

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – January 13, 2026

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday January 13, 2026. A quorum was present. In attendance were, Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Brenda Scott, Councillor Teri Brandt, and Mayor Jim Coleman (Virtually) Councillor Robert Brooks (Virtually). Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn Chaired the meeting.

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

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

**4. Adoption of Minutes** – Council December 9, 2025 and January 5, 2026

06-2026 Brandt-Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and January 5, 2026 as presented.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports** -

1. AMO 2026 Invoice
2. MEPCO 2026 Invoice and Fact Sheet
3. Pahapill Engagement and Audit Planning 2025
4. Solicitor General OPP Costs 2026
5. MPAC Assessment Summary and Levy Amount

07-2026 Brandt/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the membership in AMO for 2026 at a cost of \$1,063.09 plus HST.**

Carried

08-2026 Scott/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the membership in MEPCO for 2026 at a cost of \$68.25 plus HST.**

Carried

09-2026 Brandt/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Deputy Mayor to sign the Audit Planning Schedule and Engagement Letter with Pahapill CPA for the 2025 Audit as attached.**

Carried

10-2026 Brooks/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the MPAC levy for 2026 at a cost of \$16,487.31.**

Carried

11-2026 Scott/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #5.**

Carried

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

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

1. MECP South River Drinking Water System Inspection Report 2025-26
2. Building Code ERO 025-1387 Septic Inspection Submission
3. WTP Pump and Sludge Upgrades RFP 01-2026
4. City of North Bay - Hazardous Waste
5. Drinking Water Works Permit and Municipal Drinking Water License 200-201
6. Star Gazing Signage Program

In regard to 6.1.4 Council discussed solely belonging to the North Bay Hazardous waste program and no longer part of the 2 Almaguin Hazardous waste days as very few attended and a larger number of people use the North Bay Hazardous waste and is a cheaper cost to the Village.

In regard to 6.1.6 Council discussed having signs at Tom Thomson Park indicating it as a Star Gazing park and location of the signage.

12-2026 Scott/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to release the WTP Pump and Sludge Upgrades Request For Proposal 01-2026 on January 15, 2026**

Carried

13-2026 Scott/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to enter into an agreement with the City of North Bay for Hazardous Waste processing for 2026 at a cost of \$2550.**

Carried

14-2026 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee report #1 to #6 as presented.**

Carried

### **6.2 Reports from Shared Services - nil**

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

1. OPP Detachment Board Q4 2025 Report
2. Joint Building Committee December Statistics
3. PSDSSAB December CAO Report

15-2026 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 to #3.**

Carried

### **7. By-Laws and Resolutions –**

1. By-law-02-2026 - Borrowing
2. By-law-03-2026 - Interim Tax Levy
3. By-law-04-2026 – Integrity Commissioner Agreement
4. By-law-05-2026 NG 9-1-1 Transfer Payment Agreement
5. By-law-06-2026 - Fire Protection Grant TPA
6. Resolution 2026 Admin Public Works Planning and Tax Sales Fees
7. Resolution LUMI Internet Voting

In regard to 7.7 Council deferred the resolution LUMI Internet Voting and would like a presentation from LUMI for more information.

16-2026 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 #2-2026, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures with the signature of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

17-2026 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 #3-2026, being a by-law to authorize the 2026 Interim Tax Levy with the signature of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

18-2026 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 #4-2026, being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Administrator to enter into an agreement with ADR Chambers for Integrity Commissioner Services with the signature of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

19-2026 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 #5-2026, being a by-law to enter into a NG911 Phase 4 Transfer Payment Agreement with the signature of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

20-2026 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 #6-2026, being a by-law to enter into a Fire Protection Grant Transfer Payment Agreement with the signature of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

21-2026 Brandt/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the 2026 Administration, Public Works, Planning, and Tax Sales Fees as attached.**

Carried

## **8. Correspondence**

1. PARC - Donation Refund
2. Shock Rodz Car Show July 18 2026
3. Almaguin Highlands Special Olympics - Thank You
4. Kristen Roy - U13LL Almaguin Ice Devils Support Request
5. AHCC January 2026 Newsletter
6. Labour Market Group December Reports
7. Multiple Letters - Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities Health in the Implementation of Ontario Bill 5
8. Ministry of Finance - Property Tax Reassessment
9. MECP Streamlined EA Municipal Infrastructure
10. Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response - Bill 25 Emergency Management
11. AMO - OMERS Bill 68 Toolkit
12. Good Happenings Food Bank - Thank You
13. Hon. George Pirie Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth - Northern Ontario Municipalities
14. Municipality of Magnetawan - Site Ready Funding
15. NBPSDHU - Planet Youth Nipissing
16. Town of Moosonee - Strengthening Self-Defence Protection
17. Town of Smiths Falls - Re-instate the Eligibility for Curbside Blue Box Collection
18. Watson and Associates - Stormwater Legislative Changes
19. AHHC November 6 2025 Minutes

In regard to 8.11 and 8.14 Council would like to show support

22-2026 Scott/Brandt

**The Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the use of Tom Thomson Park for the Shock Rodz Car Show July 18-19, 2026.**

Carried

23-2026 Brooks/Scott

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #19.**

Carried

### **9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –**

Councillor Teri Brandt has had requests from community members to keep the ice in at the Arena until the end of April instead of taking it out the end of March. The Clerk Administrator responded that the operating costs are very high and a minimum revenue of \$5,000 per week would be required. Mayor Coleman suggested if we were to keep the ice in, we would need to make them sign pre-paid contracts to ensure the revenues.

Councillor Brandt also said there has been request for the snack bar to have a debit machine, would get more sales then being cash only.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur purposed a budget meeting for January 28 at 7pm. He continued by letting Council know there has been a few proposals for the Train Station and suggested that one or two members of Council assist the Economic Development Officer with interviewing the proposals. Council agreed that Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn, Councillor Brooks, Councillor Brandt and Councillor Scott will assist with reviewing the applicants

Councillor Brenda Scott asked about status of the possible future funding opportunities for the Train Station, asking if the Train Station Committee has put thought into that. Council also discussed the structural report for the storage area of the train station. The Clerk Administrator said it has passed for the use it was built for – storage. To change the purpose of that area you would need to go through the building code.

Candice Robertson leaves the meeting at 4:29pm

### **10. In Camera –**

1. Economic Development Position

24-2026 Scott/Brandt

**Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (d) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipal or local board purposes and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:29p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

25-2026 Scott/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:10pm with Deputy Mayor Bill O'Hallarn as Chair.**

Carried

### **11. Confirming By-law –** By-law #07-2026

26-2026 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# 07-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 with the signatures of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

### **12. Adjournment**

27-2026 Brandt/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, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the South River Council Chambers located at 63 Marie Street or at the call of the Deputy Mayor. Time of Adjournment: 5:11p.m**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**