

Village of South River
Council Meeting – May 14, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday May 14, 2024. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Charining in-person in Council Chambers), Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Robert Brooks, and Councillor Teri Brandt. Councillor Brenda Scott was absent with notice.

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 - Media (Online), Nick Loney (In Person)

1.Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 2:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – Nil

With Permission from Council Mayor Coleman moved ahead item 6.1.3 to accomadate Nick Loney.

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

3. Riverwood Estates Storm Water Management Plan
Regarding Item 6.1.3 Riverwood Estates Storm Water Management Plan Council reviewed the severance and lots. Council briefly discussed plan with Nick Loney.

Nick Loney leaves the meeting at 2:08 P.M.

162-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Riverwood Estates Draft Plan of Subdivision Lot 3, Concession 2 as prepared by EJ Williams dated Feb 7, 2023 for Lewis and Bogart St Lots 1 to 11 and the severance on Lot 2 to Lot 49 RP 134 with the following conditions;

- 1) The agreed storm water management plan dated April 3, 2024 be followed,
- 2) That only lot 6 be approved for immediate development with a hold placed on lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 prohibiting development until a plan for road, water and storm water are approved by Council
- 3) Lots 2 to 11 be rezoned from Residential R3 to Residential R2

Carried

3. Delegation and Public Meeting – Joint Building Committee Building Fee By-law

No members of the public were present and no comments were received by municipal staff prior to the meeting. Council discussed the changes.

163-2024 Brandt/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# 21-2024, being a by-law to designate a Building Permit and Fee By-law.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council Apr 23rd 2024 and May 1st 2024

164-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings April 23rd and May 1st 2024 as amended.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement to April 30, 2024
2. Cheque Register to April 30, 2024
3. Interim Tax Levy By-law 22-2024

In regards to Item 5.1.1 Income Statement to April 30, 2024 Council discussed the impact of the NG 911 grant on income statement

Regarding Item 5.1.3 Interim Tax Levy By-law 22-2024 Council discussed importance of passing By-law for clarity and transparency.

165-2024 Brooks/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# 22-2024, being a by-law to designate an Interim Tax Levy.

Carried

166-2024 Brandt/Brooks

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. Public Works Minutes April 18 2024
2. HIPS Minutes May 1 2024 and Construction Meeting April 30 2024
4. Surplus Condenser to Sundridge Strong Joly Arena
5. Northern Disposal 2024 Portable Restrooms
6. EXP Trail Design Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024
7. OCWA 2024 Quarter 1 Operations Report
8. Community Special Events Application Form
9. Community Survey Results
10. Zoning Compliance Form and 92 Ottawa Ave
11. Cemetery Board Minutes April 16 2024

Regarding Item 6.1.1 Public Works Minutes April 18 2024 Council discussed ongoing funding investigation for projects. Council reviewed Public Works planned projects.

In regards to Item 6.1.2 HIPS Minutes May 1 2024 and Construction Meeting April 30 2024 Council reviewed items in the Train Station storage shed. Council discussed a Mission Statement for Train Station. Council discussed a Historical Picture Board for the Museum section.

Regarding Item 6.1.5 Northern Disposal 2024 Portable Restrooms Council discussed cost increase. Council noted some of the restrooms had been placed in different locations from last year. Council directed staff to to place an additional portable restroom at the the playground at 281 HWY 124..

In regards to Item 6.1.6 EXP Trail Design Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024. Council discussed next steps, costs and options. Council assessed future development opportunities.

Regarding Item 6.1.7 OCWA 2024 Quarter 1 Operations Report Council discussed callout reports and water flow.

In regards to Item 6.1.9 Community Survey Results Council discussed importance of each service to the public. Council discussed the difficulties in acquiring funding for sidewalks and roads development.

Regarding Item 6.1.10 Zoning Compliance Form and 92 Ottawa Ave Council reviewed history of 92 Ottawa Avenue and supported by-law amendment for the property.

In regards to Item 6.1.11 Cemetery Board Minutes April 16 2024 Council discussed land and survey for Cemetery. Council recommended bringing a sketch to next cemetery meeting for reference.

167-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River declare surplus the used arena condenser and donate it to the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena with the understanding it be picked up by June 30, 2024.

Carried

168-2024 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the rental of five portable restrooms from Northern Disposal for the 2024 season as per the quote and the amounts be included in the 2024 Municipal budget.

Carried

169-2024 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does adopt the Community Special events Application Form as prepared by the Joint Emergency Management Committee and the form be used immediately for all upcoming events.

Carried

170-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the rezoning of 92 Ottawa Ave to accommodate an attached residential dwelling to a museum and the costs be included in the 2024 Municipal budget.

Carried

171-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1to #11 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Public Library April 16 2024 Minutes
2. Fire and Arena Contract Negotiation Meeting Minutes Apr 24 2024

Regarding Item 6.2.2 Fire and Arena Contract Negotiation Meeting Minutes Apr 24 2024 Council discussed the emergency spending amount. Council reviewed contract length with Machar. Council discussed option of a recreation co-ordinator.

172-2024 Brandt/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 and #2.

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. ACED Feb 22 2024 Minutes and May Directors Report
2. Joint Building Committee April 2024 Stats and April 18 Minutes
3. Almaguin Recycling Initiative 2024 Invoice
4. DPMSA Agenda May 17 2024
5. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit April 17, 2024 Minutes

In regards to Item 6.3.1 ACED Feb 22 2024 Minutes and May Directors Report Council discussed South River as part of the Parry Sound Health Team.

Regarding Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee April 2024 Stats and April 18 Minutes Council discussed the number of permits issued in 2024. Council noted the JBC has purchased a new vehicle.

Rocco Frangione leaves at 3:50 P.M.

173-2024 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Almaguin Recycling Initiative and the amount of \$2,920.50 plus HST for 2024 and the amount be included in the 2024 Municipal budget.

Carried

174-2024 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 #5.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Proclamation Hope Air Day June 7, 2024
2. Site Plan Agreement - 48 Main St.

175-2024 Brandt/O'Hallarn

Whereas, access to healthcare is a fundamental right for all citizens, regardless of their geographic location;

Whereas, Hope Air, a charitable organization, has been tirelessly dedicated to providing access to healthcare by facilitating free flights and other services for patients living in rural and under-served communities in Ontario, ensuring they can receive vital medical treatment regardless of distance or financial means;

Whereas, Hope Air has been instrumental in bridging the gap between smaller communities and hospitals far from home, reducing the barriers that often prevent individuals from reaching medical care;

Whereas, the impact of Hope Air extends beyond the individual patients served, positively affecting families, communities, and the healthcare system as a whole by promoting wellness and reducing the burden of untreated medical conditions;

Whereas, the compassion, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by Hope Air and its volunteers embody the spirit of community and the belief in the inherent value of every individual's well-being;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Village of South River that June 7th, 2024, shall be known as "Hope Air Day" in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in Ontario's remote and rural communities.

We urge all citizens to join us in celebrating Hope Air Day and to reflect on the significance of ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all members of our society. Let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting initiatives that promote health equity and extend our gratitude to Hope Air for their unwavering dedication to serving those in need.

Carried

176-2024 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby propose the attached Site Control Plan # 01-2024 for 48 Main St and the appropriate by-law be brought forward once signed by the property owners.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. PSDSSAB - Ontario Works Resolution.
2. Eastholme Tour Invitation May 23
3. Almaguin Highlands Health Council Minutes, Progress Report and Recruiting Program
4. Labour Market Group and Jobs Report
5. Women's Own Request To Council 2024
6. Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group- Unwilling Host
7. Town of Bracebridge - Muskoka Domestic Abuse Review Team Resolution
8. St. Catharines - Provincial Regulations to Restrict Non-native Wild Animal
9. Township of Stirling Rawdon -Hastings County - Sustainable Infrastructure

Regarding Item 8.1 PSDSSAB - Ontario Works Resolution. Council noted rates haven't been changed in several years.

In regards to Item 8.6 Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group- Unwilling Host Council discussed effects of Windmills on local wildlife and impacts to Human living conditions.

177-2024 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Women's Own Resource and the amount of \$550.50 (1101 residents at \$0.50 each) and the amount be included in the 2024 Municipal budget.

Carried

178-2024 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #9.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Teri Brandt confirmed there is a Circus coming to South River and mentioned how well received prior Circus' have been.

Councillor Robert Brooks noted the Cemetery needed a lawn cutting and recommended it before busier times such as before Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn confirmed with Council that the Public Works meeting was still going ahead on the 16th, however the time has been moved to 10 AM.

Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur noted the Minister's Office had not gotten back to him yet regarding the Conservation Authority Act proposed changes.

Allister Johnston Leave the Meeting at 4:15 PM

10. In Camera – Commercial Lease – 309 HWY 124
Machar Fire and Arena Contract Negotiations

179-2024 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 and c) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

180-2024 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:45 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #23-2024

181-2024 Brooks/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# 23-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of May 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

182-2024 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 Tuesday, May 28th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the South River Council Chambers located at 63 Marie Street or at the call of the Mayor. Time of Adjournment: 5:47 p.m.

Carried

Bill O'Hallarn, Deputy Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator