

Village of South River
Council Meeting – March 13, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday March 13, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councilor Teri Brandt and Councilor Robert Brooks (Virtual). Councilor Brenda Scott was away with notice.

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In Person
Kristen Greig, Administrative Assistant – Virtual
Alexis Jeffery, Law Student Intern – 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. John Witlox – Construction Project

Delegation with John Witlox was cancelled with notice and will be rescheduled for a future date.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

82-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting dated February 27, 2023, and the Joint Council Meeting March 6, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. **Accounts and Finance**

5.1 **Accounts Reports**

1. Income Statement to February 28, 2023
2. Cheques to February 28, 2023
3. 2023 Arena Budget Update

During discussion of Item 5.1.3 2023 Arena Budget Update Council examined the correlation involving labour hours and revenues dating back three years for an accurate comparison for the Arena budget purposes based on discussion at the joint Council meeting March 6th.

83-2023 O’Hallarn/Brandt

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

Carried

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

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. PSAP NG 9-1-1 Dispatch Grant
2. Proposed Cemetery Fee Amendment
3. Draft Sign By-law Update

During discussion of Item 6.1.1 PSAP NG 9-1-1 Dispatch Grant Council discussed the time constraints and the technology costs possibly exceeding the grant budget. Council agreed to draft a letter of intent with the final decision to be made at the next Council meeting.

Regarding Item 6.1.3 Draft Sign By-law Update: Law Student Intern, Alexis Jeffery, advises the Council regarding the ongoing updates for the Draft Sign By-law, Council discussed the developments made pertaining to the permit and enforcement sections of the by-law. Council suggests that the permit fee remain at \$25.

84-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the PSAP NG 9-1-1 Transition letter as drafted and that a Transfer Payment Agreement By-law be drafted for the next meeting of Council.

Carried

85-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #3 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services - Nil

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. Eastholme 2023 Levy and 2022 Financial Report
2. Central Almaguin Planning Board Feb 1 2023 Minutes
3. Joint Building Committee February Statistics

86-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Eastholme Home for the Aged 2023 Budget with South River's contribution being \$26,027.00 and the amount be included in the 2023 municipal budget.

Carried

87-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees #1 to #3.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions - Nil

8. Correspondence

1. Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection – A Decision Maker's Guide

2. Joe Lumley – Baseball League
3. Tiny Town Association – Surplus Lands
4. FCM – 2023 Federal Budget Input
5. FONOM Municipal Conference May 8-10
6. Labour Market Group Feb Report and Jan Job Report
7. Almaguin Adult Learning – Annual Funding Request
8. MNRF Public Lands Act – Floating Accommodation Proposal
9. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce – Brochure Advertising
10. Niagara Region – Emergency Homelessness Mental Health
11. Town of Cobourg – Homeless and Unsheltered Persons
12. Muskoka Auto Parts – Grand Opening Sundridge
13. Moonbeam Municipality – School Closing Moratorium
14. MECP – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Amendments
15. Chatham Kent – Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
16. Township of Warwick – CN railway Drainage Act
17. Chatham Kent – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
18. Municipality of Trent Lakes – Oath of Office
19. Town of Grimsby – Barriers for Women in Politics
20. Town of Grimsby – Changes to the Municipal Heritage Register

Regarding Item 8.2 Joe Lumley – Baseball League: Council suggests that staff develop a social media post addressing the availability of the information provided by Joe Lumley and see if there is any interest in community volunteers for establishing a local baseball league.

Regarding Item 8.3 Tiny Town Association – Surplus Lands: Council discusses the suitable properties located throughout the Village and direct staff to draft a letter to the association stating interest.

Regarding Item 8.7 Almaguin Adult Learning – Annual Funding Request: Council request that a Grant in Aid Application be submitted for the funding enquiry.

Regarding Item 8.9 Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce – Brochure Advertising: Council directed staff to purchase a quarter page advertisement in the upcoming 2023 issue.

88-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #20.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)-

Council discussed the details pertaining to the Almaguin Highlands Health Council New Hospital Funding Request and concluded that due to the extensive funding and location concerns the Village of South River would not be contributing to the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Project at this time. Council instructs staff to draft a letter addressed to the Almaguin Health Council addressing this decision.

10. In Camera - Nil

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #12-2023

89-2023 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 #12-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13th day of March 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

90-2023 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 Monday, March 27th, 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: 8:25 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator