

Village of South River
Council Meeting – July 10, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday July 10, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, Councillor Brenda Scott and Councillor Robert Brooks.

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 5:30pm.

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

3. **Delegation and Public Meeting** – 1. NMBCA Source Protection Plan – D. Ellingwood
2. South River Power Generation – S. Hawthorne

In regards to Item 3.1 NMBCA Source Protection Plan – D. Ellingwood Dave Ellingwood presented Source Protection Plan to the Council of South River, and discussed its application, impact and implementation for South River. Council discussed water testing done on the South River. Mr. Ellingwood noted the deadline for municipal comments on the proposed revisions is July 26, 2023.

NMBCA representative Dave Ellingwood leaves meeting at 6:19PM

In regards to Item 3.2 South River Power Generation – S. Hawthorne Council heard from Sherri Hawthorne on the South River Power Generation regarding the independent review of the 2022 South River Power Generation Financial Statements as prepared by Grant Thornton. Ms. Hawthorne noted they are still working on a new water power lease arrangement with MNRF but the process is not complete. Ms. Hawthorne also noted operationally how the corporation works and the intent to transfer the daily financial duties back to the Village in 2024.

4. **Adoption of Minutes** - Council Monday June 26, 2023

222-2023 O’Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting June 26, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement to June 30, 2023
2. Cheque Register to June 30, 2023
3. Short and Long-term Borrowing

In discussion of Item 5.1.1 Income Statement to June 30, 2023 Council noted that this will not be final due to CANOR and Bruman expenses still outstanding.

During discussion of Item 5.1.2 Cheque Register to June 30, 2023 Council discussed their major expenses of insurance and the Watermain Project for the Village.

In regards to Item 5.1.3 Short and Long-term Borrowing

Clerk- Administrator McArthur indicated that TD Bank would be the lead for construction financing and Infrastructure Ontario for long-term borrowing. The general security held by Kawartha Credit Union needed to be removed. The Village currently has no borrowing with Kawartha Credit Union.

223-2023 O’Hallarn/Brandt

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

that Kawartha Credit Union remove the General Security Agreement associated with the line of credit on the general bank account.

Carried

224-2023 Brandt/Scott

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

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Canor Construction Meeting #2 Minutes.

In regards to Item 6.1.1 Canor Construction Meeting #2 Minutes. Council notes that construction appears to be well organized and progressing on schedule.

225-2023 Brandt/Brooks

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services - Nil

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. ACED- June Director Report May 25 Minutes and Projected Contributions
2. ACED Draft Almaguin Housing Task Force Terms of Reference
3. Joint Building Committee 2023 June Statistics

In discussion of Item 6.3.1 ACED- June Director Report May 25 Minutes and Projected Contributions Council discussed May 25th Minutes and noted positive discussions were had.

Regarding Item 6.3.2 ACED Draft Almaguin Housing Task Force Terms of Reference Council discussed the addition of the Planning Boards to the task force. Council additionally touched on local housing By-laws and Provincial Laws that influence housing decisions. Council further discussed the housing crisis from the perspective of small communities.

In discussion of Item 6.3.3 Joint Building Committee 2023 June Statistics Councillor Brooks informed the JBC is training a new building inspector and that he had enquired about insurance and legal expenses that are the individual municipalities responsibilities at the meeting.

226-2023 Brooks/Brandt

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. By-law 28-2023 Infrastructure Ontario Borrowing
2. By-law 29-2023 Tax Rates
3. By-law 30-2023 Tax Ratios
4. Resolution to Appoint Full-time Public Works Operator
5. Resolution to Support Municipality of Shuniah - Bill 3 Changes
6. Resolution to Support Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Right to Repair
7. Township of McGarry - School Bus Arm

227-2023 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 #28-2023 being a by-law to authorize the long-term borrowing from Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation to finance Capital Work for the Phase 1 Watermain Project with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

228-2023 Scott /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# 29-2023, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest for the year 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

229-2023 O'Hallarn/Scott

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# 30-2023, being a by-law to set 2023 Tax Ratios for the prescribed property classes with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

230-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Tim Sinclair as Full-time Public Works Operator effective July 19, 2023.

Carried

231-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Municipality of Shuniah Resolution # 232-2 requesting changes to Bill 3 for small municipalities.

Carried

232-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury letter to Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne and Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau – Re: Right to Repair.

Carried

233-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of McGarry's resolution for the province to fund and maintain school bus arm cameras.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. SRM Agricultural Society - Farmers Market
2. SR Friendly Circle - Thank you Card
3. MNRF - Proposal to Amend Forest Management Manuals
4. MNRF - Technical Bulletin Flood Mapping
5. MNRF- Public Lands Act Regulatory Amendments
6. Municipality of North Perth - Vacant Building Official Positions
7. Oxford County - Codes of Conduct
8. Town of Petrolia - Increase Licensed Child Care Space
9. Township of Selwyn - Short Term Rentals

10. Woodstock City Council - Highway Traffic Act Amendments
11. Municipal Engineers Association - OPS Standards
12. Municipality of Chatham-Kent - MFIPPA Time for Change

Regarding Item 8.3 SRM Agricultural Society - Farmers Market Council discussed the Agriculture Society's Operations and encouraged their efforts for a farmers market.

Regarding Item 8.3 MNRF - Proposal to Amend Forest Management Manuals Council noted plans to modernize the manuals used for wood measurements.

In regards to Item 8.8 MNRF -Technical Bulletin Flood Mapping Council touched on the lack of current flood mapping for the South River watershed.

Regarding Item 8.8 Town of Petrolia - Increase Licensed Child Care Space Council discussed Town of Petrolia's request to expand before and after school spaces by two in home daycares.

During discussion of Item 8.9 Township of Selwyn - Short Term Rentals Council discussed impact short term rentals can have on quality of life in communities. Council discussed current existing Provincial laws and By-laws for short term rentals. Council noted that South River benefits from short term rentals.

In discussion of Item 8.10 Woodstock City Council - Highway Traffic Act Amendments Council discussed the high cost of implementation and maintenance of speed cameras.

In regards to Item 8.12 Municipality of Chatham-Kent - MFIPPA Time for Change Council discussed the privacy practices for files kept by the municipality.

234-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #12.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brenda Scott brought forward concerns around yard sales. Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn noted that South River has a Peddler's License. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur noted enforcement of the yard sale by-law is not difficult if problem yard sales are reported. Mayor Jim Coleman brought forward that it may be beneficial for the Village to declare a day when everyone who wanted could host a sale on the same designated day.

Councillor Brenda Scott brought up the South River-Sundridge Airshow and that is was a good event.

Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn noted that the Public Works meeting was changed to July 19 2023 due to scheduling issues.

Councillor Robert Brooks noted that all the community gardens appear to be getting good usage.

Councillor Robert Brooks asked about Junior Hockey League updates. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur advised that the NJHL had gotten back to him. They had chosen the name 'South River Hornets' and would be visiting South River soon.

Councillor Teri Brandt noted the large number of South River children in other summer programs and encouraged an early commitment from the Hockey Opportunity Camp to be able to hold Summer Camp next year.

Councillor Teri Brandt enquired about the construction occurring at the Public School. Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn explained that the school is re-arranging where busses will enter for pick-up and drop-off as well as the installation of new septic, playground, and fencing.

Mayor Jim Coleman asked about the pump track for the Skate Park update. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur informed the money has been forwarded but the group had not started work yet.

Mayor Jim Coleman inquired about the status of the Train Station project. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur to follow-up with architect.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted that the Staff Sergeant Doug Vincer of the OPP will be attending the July 24, 2023 Council Meeting.

Council directed Clerk Administrator Don McArthur to request a joint Council meeting with Machar Township.

10. In Camera – none

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #31-2023

235-2023 Brooks/ Scott

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# 31-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of July 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

236-2023 Scott/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, July 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: 8:44 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator