

Village of South River
Council Meeting – February 27, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday February 27th, 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, Councillor Teri Brandt and Councillor Brenda Scott (Virtual).

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

Guests: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual
Risto Maki, Fire Chief – In Person

1. **Call to Order** -The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:31pm.

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

3. **Delegation and Public Meeting**- Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes

55-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on February 13, 2023 and Committee of the Whole Meeting February 15, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. 2023 Fire and Arena Budgets

During Discussion of Item 5.1.1 2023 Fire Budgets Council highlighted that the Committee of Whole meeting focused on reviewing budgets and looking for savings to further reduce expenditures.

56-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend the 2023 Fire and Arena Budgets be approved as presented and brought forward to the March 6, 2023 Joint Council Meeting with the Township of Machar.

Carried

57-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

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

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Variegated Devas – Flower Quote
2. Public Works Minutes February 16 2023 and Proposed OCWA Letter
3. GSS Bruman Meeting Minutes #6 Feb 7 2023
4. GSS Pre-tender Meeting Watermain Phase 2
5. MMAH Modernization Funding

58-2023 Brandt/Brooks

The Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the purchase of flowers throughout the Village for the 2023 Spring and Summer Season from Variegated Devas Nursery at a cost of \$5,341.66 + HST.

Carried

During discussion of Item 6.1.2 Public Works Minutes February 16 2023 and proposed OCWA Letter Council noted that disposal of sludge at the water treatment plant remains a prominent issue and significant costs associated with the presented offer from OCWA. Council expresses concerns pertaining to the functionality of the removal and disposal of sludge and will continue to examine new information as it becomes available.

59-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to purchase an EDDYNET 8' Pick Up Sweeper (with Water tank) from Brandy Tractor at a cost of \$40,500 plus delivery, installation and taxes. Further it is recommended the purchase be funded from general reserves.

Carried

60-2023 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Public Works Committee recommendation to continue participation in the Blue Sky GIS Municipal Partnership Road Counter Program with a \$200 one-time contribution and the cost be included in the 2023 budget.

Carried

61-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby request a letter be sent to the Ontario Clean Water Agency in regards to overall increasing costs and in particular for sludge removal.

Carried

Discussion of Item 6.1.3 GSS Bruman Meeting Minutes #6 Feb 7 2023 highlighted that the phase one watermain rehabilitation project is significantly behind schedule and this delay could be contributed to a number of factors including available labourers, delayed locates, and Hydro One delays. Discussion ensued on additional project management costs as a result and how the costs will be covered.

Regarding Item 6.1.5 MMAH Modernization Funding: Council discussed the details presented in the application for the MMAH Modernization Funding and request that a letter be drafted to Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steven Clark and MPP Minister Graydon Smith concerning the funding claim.

62-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Mayor Jim Coleman sending a letter to Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steven Clark and our MPP Minister Graydon Smith requesting they review the funding claim for Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 – Implementation Project Stream 2021-02-1-1563829234.

Carried

63-2023 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 #5 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki February Report
2. SRM Chief Arena Operator January Report

Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Fire Chief Maki February Report presented by Fire Chief Risto Maki was delayed until after Council Round Table with permission from Council.

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. PSDSSAB February CAO Report
2. Joint Building Committee Minutes Feb 16 2023
3. ACED Jan 26 Minutes and Directors Report
4. NBPS Health Unit – Municipal Levy 2023 South River

Rocco Frangione leaves the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

During discussion of Item 6.3.1 PSDSSAB Councillor Brandt reports that licensed child care programs are still experiencing staffing challenges and that there is a shortage of Registered Early Childhood Educators. Council requests that a letter be drafted expressing interest in having someone speak regarding the housing stock updates and issues in relation to the Village.

64-2023 O’Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the NBPS Health Unit 2023 Levy as presented and the appropriate amounts be included in the 2023 Municipal Budget.

Carried

65-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees #1 to #4.

Carried

7. By-laws and Resolutions

1. By-law 10-2023 Tax Sale Fee Schedule
2. Resolution Supporting Town of Petrolia re School Board Election Costs
3. SRM Fire Department Appointments

66-2023 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 #10-2023, being a by-law to authorize the Tax Sale Fee Schedule as per Schedule A attached.

Carried

67-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the correspondence dated January 23, 2023 from the Town of Petrolia regarding School Board Elections be received and supported; and that a letter of support be sent to the Town of Petrolia, the Honorable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Anthony Leardi, the County of Essex and all other municipalities.

Carried

68-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Todd Dupuis and Darrel Finch as firefighters to the South River Machar Fire Department.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. D Berkhout RBC – South River ATM
2. Explore South River – Donation Request
3. South River Friendly Circle Annual Donation
4. SRM Agricultural Society – Arena Request
5. SRM Agricultural Society – Fall Fair Donation Request
6. SRM Agricultural Society – LED Reader Sign Request
7. Minister Piccini MOECP – Blue Box Transition
8. S Rozhdestvensky – Zoning Request 48 Main
9. MAHC Hospital Local Share Updates and Resolutions
10. FONOM 2023 Executive Award – Call for Nominations
11. Marliese Gause – Homesharing
12. AMCTO – Pre-Budget Submission
13. FONOM Media Release – Catch n Release
14. Hudson Booth – Donation Request

69-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Grant in Aid application from PARC Association for \$1000 per year for four years to support the Explore South River App.

Carried

70-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the annual contribution to the South River Friendly Circle in the amount of \$2670 for 2023.

Carried

Fire Chief Risto Maki enters the meeting at 7:25 P.M

71-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a donation to the South River Machar Agricultural Society for bouncy castles at their Fall Fair in the amount of \$1218.

Carried

Regarding Item 8.6 South River Machar Agricultural Society – LED Reader Sign Request: Council agrees to support the idea in principle and Council would like to participate in further investigating the feasibility of such project.

72-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support working together with the South River Machar Agricultural Society, the Township of Machar, and the South River Lions to investigate the feasibility for a LED reader sign for community messages.

Carried

73-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principle the zoning changes to develop 48 Main St as a residential building lot.

The owner will be required to;

- 1) Submit the appropriate applications and fees**
- 2) Provide an opinion from a certified planner on the rail reduction setback required**
- 3) Remove the existing structures on the property by July 31, 2023**

Carried

74-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve a donation to Hudson Booth in the amount of \$200 to support his tremendous efforts in representing South River as a para-track athlete.

Carried

75-2022 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #14.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)-

Councillor Brandt requests staff add the variety of recreational activities available to South River Residents and visitors, including kayaking and walking trails, to the next addition of the local news publication, Ripples. Councillor Scott adds that the Explore South River website and app information should be highlighted on the South River Municipal Website.

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki February Report

76-2023 O'Hallarn/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 and #2.

Carried

Kristen Greig leaves meeting at 8:28 P.M.

10. In Camera

1. Joly Fire Agreement
2. Watermain Phase 1 Construction Cost Allocations
3. Commercial Lease

77-2023 Brandt/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 or local board and that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:29 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

78-2023 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open session at 9:20 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

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

79-2023 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 #11-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 27th day of February 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

80-2023 Brooks/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 Monday, March 13, 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: 9:24 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator