

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Sept 11, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday Sept 11, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, and Councillor Robert Brooks. Councillor Brenda Scott absent with notice.

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Allister Johnston, Administrative Assistant – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In Person

Guests: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

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** –

3. **Delegation and Public Meeting** –

4. **Adoption of Minutes** - Council Monday August 14th, 2023

262-2023 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 August 14th, 2023 as presented.

Carried

With permission from Council, Mayor Coleman moved up Item 6.2.1 to accommodate Fire Chief Maki.

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. Fire Chief Report September 2023

Regarding item 6.2.1 Fire Chief Report September 2023 Fire Chief Maki discussed his report in detail including tasks have completed for the NG911 project. Fire Chief Maki additionally discussed marijuana being grown for personal use and the rules and regulations Health Canada has in effect. Council requested administration investigates By-laws regarding growing large numbers of plants indoors in a small space. Council discussed possibility of bringing forward a resolution to Parry Sound District Municipal Association on the matter.

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement to August 31, 2023
2. Cheque Register to August 31, 2023

In regards to Item 5.1.1 Income Statement to August 31, 2023 Council discussed Arena Income and Happy Landing Commercial Court Income.

Regarding Item 5.1.2 Cheque Register to August 31, 2023 Council discussed payments made toward projects in the Village and possibility of requesting additional funding for applicable projects.

263-2023 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. 14 Howard St. Zoning Amendment Application

In discussion of Item 6.1.1 14 Howard St. Zoning Amendment Application Council discussed the tree-line bordering the property. Council discussed usage of storage container after being converted.

264-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve in principle the zoning bylaw amendment for 14 Howard St to permit the lesser setbacks for a storage container and that a complete application be received and the process followed as per the Planning Act.

Carried

265-2023 O'Hallarn/Brandt

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

2. Township of Machar – Joint Council Meeting

Regarding Item 6.2.1 Township of Machar – Joint Council Meeting Council discussed need for a Joint council meeting and Machar's request for an ad hoc Recreation meeting. Councillors Brooks and O'Hallarn volunteered to meet with Machar on recreation issues Wednesday September 27th at 6:30 PM.

266-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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. ACED Directors Report August Report and July 27 2023 Minutes 2023
2. Joint Building Committee Report and 2022 Financial Statements
3. CEMC Shared Services Report – Sundridge
4. DPSMA Agenda - Fall 2023
5. Central Almaguin Planning Board Minutes June 7 2023

In discussion of Item 6.3.1 ACED Directors Report August Report and July 27 2023 Minutes 2023 Council discussed ACED Housing Task Force Committee and member organizations. Council discussed ACED's impact on smaller communities. Council discussed ACED distribution of funding.

Regarding Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee Report and 2022 Financial Statements Council discussed the Financial Statements, Insurance and Expenses for the JBC (Joint Building Committee). Council discussed Permits and time used per permit for the JBC. Council discussed amendments to resolution. Council requested a preamble be added to the resolution and deferred

the matter to the next meeting.

In regards to Item 6.3.3 CEMC Shared Services Report – Sundridge Council discussed meeting dates, collective bargaining agreements and positions. Council discussed cost for program and insurance in the agreement.

Regarding Item 6.3.4 DPSMA Agenda - Fall 2023 Council discussed recommendations and resolutions to bring forward to the DPSMA. Council discussed requiring additional research to bring forward a resolution to the DPSMA.

In regards to Item 6.3.5 Central Almaguin Planning Board Minutes June 7 2023 Council discussed members of the CAPB looking into creating their own Planning Boards. Council discussed how unorganized townships may be impacted. Council discussed how the Planning Board works for municipalities and the cost to operate the CAPB.

267-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the attendance of Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn and Councillor Robert Brooks to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Fall Meeting on Sept 29, 2023 and expenses be paid as per Village policy.

Carried

268-2023 O’Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1 to #5.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. 37-2023 Appoint Building Inspector Yves Savage

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#37-2023 being a by-law to appoint a Building Inspector with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

8. Correspondence

1. M and N Coughlin - Restoration Work 4 Lily St.
2. Mayor Ward - Local Share Update
3. MPAC 2024 Assessment Update
4. Near North Crimestoppers Gala Invitation
5. MECP - Environmental Permissions Modernization Policy Proposals
6. Minister Steve Clark - Building Faster Fund
7. Labour Market Group July and August Report and July Jobs Report
8. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry -Self-filing Decision Notification
9. City of Cambridge - Highway Traffic Act Amendments
10. GSS Engineering Agricultural Society Donation Letter
11. Honourable Lisa Thompson - Animal Deadstock Funding
12. Municipality of St.-Charles- Housing and Homelessness
13. Township of Severn - Just Transition Transfer
14. Township of Emo Resolution - Black Ash Tree
15. OPP - Police Record Check Revenue

Regarding Item 8.1 M and N Coughlin - Restoration Work 4 Lily St. Council discussed the issue and reiterated the contractor must restore the affected area.

In discussion of Item 8.2 Mayor Ward - Local Share Update Council discussed Mayor Ward’s

request for attendance to an additional meeting.

In regards to Item 8.3 MPAC 2024 Assessment Update Council discussed the Provinces decision to not update the property assessments for 2024.

Regarding Item 8.10 GSS Engineering Agricultural Society Donation Letter Council appreciated GSS's donation to the South River Machar Agricultural Society.

270-2023 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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) –

Councillor Bill O'Hallarn asks to confirm the meeting dates for Construction, Public Works and the PSDSSAB. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur confirms meeting dates for Sept 12 2023 for Construction, Sept 20 2023 for PSDSSAB and Sept 21 2023 for Public Works. Mayor Jim Coleman indicates he may not be able to attend the Public Works meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn was impressed by Magnetawan's Farmers Market and recommended staff contacts the organizers to enquire about assistance in growing the SRM Agricultural Society Farmers Market.

Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn asks about any updates in regards to the Train Station. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur states 5 different contractors attended the mandatory site meeting.

Councillor Teri Brandt spoke of how well the Fall Fair went and how well it was received. Mayor Jim Coleman recommended sending an appreciation letter to the Agriculture Society President and Committee.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur informed Council that the pump track has been completed at Dufferin Park.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur asks to set a date for September 28th, 2023 for the Emergency Planning meeting in the afternoon.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur informed Council that the South River Power Generation Station has not been operating since July 30, 2023 and the repair to the high voltage interrupter was still weeks away.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur brought forward informal requests to resurface the tennis courts for Pickleball. Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn recommended if a formal request is made that it be brought forward to the next Joint Council Meeting.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur brought forward that Truth and Reconciliation Day, Remembrance Day both fall on a Saturday this year and the municipal office would observe those days on the following Monday. A Council meeting falls on Nov 13th so it will be moved to Tuesday Nov 14, 2023. Councillor Teri Brandt discussed having food and treats for Christmas in the Village this year and organizing should begin for the December 8th event.

Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft brought forward to have a Cemetery meeting at 1 PM on October 3rd.

Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn suggested multiple days of free public skating would be preferable to a New Year's Day Skate. Councillor Teri Brandt mentioned liking the Fall Fair's card design and asked if Administration would look into creating a small card flyer for Christmas in the Village.

- 10. In Camera** –
1. Commercial Leases
 2. Arena Personnel
 3. Firefighter Appointment

271-2023 O’Hallarn/Brandt

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, (c) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and that this Council proceed in Camera at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

- .2 (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board
- .2 (b) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipal or local board purposes
- .2 (c) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
- .2 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- .2 (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board
- .2 (f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose
- .2 (g) a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body has authorized a meeting to be closed under another Act
- .3 the subject matter relates to the consideration of a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- .3.1 the meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members **AND** at the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee

Carried

272-2023 Brandt/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:54 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #38-2023

273-2023 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# 38-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of September 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

274-2023 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 September 25th, 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: 8:54 p.m.

Carried

Bill O'Hallarn, Deputy Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator