

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Nov 14, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday November 14, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, 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
Allister Johnston, Administrative Assistant – In person

Guests – Rocco Frangione and Sarah Bissonette

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** – Bill O’Hallarn Item 7.1 Resolution – South River Curling Club Lease

3. **Committee of Adjustment Public Meeting** – Minor Variance 14 Howard St.

4. **Adoption of Minutes** - Council Monday October 23, 2023

312-2023 Scott/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting dated October 23th, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement October 31, 2023
2. Cheque Register to October 31, 2023
3. 2024 OMPF Allocation Notice
4. Council Report - Tax Arrears Registration

In regards to Item 5.1.1 Income Statement October 31, 2023 Council discussed budget and time-frame for budget.

Regarding Item 5.1.2 Cheque Register to October 31, 2023 Council reviewed payments made.

Regarding Item 5.1.4 Council Report - Tax Arrears Registration Council discussed Tax Arrears, Tax Sales current procedure and the period of time before a Tax Sale begins. Council discussed changes to Tax Sale period to match current legislation and directed a resolution be brought forward for the next meeting.

313-2023 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #4

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. South River Residents Survey – Draft Questions
2. OCWA 2023 Q3 Operations Report.
3. Public Works Minutes October 26 2023
4. Municipal Emergency Planning Committee Minutes Nov 7 2023

5. Christmas in the Village Dec 8 2023
6. South River Cemetery Board Minutes Oct 3 2023
7. Council Meeting Schedule

In discussion of Item 6.1.1 South River Residents Survey – Draft Questions Council reviewed survey questions, development time for survey until completion and ideal distribution methods and time.

Regarding Item 6.1.2 OCWA 2023 Q3 Operations Report. Council discussed Water Line shutdowns and interruptions for 2023. Council noted the report was very detailed.

Regarding Item 6.1.3 Public Works Minutes October 26 2023 Council discussed vehicle speeds within the Village.

In regards to Item 6.1.4 Municipal Emergency Planning Committee Minutes Nov 7 2023 Council discussed current emergency shelter locations for the Village. Council discussed Municipal Responsibility for emergency resource usage.

Regarding Item 6.1.5 Christmas in the Village Dec 8 2023 Council noted it had found a Volunteer for Santa. Council discussed decorations for Christmas in the Village event.

In discussion of Item 6.1.7 Council Meeting Schedule Council discussed possibility of experimenting with Council Meetings hours and day of the week being changed. Council noted cost savings for meetings and needing further investigation and review of the procedural by-law.

314-2023 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the following guiding principles for the South River Machar Arena use as an evacuation centre;

- 1) People requiring emergency shelter will be accommodated to the best of our ability based on a first come, first served basis until the facility is deemed full.**
- 2) South River Machar Arena staff, led by the Chief Arena Operator and assisted by South River administrative staff will be responsible for all maintenance, allocating space and resources within the Arena and Community Centre.**
- 3) All emergency expenses will be shared 50/50 between the Village of South River and Township of Machar. After the emergency has passed or at a suitable time in a very lengthy emergency(beyond thirty days) every effort will be made to recover costs from wherever is deemed appropriate and those revenues will be shared 50/50 between the Village of South River and Township of Machar.**

Carried

315-2023 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby acknowledge acceptance of the November 7, 2023 Emergency Planning Committee meeting minutes and updated Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (HIRA) and Critical Infrastructure list.

Carried

316-2023 Brooks/Scott

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Medical Centre Board Minutes Oct 17 2023
2. South River Machar Library Board Meeting Draft Minutes October 17 2023

Regarding Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Medical Centre Board Minutes Oct 17 2023 Council discussed Medical Centre lease agreements. Council noted building improvements done.

Regarding Item 6.2.2 South River Machar Library Board Meeting Draft Minutes October 17 2023 Council discussed impact of roadwork on Library traffic.

317-2023 O'Hallarn/Scott

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. Parry Sound EMS October 26 Minutes
2. Joint Building Committee October Statistics
3. Central Almaguin Planning Board Draft October 4 2023 Minutes

Regarding Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee October Statistics Council discussed Joint Building Committee (JBC) statistics, and ongoing investigation into E-Permitting for JBC.

In regards to Item 6.3.3 Central Almaguin Planning Board Draft October 4 2023 Minutes Council discussed processes for Central Almaguin Planning Board changes.

318-2023 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 to #3.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution – South River Curling Club Lease
2. Resolution – Support Township of McKellar - Amendment to Notice Legislation Act
3. Resolution – Support Twp. of the Archipelago - Cigarette Producer Responsibility
4. By-law 42-2023 - Minor Variance 14 Howard St.
5. By-law 43-2023 - Shared Services Community Emergency Management Coordinator

319-2023 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Chief Arena Operator to enter into a four year refrigeration lease as per the terms attached.

Carried

320-2023 O'Hallarn/Brooks

WHEREAS communities such as Village of South River may not be able to comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Almaguin News publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no clear local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of McKellar’s Resolution No. 23-671 that the Provincial government make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and the Township of McKellar.

Carried

321-2023 Brooks/Scott

WHEREAS cigarette manufacturers play a crucial role in the creation and distribution of cigarette products and cigarettes are responsible for significant environmental damage and contribute to waste and pollution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of South River does hereby fully endorse the Township of The Archipelago's Resolution Number 23-178 for Cigarette Producer Responsibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservations and Parks, relevant Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Leader of the Opposition parties, the Township of The Archipelago, Pollution Probe, Georgian Bay Forever, Georgian Bay Association, and other pertinent stakeholders as appropriate, urging their support and action in this matter.

Carried

322-2023 Scott/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 #42-2023 being a by-law to permit a minor zoning variance at 14 Howard St. with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

323-2023 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 #43-2023 being a by-law to enter into a shared Community Emergency Management Coordinator position with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

Sarah Bissonette Leaves the Meeting at 7:15 P.M.

8. Correspondence

1. South River Lions - Winterfest Donation
2. EV ChargeON Program
3. Townships of Strong and Ryerson - re JBC Surplus
4. CTV News Town of Cochrane Land Sales To Boost Housing
5. Township of Machar- Short Term Rentals
6. LMG October Newsletter and September 2023 Jobs Report
7. Regional Innovation Centres - Accelerating Economic Growth
8. Agilec - Employment Skills Program
9. FONOM - Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development
10. Town of Aurora –Cannabis Retail Applications
11. Fire Underwriters Survey - Petition Support Bill C-310
12. MPP Guy Bourgouin - Highway Safety

In discussion of Item 8.2 EV ChargeON Program Council discussed Charger type and benefits. Council touched on what interest there may be for a charger.

Rocco Frangione leaves the meeting at 7:43P.M.

In regards to item 8.4 CTV News Town of Cochrane Land Sales To Boost Housing Council discussed housing programs, incentives and houses built in the Village.

Regarding Item 8.11 Fire Underwriters Survey - Petition Support Bill C-310 Council discussed hours worked and the proposed tax credit change.

In regards to Item 8.12 MPP Guy Bourgouin - Highway Safety Council discussed the current legality of Double Yellow Line crossing and recommended bringing forward a resolution of support.

324-2023 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support a donation to the South River Lions for of the full day use of the Community Hall and two free hours of public skating in the arena.

Carried

325-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

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

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) – Staff Christmas Event

Discussion about locations and options for a Staff Christmas Event. A staff luncheon during the week of December 18th in Council chambers was chosen.

Councillor Brenda Scott would like to look at selling of one of South River's vacant lots to enhance the Village. She would like to see the proceeds be used to fund new youth programs.

Councillor Robert Brooks would like the Village to look at the possibility of solar energy for Village owned properties. Councillor Robert Brooks noted that solar costs have decreased substantially over time.

Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft informed that there are monument issues that we are trying to find the families of. Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft also noted she had inquired about having some monuments evaluated for repairs but had not heard back yet.

10. In Camera – Nil

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #44-2023

326-2023 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# 44-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of November 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

327-2023 Brooks/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 November 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: 8:40 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator