

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Oct 10, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday October 10th, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, Councillor Robert Brooks (Virtual) 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

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** – Councillor O’Hallarn
In-Camera item 3 South River Curling Club Lease

3. **Delegation and Public Meeting** –

4. **Adoption of Minutes** - Council Monday September 25, 2023

285-2023 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 September 25th, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. **Accounts and Finance**

5.1 **Accounts Reports**

1. Income Statement September 30, 2023
2. Cheque Register to September 30, 2023

Regarding Item 5.1.1 Income Statement September 30, 2023 Council discussed Construction payments and current and outstanding claims.

In regards to Item 5.1.2 Cheque Register to September 30, 2023 Council discussed return of excess funds for NG911 Grant.

286-2023 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 #2

Carried

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

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

1. CMHA Candle Light Vigil – Tom Thomson Park
2. Public Works Committee Minutes September 27 2023

In regards to Item 6.1.1 CMHA Candle Light Vigil – Tom Thomson Park Council discussed Candlelit Vigil time, location, organization and management for the event.

In discussion of Item 6.1.2 Public Works Committee Minutes September 27 2023 Council discussed great gardening done by Gillian Craig and in-progress gardening projects. Council reviewed costs for Water Treatment Plant materials. Council discussed street lights in the Village. Council discussed temporary secondary Chief Public Works Operator hire for winter.

287-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the clearwell cleaning inspection from Greatario at a cost of \$4880.

Carried

288-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee report #1 to #2 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services - nil

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. ACED Directors September Report and August 24 2023 Minutes
2. Joint Building Committee September 21 2023 Minutes and September Statistics
3. CEMC Shared Services Report – Sundridge
4. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Minutes Jun 28 and Aug 16 2023

In regards to Item 6.3.1 ACED Directors September Report and August 24 2023 Minutes Council discussed Red Gala attendance and scheduled time. Council discussed ACED Local Business Partnerships and Committees. Council discussed ACED housing-long term and recommendations to be brought forward. Council discussed cost to live in Almaguin Highlands region.

Regarding Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee September 21 2023 Minutes and September Statistics Council discussed JBC operating surpluses.

In discussion of Item 6.3.3 CEMC Shared Services Report – Sundridge Council discussed hiring options for a CEMC and accepted that Sundridge would be the lead. Council reviewed Emergency Management services. Council reviewed parts 8 and 9 of proposed CEMC resolution. Council discussed Machar involvement in discussions regarding emergencies.

289-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support entering into a joint service agreement with the Village of Sundridge and the Townships of Strong and Joly for Community Emergency Management Services and the appropriate By-law and agreement be brought forward to the next meeting of Council

Carried

290-2023 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1 to #4.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution - Firefighter Appointment Karine Dobbs
2. Resolution – Support Magnetawan - MTO Parade Requirements

291-2023 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Karine Dobbs as a Firefighter to South River Machar Fire Department effective September 11, 2023.

Carried

292-2023 O'Hallarn/Scott

WHEREAS the Village of South River supports many community events and parades;

AND WHEREAS due to current legislation and Ministry of Transportation policy an encroachment permit must be obtained to legally traverse and temporarily close a portion

of Highway 124 running through the Village;

AND WHEREAS historically the Village of South River has obtained these permits from the Ministry of Transportation without the Ontario Provincial Police being in attendance but aware of the event;

AND WHEREAS the South River Machar Fire Department are qualified to manage road closures and traffic management and do so regularly on behalf of the OPP on Provincial Highways including Highway 11 with a 110 km/h speed limit;

AND WHEREAS due to OPP staffing complements and overwhelming requests from other surrounding communities that may be hosting events on the same day, assigning an Ontario Provincial Police Officer to these Community Events has the possibility of putting communities at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River respectfully endorses the request of the Municipality of Magnetawan that the Ministry of Transportation reconsider their policy and legislation regarding having Ontario Provincial Police Officers in attendance at Provincial Highway temporary closures for community events which includes parades in the Almaguin Region and to authorize the OPP to grant the authority for a temporary road closure to a member of the Fire Department and/or Roads Department;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Minister Graydon Smith, MP Scott Aitchison, the Ministry of Transportation and surrounding Municipalities.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. OPP 2024 Annual Billing Letter
2. NBPS District Health Unit Relocating the Parry Sound Office
3. Almaguin Highlands Fall Newsletter
4. RED Gala 2023
5. Town of Aurora - Gender Based Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic
6. Town of Midland -Catch and Release
7. Wasaga Beach - Illegal Car Rally

Regarding Item 8.1 OPP 2024 Annual Billing Letter Council discussed cost comparison for 2022, 2023 and 2024. Council discussed multi-municipality incidents and how the O.P.P. Bills for some incidents.

293-2023 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #7.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Robert Brooks noted asphalt has been laid on Broadway.

Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn requests the Public Works meeting be moved to October 26th due to a scheduling conflict which Mayor Jim Coleman agreed would be acceptable.

Councillor Teri Brandt inquired regarding responses from ONR (Ontario Northland Railway) regarding Train Station. Mayor Jim Coleman noted ONR would be having an open house October 25th at the Community Centre.

Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn noted parking would be important and discussed with ONR.

Mayor Jim Coleman believes there are business opportunities created by passengers stopping in South River. Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn notes ONR has bought three train sets with an anticipated 2026 delivery.

An application to FedNor has been submitted for additional funding of train station.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur brought forward that the current cleaner for the municipal office has officially resigned, and will have a part-time worker considered to perform the duties,

Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft brought forward that Kawartha Credit Union is changing its hours effective October 23rd 2023. She has inquired if there would still be anyone working the South River office on days where the office is closed and there will be no-one in the office. Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft noted this will make banking harder on due dates where the Kawartha Credit Union is closed. Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft also noted RBC is reducing hours at their Sundridge branch

Allister Johnston leaves the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

10. In Camera –

1. Commercial Lease
2. Arena Personnel
3. South River Curling Club Lease
4. JBC Building Inspector Wages

294-2023 O'Hallarn/Scott

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (a)the security of the property of the municipality or local board and (c) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

295-2023 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:12 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

296-2023 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby request the Joint Building Wage Recommendation resolution #2023-031 follow the terms of the employment contract.

Carried

297-2023 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Robert Volland as a full-time Arena Operator effective October 8, 2023.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #40-2023

298-2023 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# 40-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of October 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

299-2023 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 October 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: 8:16 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator