

Village of South River
Council Meeting – April 22, 2025

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday April 22, 2025. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillor Brenda Scott, Councillor Teri Brandt, and Councillor Robert Brooks. Absent with notice - Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn.

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In person
Candice Robertson, Administrative Assistant – In Person
MD Tanvir Kabir, Economic Development Intern - In Person

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

The Village of South River acknowledges the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties on the land of the Anishinabek that we meet today. We seek to work respectfully with Indigenous people, and are thankful for their teachings and stewardship of the land.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting – Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council April 8, 2025

130-2025 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting April 8th 2025 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. MLEO 2025 Budget and 2024 Costs

In regard to 5.1.1 Council discussed the financial statement for the 2025 Budget and 2024 costs.

131-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Shared Service Municipal Law Enforcement Officer 2025 Budget with a municipal contribution of \$20,994 for capital and operating and the amount be included in the 2025 municipal budget.

Carried

132-2025 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Public Works Committee Minutes April 15, 2025
2. Joint Health and Safety Minutes April 9, 2025
3. Economic Development Intern Report

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the minutes from the Public Works Committee Minutes. Council discussed the recommendation by OCWA to purchase a water treatment valve actuator, the purchase of six 11 foot Welcome blades, and an additional disc golf tournament in the fall at Tom Thomson Park.

In regard to 6.1.3, Economic Development Intern MD Tanvir Kabir presented the Economic Development Intern Report to Council. He introduced the HOVR rideshare program as a potential transportation solution for both residents and visitors arriving in South River via the Northlander Train starting in 2026. The program aims to create employment opportunities by hiring local drivers, with possible funding available to support the initiative. Economic Development Intern MD Tanvir Kabir also highlighted the upcoming Village-wide Garage Sale scheduled for May 17 as a valuable opportunity to foster community engagement. This event will

coincide with the "Everything Sale" hosted by the South River Machar Agricultural Society at the South River Machar Community Centre. Additionally, Council discussed other potential projects and opportunities to support community engagement and local events throughout the Village.

MD Tanvir Kabir leaves meeting at 3:50pm

133-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support The South River Public Works Committee recommendation by OCWA to purchase a Water Treatment Valve Actuator at a cost of \$9474 including taxes and the amount be funded through OCIF and included in the 2025 budget.

Carried

134-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support The South River Public Works Committee recommendation to include in the 2025 Budget \$2500 for the purchase of custom Welcome Blades as per the cost estimate supplied by Signcraft.

Carried

135-2025 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the 2025 WolfKat Classic Disc Golf Tournament to be held at Tom Thomson Park on October 4, 2025.

Carried

136-2025 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend the structural roof study of the South River Machar Community Centre be done by A2S Engineers at a cost of \$5500 plus HST.

Carried

137-2025 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #3.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. South River Machar Fire Chief Report April 2025
2. South River Machar Community Centre Chief Operator Report March 2025
3. South River Machar Library Draft March 20 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
4. South River Machar Medical Centre March 18, 2025 Minutes

138-2025 Brooks/Brandt

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 #4.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. PSDSSAB March April CAO Report

139-2025 Brooks/Scott

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

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions - Nil

8. Correspondence

1. South River Lions Club - Don Ivens Award
2. Minister George Pirie- Northern Economic Development and Growth
3. AHHC Draft Minutes April 2025
4. Labour Market Group March 2025 Report
5. Various Municipalities - Strong Mayor Powers
6. Howick Township - Accelerated High Speed Internet Project
7. Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington - Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates
8. Local Labour Market Plan Annual Report 2025

In regard to 8.1 Council discussed the Don Ivens Award and possible nominations.
Council indicated support for items 8.5 and 8.7 to be brought forward at the next meeting.

140-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #8.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brenda Scott inquired about the plastic pallets at the brewery are for sale. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur replied that they are for sale and listed on the Village of South River website.

Councillor Robert Brooks inquired about activity and interest in the commercial property at 309 HWY 124. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur replied that there have been a few people interested. Councillor Robert Brooks also asked about the plan with the garden beds at Tom Thomson Park. Mayor Jim Coleman replied there is a meeting with the gardener and will review at that time.

Councillor Teri Brandt asked about the swabbing and flushing schedule, and what roads are affected by the swabbing.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur inquired about the strategic plan update, and noted the province announced Housing enabling fund and the intention to submit an application for the water treatment plant again.

10. In Camera – Nil

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #20-2025

141-2025 Brooks/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# 20-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 22nd day of April 2025 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

142-2025 Brandt/Brooks

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 13th, 2025 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: 4:42 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator