

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – Feb 11, 2025

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday February 11, 2025. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in-person in Council Chambers), Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Brenda Scott, Councillor Teri Brandt and Councillor Robert Brooks (Virtually).

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

**1.Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 2:05p.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 January 28, 2025 and Committee of the Whole January 29, 2025

42-2025 Scott/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting January 14, 2025 as presented**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**  
**5.1 Accounts Reports**

- 1. January 2025 Income Statement
- 2. January 2025 Cheque Register
- 3. AMP Village Owned Property Report
- 4. Parry Sound EMS Ambulance Lease Renewal

In regard to 5.1.3 Council reviewed the Village owned properties and discussed potential options to sell some or all of the properties.

In regard to 5.1.4 Council discussed the renewal of the Parry Sound EMS Ambulance Lease and recommended proceeding as presented.

43-2025 Brant/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.**

Name of Council Member	Yeas	Nays	Abstention	Pecuniary Interest	Recorded Vote
Mayor Coleman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Councillor Brandt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Councillor Brooks		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Councillor O’Hallarn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Councillor Scott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Carried

**6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**

**6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –**

- 1. Strategic Plan Draft Update

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the update to the Strategic Plan Draft and discussed additional items they would like to see included.

44-2025 Brooks/Scott

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

Carried

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

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

1. ACED Agreement By-law 40-2019
2. Joint Building Committee Statistics January 2025
3. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit December 4, 2024 Minutes

In regard to 6.3.1 Council reviewed the ACED Agreement and discussed what the withdrawal of Burks Falls and the end of the original six year agreement on Dec 31, 2025 mean for ACED and the Village going forward into 2026..

45-2025 Scott/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 #3.**

Carried

## **7. By-Laws and Resolutions**

1. Resolution – Support FONOM Industrial and Commercial Recycling
2. Resolution - Operating and Asset Sales Surpluses to Reserves
3. Resolution – Joint Building Committee 2025 Budget
3. By-law-10-2025-Student Transfer Agreement NPSSTS
4. By-law 11-2025 HOC Summer Camp SRDC Proposal 2025

46-2025 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;**

**AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;**

**AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;**

**AND WHEREAS these costs will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;**

**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Graydon Smith MPP, AMO, ROMA and FONOM.**

Carried

47-2025 Brooks/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby direct that annual operating surpluses and receipts from the sale of assets be placed in general reserves.**

Carried

48-2025 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the proposed 2025 Joint Building Committee budget in the amount of \$359,850.**

Carried

49-2025 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 #10-2025, being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Administrator to sign a Student Transfer Agreement with the Nipissing Parry Sound Student Transportation Services with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

50-2025 Brandt/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 #11-2025, being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Administrator to sign an agreement with Eagle Crest Resorts Ltd for the 2025 provision of Day Camp services with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

## **8. Correspondence**

1. South River Machar Agricultural Society Thank You
2. PARC Email and Marketing Analytics for Explore South River
3. Town of Halton Hills - Sovereignty of Canada.
4. Autism Ontario - World Autism Day Proclamation
5. Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce Media
6. Peterborough County - Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods
7. Labour Market Group January Report and December Jobs
8. Ministry of Infrastructure - Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund

In regard to 8.3 and 8.4 Council would like to show support.

In regard to 8.6 Council suggested showing support with modifications

In regard to 8.8 Clerk Administrator Don McArthur discussed with council the funding application for the water treatment plant upgrade was denied. There is another phase of funding available the Village can apply for starting Feb 12.

51-2025 Brooks/Scott

**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) –**

Councilor Robert Brooks inquired about the possibility of having something in Ripples about the quality of water from OCWA. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur replied it is something that can be put in Ripples but that may cause additional confusion. The annual reports, with detailed test results, are posted on the Village of South River website and a binder at the front desk is available to the public with all current testing and results.

Councilor Robert Brooks asked for an update on the building on Lewis St. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur replied it was discussed at the Planning Board meeting in February for direction and will likely go to the March Planning Board meeting for final consideration. The property also needs to be re-zoned which cannot be completed until the severance of the lots is complete.

Councillor Brenda Scott informed Council that a youth recreation center was proposed in Burks Falls and looking to raise money to cover the \$100,000 budget that will cover the cost of the program, rent for facilities and have a youth engagement coordinator to run the program. Suggesting our recreation committee should look into this service to have more options available for youth in South River.

Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn discussed the Curling Club season is wrapping up with the last tournament at the end of the week. It was a successful year for the Curling Club.

Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn informed Council that the Alzheimer's Society was going to be at the Friendly Circle discussing Alzheimer's and services available for the individual and family members.

Council Teri Brant asked about the lights for the ball diamond being a project possibly for 2026. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur replied it be discussed as a 2026 project as the project did not receive financial support at the Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted he had since received interest about the ball diamond being used for games without lights. Council would like to discuss and update the fee schedule for the South River Machar Arena and Community Centre.

Mayor Jim Coleman contacted our MPP Graydon Smith and sent an article about Camp DARE. It is still vacant and being maintained to the best of our knowledge. Mayor Coleman would like to know what the plans are for the building and see it being used again.

Council discussed that according to a Google search by Councillor Scott CMHA has an office at 91 Ottawa Ave in South River for Council of Consumer/Survivor and Family Initiatives. This program provides opportunities for individuals with serious mental illness and family members to participate in the mental health system through self-help and peer support programs for social and educational purposes.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 4:42 PM

**10. In Camera –**

- 1. Personnel – NOHFC Intern Hiring

52-2025 Brandt/O’Hallarn

**Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:43pm for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

53-2025 O’Hallarn/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:25pm with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

54-2025 Brandt/O’Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the hiring of MD Tanvir Kabir as an Economic Development – Business Manager Intern for one year as per the terms of the NOHFC program.**

Carried

**11. Confirming By-law –** By-law #12-2025

55-2025 Brooks/Brandt

**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# 12-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

56-2025 O’Hallarn/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, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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: 5:29 p.m.**

Carried

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Jim Coleman, Mayor

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Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator