

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Dec 12, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday December 12, 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 and Councillor Brenda Scott.

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

1.Call to Order - The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 2:00 pm.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting –

4. Adoption of Minutes - Council Monday November 27th, 2023 and Council December 11th 2023

354-2023 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby amend the Agenda to delete Item 7.7 Rezoning By-law 48-2023 and add Item 10 - In-camera – Commercial Lease

Carried

355-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings dated November 27th and December 11th, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement November 30, 2023
2. Cheque Register to November 30, 2023
3. Council Remuneration Review
4. OCIF 2024 Allocation South River

Regarding Item 5.1.1 Income Statement November 30, 2023 Council discussed current Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program payments and Arena Revenue.

In regards to Item 5.1.2 Cheque Register to November 30, 2023 Council noted remaining Watermain Project payments to be made.

In discussion of Item 5.1.3 Council Remuneration Review Council discussed Mayoral and Council salaries regionally. Council discussed Cost Of Living and Inflation in regards to current Council salary. Council recommended bringing forward a Council Remuneration By-law for next Council meeting.

Regarding Item 5.1.4 OCIF 2024 Allocation South River Council reviewed the provincial formula for calculating the grant based on core assets.

356-2023 Scott/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. Economic Development/Business Manager Intern
2. South River Village Municipal Budget Priorities Survey
3. South River Municipal Emergency Control Group Dec 5 2023
4. Clerk-Administrator Report
5. 2023 Accessibility Report and Plan Review

Regarding Item 6.1.1 Economic Development/Business Manager Intern Council discussed prior Intern programs. Council discussed the wage and responsibilities that an intern might have with the Village and South River Power Generation. Council discussed that funding would ideally be in place to coincide with graduates in the spring.

In regards to Item 6.1.2 South River Village Municipal Budget Priorities Survey Council suggested changes for the Survey, and it's formatting. Council discussed digital distribution options and adding more information for questions.

357-2023 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for a one year intern with the costs to be shared with South River Power Generation Corporation and the job to be titled Economic Development/Business Manager.

Carried

Regarding Item 6.1.3 South River Municipal Emergency Control Group Dec 5 2023 Council noted a good meeting.

358-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby acknowledge acceptance of the December 5, 2023 Municipal Emergency Control Group meeting minutes and training confirmation.

Carried

Regarding Item 6.1.4 Clerk-Administrator Report Council received the report regarding the Canada Summer Jobs application, staff and volunteer Christmas lunch and FEDNOR Train Station application progress.

In regards to Item 6.1.5 2023 Accessibility Report and Plan Review Council discussed current implemented accessibility and the progress made in 2023 with sidewalks in particular.

359-2023 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River has reviewed the south River Accessibility Plan 2020 and 2023 Compliance Report.

Carried

360-2023 Brandt/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. South River Machar Fire Chief Report December 2023
2. South River Machar Fire Dispatch Solicitor General NG9-1-1 Year 2 Funding
3. South River Machar Arena Chief Operator November Report
4. South River Machar Medical Centre Board Minutes Nov 21, 2023

Regarding Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Fire Chief Report December 2023 Council discussed emergency services calls mainly occurring during working hours. Council reviewed the NG9-1-1

Transition Support Funding (Year Two: 2023-24).

361-2023 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the South River Machar Fire Chief and the Clerk-Administrator to acknowledge the NG9-1-1 Transition Support Funding (Year Two: 2023-24) funding in the amount of \$137,000 and the appropriate by-law be brought forward when a Transfer Payment Agreement is received.

Carried

Regarding Item 6.2.3 South River Machar Arena Chief Operator November Report Council discussed electric capacity of arena and generators to handle the proposed dehumidifier and the costs to upgrade to a gas dehumidifier as quoted by Black and McDonald.

362-2023 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 to #4.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. ACED – Draft Budget 2023 to 2027
2. Joint Building Committee November Statistics
3. North Bay Parry Sound Board of Health and Finance and Property Sept 27, 2023 Minutes

Regarding Item 6.3.1 ACED – Draft Budget 2023 to 2027 Council reviewed Municipalities currently with ACED. Council discussed possible youth programs.

In regards to Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee November Statistics Council discussed South River statistics for JBC. Council discussed assessment amounts for a building under construction. Council noted the increase in availability of Ready-to-Build homes.

363-2023 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 – South River Staff Christmas Appreciation
2. Resolution – Support Town of Orangeville - Ontario Works Financial Assistance
3. Resolution – Support Municipality of Wawa - Water Treatment Training
4. Resolution - Support Town of Aylmer - Amendments to the Residential Tenancies
5. Resolution – Appoint Asset Management Committee
6. Resolution – 2024 Administration, Public Works, Community Development and Sale of Land Fees
7. By-law 48-2023 – Procedural By-law

364-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the staff Christmas appreciation amounts as presented.

Carried

365-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

WHEREAS the Town of Orangeville is calling on the Provincial Government to increase Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of South River does hereby fully endorse the Town of Orangeville Resolution of November 13, 2023 for increased Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this this Resolution be sent to the Town of Orangeville indicating our support for their action in this matter and they circulate as they see appropriate.

Carried

366-2023 Brandt/Scott

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa is calling on the Provincial Government to expand water treatment training opportunities for communities within Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of South River does hereby fully endorse the Municipality of Wawa Resolution # RC23262 of November 7, 2023 calling on the Provincial Government to expand water treatment training opportunities for communities within Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this this Resolution be sent to the Municipality of Wawa indicating our support for their action in this matter and they circulate as they see appropriate.

Carried

367-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Town of Aylmer seeking amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, to ensure that all tenants benefit from protections intended to preserve affordability and this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Aylmer.

Carried

368-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint an Asset Management Committee of Councillors Brenda Scott and Robert Brooks with support from the Clerk-Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and department heads as needed and that all previous asset management committees are disbanded.

Carried

369-2023 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the 2024 Administration, Public Works, Community Development and Sale of Land Fees as presented.

Carried

370-2023 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 #48-2023 being a by-law to adopt a Procedural By-law with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. R Jeffrey - Legion Banners
2. OPP - Annual High School Game Arena Donation Request
3. Mark Holbrook - Budget Suggestions
4. Crimestoppers - January Crimestoppers Month
5. ROMA 2024 Annual Conference
6. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Tree Planting Initiative
7. Sled Dog Sports Association of Southwestern Ontario –Sponsorship Request
8. 2024 FONOM Registration
9. Chatham-Kent - 2023 Ontario Works Rate
10. Dr. Carol Zimbalatti - Modernizing Alcohol Marketplace and Product Sales
11. FONOM - Chief Foy Tod Retirement
12. FONOM - Homeless Seminar
13. Municipality of Tweed - Funding Grant Programs

In regards to Item 8.1 R Jeffrey - Legion Banners Council discussed labour cost. Council discussed R. Jeffrey's sponsorship plan.

371-2023 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Royal Canadian Legion Branch 390 in hanging banners commemorating veterans throughout the Village. The intention being that the Legion will organize, purchase and install the banners at times approved by the Village.

Carried

372-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support a donation to the OPP for two free hours of ice time for their annual high school challenge game on December 13, 2023

Carried

In regards to Item 8.3 Mark Holbrook - Budget Suggestions Council appreciated input from a member of the community.

In regards to Item 8.4 Crimestoppers - January Crimestoppers Month Council recommended bringing forward a resolution in support.

In regards to Item 8.6 Council discussed tree species, planting locations and planning for such a project.

In regards to Item 8.7 Sled Dog Sports Association of Southwestern Ontario –Sponsorship Request Council discussed how this would help as a tourism incentive and recommended a resolution of support be brought forward for a donation.

373-2023 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #13.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn was impressed with the Arena and staff for the Christmas in the Village event. Mayor Jim Coleman also acknowledged the efforts of the Arena staff for their hard work.

Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur noted that the Public Works meeting was cancelled for December, as it conflicts with Christmas lunch, unless a pressing item required immediate attention.

Councillor Teri Brandt would like the canteen in the Arena refurbished as it is very dated. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur stated he would have Arena staff look into costs and prepare a report. Councillor Teri Brandt noted it was a great night and heard much positive feedback.

Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur noted the Village has received more applicants for the Part-Time Arena Operator position and is preparing an interview schedule.

Allister Johnston leaves the meeting at 4:55 PM

10. In Camera –

1. Commercial Lease

374-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

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 4:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

375-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:35 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

Council requested legal advice on the commercial lease be brought to the next in-camera meeting of Council

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #49-2023

376-2023 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# 49-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12th day of December 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

377-2023 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 January 9th, 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: 5:48 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator