

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – May 23, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday May 23, 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 (Online) and Councillor Brenda Scott.

**Staff in Attendance:** Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person  
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In person  
Janice Coombs, Accounts Clerk – In person  
Allister Johnston, Administrative Assistant in Training – 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** - Nil

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

161-2023 Scott/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting May 8, 2023 as presented.**

Carried

5. **Accounts and Finance**

5.1 **Accounts Reports** - nil

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

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

1. MLEO Report April 2023
2. Watermain Phase 1 Construction Meeting 7
3. New to the Village – Welcome Letter Draft
4. FCM Building Energy Monitoring Program
5. Public Works Committee Minutes May 17 2023
6. South River Personnel Committee Minutes May 17 2023

Regarding Item 6.1.1 MLEO Report April 2023, Council discussed changing MLEO reports to quarterly instead of Monthly and allowing MLEO items of importance to be brought up as they occur for Council review.

During discussion of Item 6.1.2 Watermain Phase 1 Construction Meeting 7 Council notes that work is proceeding at a better pace than previously.

In regards to Item 6.1.3 New to Village – Welcome Letter Draft Council recommends to remove Grace Anglican Church as it has been recently closed for Service. It is also suggested that the Village’s Beach Volleyball, Daycare, School Contacts, and Garbage and Recycling information be added to the Newsletter. Council advised Health Services be re-worded to better represent available facilities. Council approved of the addition of an image of the Village if there is space. It is concluded that there should also be removal of specific businesses and instead a link to the business directory.

In discussion of Item 6.1.5 Public Works Committee Minutes May 17 2023 Council discussed receiving more information about the nature of the cleaning the clear wells require and current costing as the original \$15,000 estimate is out of date.

In regards to Item 6.1.6 South River Personnel Committee Minutes May 17 2023, Council

discussed and approves hiring a summer student to do work such as mowing various lawns for Village properties to help free up full time Public Works employees for other work.

162-2023 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support an application to the FCM Building Energy Monitoring Program with an in-kind contribution of \$2400 and cash contribution of \$40.**

Carried

163-2023 Scott/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend that the following capital items be approved for purchase through the 2023 Water Treatment Plant Budget #'s 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20 as per OCWA's recommended list dated May 5, 2023 and the cost not to exceed \$25,000. And be paid with OCIF funding.**

164-2023 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the hiring of one summer student at public works for eight weeks and the costs be included in the 2023 Budget.**

Carried

165-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #6 as presented.**

## **6.2 Reports from Shared Services**

1. SRM Fire Chief Maki May Report
2. SRM Chief Arena Operator April Report

In regards to item 6.2.1 SRM Fire Chief Maki May Report Council discussed the use of the NG-911 Dispatch funding and the required upgrades.

166-2023 Scott/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 to #2 as presented.**

Carried

## **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees**

1. PSDSSAB May CAO Report
2. PSDSSAB 2023 Budget and South River Levy
3. Joint Building Committee April

167-2023 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board 2023 Budget and South River's Levy in the amount of \$ 32,221 and be included in the 2023 municipal budget.**

168-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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

Carried

## **7. By-Laws and Resolutions**

1. Regional Municipality of Waterloo – Election Donation Privacy
2. Credit Card Authorization Limit – MLEO
3. FedNor Project # 851-806218 Amendment

169-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby support The Regional Municipality of Waterloo in protecting the privacy of municipal election campaign donations by calling on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.**

**AND FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.**

Carried

170-2023 Brandt/Scott

**WHEREAS the Corporation of the Village of South River is currently in a borrowing relationship with Collabria; and**

**WHEREAS the Corporation is authorized to appoint individuals as the Authorized Users of the Business Visa Card from time to time, as the case may be; and**

**WHEREAS the authorized user and their limits will be:**

**Municipal Law Enforcement Officer; Braden Bradford - \$ 3000**

Carried

171-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the Mayor and Clerk-Administrator to sign Amendment # 3 to FedNor Project # 851-806218**

### **8. Correspondence**

1. D Noble – Bill 5 Stop Harassing Women and Mulmur Resolution
2. Hon. Graydon Smith – RBC ATM
3. Raney Funeral Home – Cemetery Concerns
4. C Nell – IESO Community Engagement
5. Labour Market group April Report and March Jobs
6. City of North Bay – Food Insecurity Resolution
7. Municipality of Tweed – Insurance Costs Council Resolution
8. Hon. Jim Karygiannis GTS Strategies – Opioid Crisis
9. Town of Fort Frances – Opioid Crisis
10. Township of Armour – Aerodrome Resolution
11. City of Stratford – Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care
12. County of Prince Edward – Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
13. County of Prince Edward – Provincial Planning Statement
14. Municipality of Tweed – Pole Infrastructure Resolution
15. Town of Lincoln – Municipal Heritage Register
16. United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry – Provincial Policy Statement Change
17. MTO – Hwy 124 Speed Limit
18. Township of Ryerson – MAHC Contribution.
19. South River Friendly Circle – Invitation

During discussion of Item 8.1 D Noble – Bill 5 Stop Harassing Women and Mulmur Resolution Council discussed the implications of Bill 5 and it's impact.

In regards to Item 8.3 Raney Funeral Home – Cemetery Concerns Council agreed to further look

into a Columbarium and pricing. The next Cemetery Meeting is rescheduled to be for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 due to time and schedule issues with the June 5<sup>th</sup> date.

During discussion of Item 8.9 Town of Fort Frances – Opioid Crisis Council agrees to send a Letter supporting the Town of Fort Frances in their movement regarding the opioid crisis.

172-2023 Brandt/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #15.**

Carried

**9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)** – Food Cyler Demo Units

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur explains there are 2 Food Cyler Demo Units, one loaned by a resident of South River and one from manufacturer as demo unit. Mayor Jim Coleman asks if anyone is willing to test the Food Cyler and Don McArthur offered to. Councillor Bill O’Hallarn said he is worried about costs and Councillor Teri Brandt would like to finish a test before considering the price. Councillor Teri Brandt suggests that a good testing location would be the local schools. Councillor Brenda Scott suggests that the compost from the Food Cyler could also be used in the Community Gardens.

Councillor Brenda Scott brought up that the Village sign for the Village, with the Bear, needs fixing and it seems to be leaning. Mayor Jim Coleman agrees that the town sign needs repairs.

Councillor Teri Brandt brings up that the bad weather during weekend did not seem to negatively affect the Disc Golf Club; however it may have impacted the Trade Show that occurred during the long weekend.

Mayor Jim Coleman asks who is handling the Community Gardens, to which Staff Member Janice Coombs explains she has been looking after the Community Gardens sign up. Janice Coombs also informs Mayor Coleman that there is already six (6) Gardens taken and that Women’s Own Resource would like any unused Garden Planters. Council agrees it would be good to provide Women’s Own the remaining Garden Planters.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur explained there will be a follow up in a future meeting regarding the Pump-Track at the Skate Park.

*Allister Johnston and Janice Coombs leave the meeting at 7:34pm.*

**10. In Camera** - Don Ivens Volunteer Memorial Award

**173-2023 Brandt/Brooks**

**Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (c) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

174-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:44 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

**11. Confirming By-law** – By-law #24-2023

175-2023 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 #24-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

## **12. Adjournment**

176-2023 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 June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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: 7:45 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**