

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – January 9, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councilor Robert Brooks, Councilor Teri Brandt and Councilor 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

1. **Call to Order** -The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:36pm.

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

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

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

1-2023 Brooks/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting on December 12, 2022 as presented.**

Carried

5. **Accounts and Finance**

5.1 **Accounts Reports**

1. Income Statement to December 31,2022
2. Cheques to December 31, 2022
3. OCIF 2023 Allocation Notice

During Discussion of Item 5.1.1 Income Statement to December 31, 2022 Council examined the variances presented in the income statement and determined the sources that caused the discrepancies were generally related to projected capital project funding. Council and staff are hopeful the new accounting program Townsuite will provide better easier to read reports. Council recommends that the format and types of financial reports be revisited once the transition to Townsuite software is completed.

2-2023 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance Items #1 to #3.**

Carried

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

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

1. Public Works Committee Minutes December 15, 2022

During discussion of Item 6.1.1 Public Works Committee Minutes December 15, 2022, Council reviewed the decision for earlier arrival times for Public Works employees to accommodate snow removal in the Village. Council highlighted that there is a continuous issue with the disposal of sludge pertaining to the water treatment facility; this issue is to be addressed in a future meeting. A proposal for a purchase or lease of street sweeping equipment was brought forward with the intention to significantly decrease the staff hours due to street sweeping. Council suggests that further comparisons are needed to make a formal decision.

3-2023 O’Hallarn/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the**

**staff and committee reports #1 as presented.**

Carried

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

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki December Report
2. SRM Chief Arena Operator November Report

Regarding Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Fire Chief Maki December Report: Council requests that annual comparative abstract be presented alongside the monthly report to accurately determine the contrast between previous and current year's statistics.

During Discussion of Item 6.2.2 South River Machar Chief Arena Operator November Report Council examined the costs associated with replacing the used condenser with a new unit to avoid equipment failure. Council weighed the options of postponing the replacement of the unit to dedicate time to reviewing available funding and grants associated with recreational capital projects or moving forward immediately to purchase the new unit during this year's shutdown. Staff requested to confirm price and availability and schedule a meeting as soon as possible with the Township of Machar to discuss capital projects at the South River Machar Community Centre and Arena.

4-2023 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 #2.**

Carried

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

1. ACED Director Report October and November 2022
2. ACED 2023 Budget and Terms of Reference
3. Joint Building Committee December 2022 Statistics
4. Central Almaguin Planning Board October and November 2022 Minutes

During discussion of Item 6.3.1 ACED Director Report October and November 2022 Council examined the economic impact and the variety of contributions to marketing and economic development ACED offers the Village.

5-2023 Brooks/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the proposed 2023 budget for Almaguin Community Economic Development and that South River's share of \$15,390.87 be included in the 2023 Municipal Budget.**

Carried

6-2023 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 #4.**

Carried

### **7. Correspondence**

1. Minister Steve Clark – Housing Regs
2. Sundridge – Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection
3. Minister Steve Clark – Building Code Update
4. Township of Armour Resolution – Bill C21
5. Crimestoppers – January as Crimestoppers Month
6. Regional Committee Appointment Resolutions
7. Town of Newmarket and Northumberland County – Bill 23
8. Ontario Sheep Farmers – Livestock Guardian Dogs
9. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership Renewal
10. Lanark County – Violence Against Women Renfrew Inquest Resolution
11. Municipality of Tweed – Natural Gas Resolution
12. Trillium Grant Available for 2023
13. NAISA – Ribbon Cutting Invitation

7-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the 2023 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership Renewal membership in the amount of \$452.53 plus applicable taxes.**

Carried

8-2023 Brandt/Brooks

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

Carried

*Rocco Frangione exits meeting at 8:05PM*

**8. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)-**

Councilor O'Hallarn mentions that the possible relocation of the community gardens to the Employment North building location may have unforeseen difficulties including limited access into the area for residents. In addition, Councilor O'Hallarn suggests that there needs to be developments in regards to the septic system with the train station project. Clerk Administrator McArthur noted that the architect has had communication with MOECP that should allow the septic plans to move forward at a reasonable cost.

Councilor Scott notes that there needs to be trails maintained throughout the Village for walking in the winter as well as summer.

**9. In Camera - Nil**

**10. By-Laws and Resolutions**

1. By-law 01-2023 Borrowing
2. By-law 02-2023 Procedural
3. By-law 03-2023 Integrity Commissioner Agreement ADR Chambers
4. By-law 04-2023 South River Power Generation Office Lease Agreement
5. By-law 05-2023 Pregnancy and Parental Council Leave Policy

9-2023 Brooks/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby read a first, second and third time and final pass By-law #1-2023, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

10-2023 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 #2-2023, being a Procedural By-law to govern the meeting structure for the Council and Committees with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

11-2023 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 #3-2023, being a by-law to enter into a agreement for Integrity Commissioner services with ADR Chamber with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

12-2023 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 #4-2023, being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement for office space with the South River Power Generation Corporation with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**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 #5-2023, being a by-law to adopt Pregnancy and Parental Council Leave Policy.**

Carried

**11. Confirming By-law – By-law #6-2023**

14-2023 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 #6-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

15-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**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, January 23, 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: 8:30 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**