

Village of South River
Council Meeting – May 8, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday May 8, 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 and Councillor Brenda Scott.

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

149-2023 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting April 24, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement to March 31, 2023
2. Cheque Register to March 31, 2023
3. 2023 Arena Budget Update

During discussion of Item 5.1.3 2023 Arena Budget Update Council acknowledged the recommendation proposed by the committee confirming the 2023 budget draft and recommends that the 2023 Arena budget be passed with amendments. Councillor Brooks noted that the documentation representing arena salaries was clear and well presented.

150-2023 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend the 2023 Arena Budget be amended with a municipal contribution of \$260,822 and be included in the 2023 South River Budget.

Carried

151-2023 O’Hallarn/Brandt

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

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. OCWA Q1 2023 Operations Report
2. Minutes of Watermain Phase 2 Pre-Construction Meeting
3. Ontario Trillium Grant – Trails
4. Health and Safety Minutes April 21 2023
5. HiPS Meeting Minutes May 2 2023
6. Emergency Management Compliance Results 2022
7. Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes May 2 2023

Regarding Item 6.1.1 OCWA Q1 2023 Operations Report - Council will further discuss the usage and disposal of sludge when a full report is received from OCWA which is expected soon.

Regarding Item 6.1.3 Ontario Trillium Grant – Trails: Council discussed the implications and costs associated with the Ontario Trillium Grant in regards to establishing a walking trail system throughout the Village. Council will further investigate current pricing associated with building and maintaining a walking trail to Tom Thomson Park.

152-2023 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support an application to the 2023 Capital Stream of the Ontario Trillium Fund for Trail construction in the Village of South River.

Carried

Regarding Item 6.1.5 HiPS Meeting Minutes May 2 2023: Council acknowledge that HiPs had no objection in regards to removing the building located behind the Visitor Information Centre as it's condition had greatly deteriorated and there are concerns regarding safety.

During discussion of Item 6.1.6 Emergency Management Compliance Results 2022 Council considered the need of clarification regarding emergency planning and emergency situation scenarios with the neighboring municipalities. Council directs staff to create a future agenda item in regards to emergency subject matter.

During discussion of Item 6.1.7 Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes May 2 2023 Council examine the feasibility of keeping the mortuary building and suggest that demolishing the building due to the continuous declining condition may be the best course of action, replacing the building with a parking area for cemetery visitors is one option. Council agrees to further discuss at the next Cemetery Board meeting Monday, June 5, 2023.

153-2023 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #7 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. South River Machar Medical Centre Minutes April 18, 2023
2. South River Machar Public Library April 11 2023 Minutes

154-2023 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. ACED – Director Report and March 23 2023 Minutes

155-2023 Brandt/Brooks

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

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Part-Time Public Works Operator – Temporary Gardener Appointment

156-2023 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Gillian Craig as a part-time temporary public works operator from May to October 2023 to enhance the gardens in the Village of South River.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. South River Lions – Winterfest Thank You
2. Minister Clark – Modernization Funding Update
3. MPAC Performance Report 2022
4. MPAC 2022 Financial Statements
5. Labour Market Group 2023 Plan
6. Enbridge Gas – Letter to Municipalities
7. MAHC Political Leaders Minutes April 6 2023
8. A. Brooker – Almaguin Secondary School Prom 2023
9. Almaguin Lake and Watershed Association Conference
10. Regional Municipality of Waterloo – Election Donation Privacy
11. PR Associates – Survey Results Regarding Bill 23
12. Township of Puslinch – Road Side Litter on Highway 401
13. Township of The Archipelago – Action on Invasive Phragmites
14. D Bussey – Recycled Artwork

157-2023 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support a donation to the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School Prom in the amount of \$200.

Carried

158-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

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

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)

Clerk Administrator McArthur reviews the Council Code of Conduct and the implications of Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022.

Councillor Brooks questions the high internet costs for the arena building. Staff notes that the internet in the arena is excellent quality and the public network was designed to be a safe system with exceptional service throughout the entire building.

10. In Camera – Nil

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #23-2023

159-2023 O'Hallarn/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 #23-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 8th day of May 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

160-2023 Brooks/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 Tuesday, May 23rd, 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: 8:04 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator