

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Jan 23, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday January 23, 2024. 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
Allister Johnston, Administrative Assistant – In person

Guests:

In-Person Guests: Sabina Hooper - Media, Gianni Tusso, Charley Hubacheck, Bill & Sue Eden, Donna Doucet, Terry Pinkerton, Cathy Wright, Tory Wintemute, Janice and Art Whitelock, Jim Shedden, Bette Lou Kitchen and Martin Anderson.

Virtual Guests: Rocco Frangione - Media, Sarah Bissionette - Media, Kate, Hollywoods Hills, Anthony Miller and Mary

1.Call to Order - The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 2:00 pm.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting –

1. Dennis and Linda Weaver - SRMFD

Linda and Denis Weaver presented their experience on January 2nd as documented in their letter. Linda Weaver presented their suggestions that training for animal rescue should be added to volunteer fire department services. The Weavers suggested they may be able to assist in fundraising or lobbying other levels of government for financial support. Mayor Coleman advised Linda and Dennis Weaver that additional suggestions could be forwarded at any time.

Two guests interrupted the presentation and were instructed by the Chair to cease or be removed.

Dennis and Linda Weaver, Kate, Hollywoods Hills, Anthony Miller, Gianni Tusso, Charley Hubacheck, Sabina Hooper – Media, Bill and Sue Eden, Donna Doucet, Terry Pinkerton, Cathy Wright, Tory Wintemute, Jim Shedden, and Martin Anderson leave the meeting at 2:20 P.M.

4. Adoption of Minutes - Council December 12th 2023

24-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings January 9th and January 11th, 2024 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Rent Review - Municipal Properties
2. Municipal Affairs 2022 Financial Indicator Review

Regarding Item 5.1.1 Rent Review - Municipal Properties Council discussed the rental increase matching the 2023 CPI rate of inflation for 2024.

Sabina Hooper - Media rejoins the meeting at 2:36 P.M.

In regards to item 5.1.2 Municipal Affairs 2022 Financial Indicator Review Council reviewed 2022 Financial Indicator percentages.

25-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase by 3.9%, the 2023 average annual CPI, the 2024 rent for the Central Almaguin Planning Board, Bell Canada, and the South River Machar Union Public Library.

Carried

26-2024 O'Hallarn/Brooks

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. Public Works Meeting Minutes Jan 18, 2024
2. South River Village Municipal Budget Priorities Survey
3. OCWA South River 2023 Q4 Operations Report
4. Hazardous Waste – City of North Bay Depot

Regarding Item 6.1.1 Public Works Meeting Minutes Jan 18, 2024 Council discussed Plow and Sander truck breakdown and repair cost. Council noted Public Work's Climate Change initiatives discussion led to recommendation of 'No Idling' signs for Municipal Properties.

In regards to Item 6.1.2 South River Village Municipal Budget Priorities Survey Council reviewed current iteration of Survey and continued work. Council recommended the survey be sent with the next water bills.

Regarding Item 6.1.3 OCWA South River 2023 Q4 Operations Report Council reviewed sludge removal and costs, and capital upgrades that could reduce sludge handling costs.. Council noted the settling troughs are to be replaced.

In regards to Item 6.1.4 Hazardous Waste – City of North Bay Depot Council discussed Hazardous Waste Agreement renewal cost increase. Council discussed how pricing in current agreement is per household and not per-usage. Council discussed ongoing Almaguin Recycling Initiative agreement and dates and continuing to support ARI for 2024.

27-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the use of the North Bay Hazardous Waste Site for South River residents for 2024 at a cost of \$2040.

Carried

28-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1to #4 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Fire Chief Report January 2024
2. Chief Arena Operator Report for December 2023
3. SRM Medical Centre January 16 Minutes

Regarding Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Fire Chief Report January 2024 Council discussed frequency of call types. Council noted quick response times.

In regards to Item 6.2.2 Chief Arena Operator Report for December 2023 Council discussed replacement dehumidifier delivery time. Council noted the Part-Time Arena Operator position has been filled. Council noted the Arena Budget Meeting is January 24th at 6:30 P.M.

Regarding Item 6.2.3 SRM Medical Centre January 16 Minutes Council noted the Medical Centre is still looking to contract a Generator Servicer.

Sabina Hooper - Media leaves the meeting at 3:10 P.M.

29-2024 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 #3.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. MAHC - Surplus South River Fund
2. Joint Building Committee 2023 Annual Statistics
3. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board CAO January Report

Regarding Item 6.3.1 MAHC - Surplus South River Fund Council discussed what funding could be used for or if it should be left with the MAHC.

In regards to Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee 2023 Annual Statistics Council noted number of permits from South River. Council discussed JBC considering selling vehicle to By-Law Enforcement. Council noted South River was slightly above its 5 year average for permits.

Regarding Item 6.3.3 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board CAO January Report Council discussed funding Social Services Administration Board has received for housing stock. Council noted the DPSSAB is still looking for ECEs (Early Childhood Educators).

30-2024 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 – Support Greater Sudbury re OHSA Liability
2. Resolution – Support Tay Township – Provincial Cemetery Management

31-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Resolution # CC2023-303 of the City of Greater Sudbury requesting that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “employer” to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project and this resolution be forwarded to the City of Greater Sudbury and MPP Graydon Smith.

Carried

32-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Tay Township’s Dec 20, 2023 Resolution requesting financial assistance from the Province of Ontario for Provincial Cemetery Management Support, and this resolution be forwarded to Tay Township and MPP Graydon Smith.

8. Correspondence

1. Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council Grant
2. NOHFC Board Reception North Bay
3. Laurier Fire Chief - Emergency Response
4. SPG-GHG Reduction Pathways Feasibility Study Proposal
5. AORS - Public Works Training
6. Aero Future Canada - Mayoral Introduction Letter
7. MAHC - Recognized for Role Organ and Tissue Donation
8. Town of Mono - Declares Road Safety Emergency
9. NBPSDHU Strategic Plan Process.

Regarding Item 8.1 Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council Grant Council discussed Training courses and Firefighter training mediums. Council discussed training required for Firefighters and stipend required for Firefighter training.

In regards to Item 8.2 Council noted inability to attend due to schedule conflict with Arena Budget Meeting.

In regards to Item 8.3 Council requested letter be referred to SRM Fire Chief.

Regarding Item 8.5 Council discussed current Public Works Training and Equipment. Council discussed South River's current required training.

Regarding Item 8.8 Town of Mono - Declares Road Safety Emergency Council discussed existing Community Safety Zone(s) in South River. Council discussed usage and fees incurred using cameras by other Townships.

Regarding Item 8.9 NBPSDHU Strategic Plan Process. Council plans to complete the Strategic Plan survey provided by the NBPSDHU individually. Council noted it ends February 12th 2024. Councillor Brooks offered to attend the municipal session.

33-2024 Brandt/Brooks

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 Brenda Scott attended the asset management course and appreciated it. Councillor Robert Brooks would like the Asset Management course to be more in-depth and more practical.

Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn brought forward the Public Works meeting on February 15th, 2024. Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn noted that Snowplow Truck repairs would be brought forward then. This will allow the Chief Public Works Operator to investigate all the options.

Councillor Teri Brandt told Council how popular Public Skating is, however Councillor Teri Brandt also noted the cloakroom upstairs for events should be modified to a permanent cloakroom with proper hangars.

Mayor Jim Coleman set out the next steps for the suggestions from the Weavers to be researched. The Community Risk Assessment review will look at all services and risks for the SRMFD in conjunction with both Councils. If changes are recommended they will be incorporated into a new Establishing and Regulating by-law. That work is scheduled over the

coming months. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur advised that discussion for an addition to the Fire Department Services and Training would be appropriate for the upcoming Fire and Arena Budget meetings.

Rocco Frangione leaves the meeting at 4:05 P.M.

Councillor Brenda Scott has heard there is a bus stop style Train Stop to be put in place by Ontario National Railway as part of their passenger train plan, and requested images of it. Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn noted the installation is planned for 2025.

10. In Camera –

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #06-2024

34-2024 Scott/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# 06-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23rd day of January 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

35-2024 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, February 13, 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: 4:38 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator