

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – Apr 09, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday April 09, 2024. A quorum was present. In attendance were Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Councillor Robert Brooks, and Councillor Brenda Scott. Mayor Jim Coleman and Councillor Teri Brandt were 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) and Tara Michellvuille (Online)

**1.Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn at 2:00 pm.

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

**3. Delegation and Public Meeting** – Nil

**4. Adoption of Minutes** - Council March 26, 2024 & Joint Council meeting March 27, 2024

117-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting March 26<sup>th</sup> and Joint Council Meeting march 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 as presented.**

Carried

**6.2 Reports from Shared Services**

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. Income Statement to March 31, 2024
2. Cheque Register to March 31, 2024
3. Annual Debt Limit-South River 2024
4. 2024 Fire and Arena Budgets

Regarding Item 5.1.1 Income Statement to March 31, 2024 Council discussed grants received by the Village of South River.

118-2024 Scott/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Machar Fire 2024 Budget with a 4.21% increase and the South River Machar Arena Budget with an 11.64% increase and the amounts be included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.**

Carried

119-2024 Scott/Brooks

**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. Public Works Minutes March 28 2024
2. Integrity Commissioner Annual Report

3. SR Lions Proposed Bandshell Design
4. Blue Box Purchase Datasheet

Regarding Item 6.1.1 Public Works Minutes March 28 2024 Council discussed engine recommendation for Freightline truck and value. Council discussed proposal for Seasonal Snow Plow Operator instead of Temporary Chief Public Works Operator during Fall, Winter and Spring. Council discussed Pickleball group's suggested court changes. Council discussed Public Works week of May 20<sup>th</sup>, ending with a 'meet & greet' at the Public Works Garage May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

In regards to Item 6.1.3 SR Lions Proposed Bandshell Design Council discussed Bandshell design recommended by Lions Club and Timeframe to build.

Regarding Item 6.1.4 Blue Box Purchase Datasheet Council discussed cost, customization and demand for Blue Bins.

120-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Freightliner engine be replaced by WG Equipment with a used motor at a cost of \$26,600 plus taxes and the amount be included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.**

Carried

121-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the renewal of the Variegated Devas Nursery Agreement for 2024 as per the quote.**

Carried

122-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the South River Public Works Committee recommendation of a centrifuge option as presented by OCWA to deal with the ongoing sludge issue and that an application for funding be made to the House Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF).**

Carried

123-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the South River Public Works Committee recommendation and declare the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> Public Works Week and support the events on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Garage.**

Carried

124-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the band shell design chosen by the South River Lions for Tom Thomson Park. The Village is committed to working with the South River Lions but has not budgeted any funds for it.**

Carried

125-2024 Scott/Brooks

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

Carried

## **6.2 Reports from Shared Services** – NiL

## **6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --**

1. ACED-Directors Report March 28, 2024
2. Joint Building Committee March 2024 Stats and Minutes Mar 21 2024
3. PSDSSAB 2024 Invoice and Budget Amounts

In regards to Item 6.3.1 ACED-Directors Report March 28, 2024 Council discussed Cottage-Life show participation. Council noted ACED would promote more information on upcoming events in the Village if we sent to them.

Regarding Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee March 2024 Stats and Minutes Mar 21 2024 Council discussed JBC request for tender on vehicle.

In regards to Item 6.3.3 PSDSSAB 2024 Invoice and Budget Amounts Council discussed presented budget info and Levy increase. Council recommended the full budget with prior years comparison be brought forward for review at next Council.

126-2024 Scott/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the 2024 Parry Sound DSSAB as presented with a municipal contribution of \$33,523 and the amount be included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.**

Carried

127-2024 Scott/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. By-law 16-2024 - Site Control By-law
2. Support Township of Amaranth - Operational Budget Funding
3. Support Loyalist Township - Budgetary Pressures Relating to Infrastructure

128-2024 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# 16-2024, being a by-law to designate a Site Control By-law.**

Carried

129-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of Amaranth – Operational Budget Funding #4 requesting additional equitable operational funding for all municipalities in Ontario and a copy be circulated to to the Township of Amaranth.**

Carried

130-2024 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Loyalist Township – Budgetary Pressures Relating to Infrastructure #2024-49 requesting additional funding from Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund all municipalities and a copy be circulated to Loyalist Township.**

Carried

### **8. Correspondence**

1. South River Lions - Don Ivens Memorial
2. Ministry of Finance - Vacant Building Tax
3. Ministry of Finance - Residential Tax Reduction
4. NOHFC Intern Application Acknowledgement
5. Labour Market Group Monthly Reports
6. PARC - Thank You
7. CN Right-Of-Way Vegetation Management
8. Brantford City Council - Home Heating Sustainability
9. Township of Adelaide Metcalfe - Tile Drain Loan Amount
10. County of Prince Edward - Municipal Accessibility Fund
11. Guelph City - OEB Decision to End the Subsidization of Fossil Gas
12. International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
13. Town of Shelburne - Eradicate Islamophobia and Antisemitism
14. Township of Asphodel-Norwood - Potential PHO Laboratories Closures
15. Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63

Regarding Item 8.2 Ministry of Finance - Vacant Building Tax Council discussed how Vacant Building tax would impact South River. Council discussed difficulty of enforcement.

*Rocco Frangione - Media (Online) and Tara Michellville (Online) leave at 3:05 PM*

In regards to Item 8.4 NOHFC Intern Application Acknowledgement Council discussed advertising of position, funding and date of hire.

Regarding Item 8.5 Labour Market Group Monthly Reports Council noted most hirings were not private sector.

In regards to Item 8.10 County of Prince Edward - Municipal Accessibility Fund Council discussed costs to upgrade buildings to accessibility standards. Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward to the next meeting of Council.

Regarding Item 8.14 Township of Asphodel-Norwood - Potential PHO Laboratories Closures Council discussed water testing in Village. Council discussed testing locations. Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward to the next meeting of Council.

131-2024 Scott/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River support the Don Ivens Memorial Award with a contribution of \$167.**

Carried

132-2024 Scott/Brooks

**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 Robert Brooks requested date on Train Station meeting and how specific the plans were. Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn informed the meeting is for April 16<sup>th</sup>, Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur added that the plans were extremely detailed.

Councillor Robert Brooks asked after updates on the Grace Anglican Church. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur informed Council the new owner planned to renovate for living space and display hall.

Councillor Brenda Scott inquired about turning undesignated roads into Biking Trails and if businesses would like trails behind them. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur said he would investigate and get back to Council.

Councillor Brenda Scott brought forward the idea of a Kayaking event organized by the Lions to support their Bandshell funding. Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn would like to ensure it is strictly Kayaking and not swimming for safety.

Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn reviewed meeting dates for clarity. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur confirmed April 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> all had meetings. Chief Financial Office Janet Wedseltoft noted there was a conflict in schedule with Cemetery meeting and Train Station meeting for the 16<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed to move Train Station meeting to 2PM to keep Cemetery meeting at 9AM.

*Allister Johnston Leaves the Meeting at 3:42 PM*

## **10. In Camera** – Commercial Lease 309 Highway 124

133-2024 Brooks/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 that this Council proceed in Camera at 2:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to**

the above.

Carried

134-2024 Scott/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 4:49 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn as Chair.**

Carried

**11. Confirming By-law –** By-law #17-2024

135-2024 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# 17-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9th day of April 2024 with the signatures of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

136-2024 Brooks/Scott

**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, April 23, 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: 4:50 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**