Brenda Scott (Virtual).

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

**Guests:** Jacob Hanlon, Delegation– Virtual

1. **Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:32pm.

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

**3. Delegation and Public Meeting**

1. Jacob Hanlon – Food Cycle Science – Compost

The municipal coordinator, Jacob Hanlon, from Food Cycle Science presents to Council the details pertaining to the Foodcycler Municipal Solutions program being offered across Canada. Food Cycle Science is a Canadian company based out of Ottawa that is focused on food waste diversion solutions using the Foodcycler’s technology to help promote food and compostable waste diversion out of landfills to aid households and municipalities with environmentally friendly solutions to waste. Jacob Hanlon highlights that food waste is avoidable and the impacts of food waste on the environment and municipal landfills contribute to an increased percentage of methane in the air we breathe, increased need for waste disposal transfer services and increased costs for landfill services. The Foodcycler would transform food waste into a natural soil in the matter of hours, this sterile biomass can be used in household compost disposal, as well as used as a natural fertilizer in gardens and on lawns. Food Cycle Science is seeking additional implementation partners to be part of the program with direct investment into the community to offset the cost for residents wanting to contribute to the program. Council will review the costs and implementation of the program and make a decision at a later date. In the meantime Council requested that a demo of the product be sent to the municipal office for Council to examine the functionality of the Foodcycler.

*Jacob Hanlon leaves the meeting at 5:58 PM*

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

132-2023 Brooks/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting April 11, 2023.**

Carried

## **5. Accounts and Finance**

### **5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. Ad Hoc Arena Budget Committee

During discussion of Item 5.1.1 Ad Hoc Arena Budget Committee Council notes the committee concern related to labour hours versus revenue presented for the Arena Budget. Administration offered that better revenue and time tracking with new software should improve this for future budgets.

133-2023 Scott/Brooks

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

Carried

## **6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**

### **6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –**

1. MLEO Report April 2023
2. Strategic Plan Updated
3. New to the Village – Welcome Letter Draft
4. HiPS Meeting Minute April 17 2023

Regarding Item 6.1.3 New to the Village – Welcome Letter Draft: Council reviews the draft letter and direct staff to update outdated information and make the text less substantial in minimally important subjects areas in the letter.

During discussion of Item 6.1.4 HiPS Meeting Minute April 17 2023 Council reviewed the pre-consultation feedback with the goal itinerary being decided within the year. Council request that the Public Works department assist with moving bulky items out of the train station.

134-2023 Brooks/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #4 as presented.**

Carried

### **6.2 Reports from Shared Services**

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki April Report
2. SRM Chief Arena Operator March Report

135-2023 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 as presented.**

Carried

### **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

1. PSDSSAB April CAO Report
2. Central Almaguin Planning Board March 1 Minutes

136-2023 Scott/Brandt

**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. AORS – Enbridge Gas Utility Locate Resolution
2. Registration DPSMA Spring 2023
3. By-law 21-2023 Canor Construction Tender Award

137-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

***WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;***

***AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;***

***AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;***

***AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;***

***AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;***

***THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Village of South River strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;***

***AND THAT, the Province of Ontario’s Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;***

***AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.***

Carried

138-2023 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillors Robert Brooks, Teri Brandt, Bill O’Hallarn, and Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 and costs be reimbursed as per Village policy.**

Carried

139-2023 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 #21-2023, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Administrator to enter into an agreement with Canor Construction Inc for the Watermain Phase 2 Rehabilitation as per the tender award Schedule A attached.**

Carried

## **8. Correspondence**

1. Nipissing Rock and Mineral Club – Community Hall Request
2. R White – Hospital Funding
3. Town of Grimsby – Municipal Heritage Register
4. SRM Library – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Request
5. Parry Sound District – Call for Nomination to FONOM Executive
6. South River Lions – Canada Day Letter
7. South River Lions – Canada Day Road Closure
8. South River Lions – Don Ivens Award
9. Sundridge MAGC Local Share Resolution
10. Township of Perry – Hospital Local Share
11. Township of Perry – Food Insecurity in Ontario
12. Women’s Own Resource Centre – Rural Outreach Program
13. Women’s Own Resource Centre – Community Centre and Kitchen Rental
14. Women’s Own Resource Centre – Request for Annual Support
15. FONOM – Bail Reform Issue and Resolution
16. CN Vegetation Program – Municipal Notice
17. Township of Strong – MLEO 2023 Budget
18. Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks – Litter Day of Action
19. Canadian History Ehx – Sponsorship Letter
20. Minister Steve Clark – Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act
21. Vic Fedeli MPP – Nipissing Point of View
22. Township of Chisholm – Ecole Franco Support
23. Falun Dafa Association – Proclamation Flag Raising Request

Regarding Item 8.1 Nipissing Rock and Mineral Club – Community Hall Request: Council discusses the implications between the incoming revenue in comparison to labour hours required to cover the event. Council reviewed the date and times requested by the group and felt the current rates were fair.

140-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the closure of Marie St. from Lily to Eagle Lake Rd. on August 20, 2023 from noon to 10:00 PM to permit ample parking for a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the South River Machar Union Public Library Celebration.**

Carried

141-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the use of Tom Thomson Park for Canada Day Celebrations by the South River Lions Club on July 1, 2023 provided all rules of the park are observed.**

Carried

142-2023 Brooks/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the closure of Ottawa Ave. from Isabella St to Ena Ave. on July 1, 2023 for a Canada Day Parade from approximately 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.**

Carried

143-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize a \$167 donation to the South River Lions Club for the 2023 Don Ivens Memorial Community Volunteer Award.**

Carried

144-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the rental of the community hall and kitchen for the Women's Own Resource Centre – Rural Outreach Program Endeavour – Community Kitchen Program for \$200 per session for eight sessions between June 1, 2023 and February 28, 2025 subject to availability.**

Carried

145-2023 Brandt/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the annual support for Women's Own Resource in the amount of \$0.50 per capita (\$550.00).**

Carried

146-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #23.**

Carried

## **9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)**

Councilor Robert Brooks requests an update pertaining to the transfer of data with the new accounting application, Townsuite Financial. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur responded that Townsuite is working toward transferring all historical data from the previous accounting system into the Townsuite system.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur reports that the Employment North location would be open to providing the location for the community gardens. Council discussed the issues with access to the area and the implications of transporting water to the gardens.

## **10. In Camera** – Nil

## **11. Confirming By-law** – By-law #22-2023

147-2023 O'Hallarn/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 #22-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

## **12. Adjournment**

148-2023 Brandt/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 Monday, May 8th, 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: 7:52 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**