

Village of South River
Council Meeting – June 24, 2025

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday June 24, 2025. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Brenda Scott, Councillor Teri Brandt, and Councillor Robert Brooks.

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

Guests: Kristina Martin, Nick Loney

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 –

1. K Martin and K Kristmas - Tebby Park Playground

Kristina Martin requested to Council the Tebby Park Playground be upgraded. There is support from the community to help raise money for upgrades to the playground. The ladder to the slide is difficult for younger children and modifications might help. There are few options to play and climb on. (Geodome climbers, rock wall etc) Would like to see more options for children of all ages, tunnels to crawl through, platforms and ramps. The baseball diamond is also not being used and would like to see an unorganized ball games available for the kids to do one night a week.

Kristina Martin left the meeting at 2:16pm

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council June 10, 2025

192-2025 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting June 10, 2025 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports - Nil

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Public Works Committee Minutes June 18, 2025
2. Arena Construction Review #4 Minutes June 5 2025
3. Waste and Recycling Report 2026
4. ACED Star Party Update
5. Riverwood Estates Subdivision Agreement - Draft

In regard to 6.1.1, Council reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee. During the discussion, it was noted that both Tim and Avery successfully completed the Class 1 Water Distribution course. Council also discussed the need to replace several non-functioning curb stops. The performance of the gardener was acknowledged as being very positive. Additionally, concerns were raised regarding the invasive Japanese Knotweed present in Tom Thomson Park, which is creating ongoing issues that will need to be addressed.

In regard to 6.1.2 Council discussed the Arena Construction. The construction crews are complete. Base ice is in and the lines are in. The Arena will be ready to skate on for the weekend.

In regard to 6.1.4 Council reviewed the Explorers Edge - ACED star party happening Aug 10 at Tom Thomson Park. Tickets being \$10 each and will feature Stephane Picard from Cliff Valley Astronomy.

In regard to 6.1.5 Council and Nick Loney Reviewed the Riverwood Estates Subdivision Agreement draft, discussing several points of the agreement. Mr. Loney noted a number of clauses he didn’t agree with.

Nick Loney left the meeting at 3:14 pm

193-2025 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the South River Public Works Committee recommendation that the mortuary demolition be done by MacFarlane Construction at a cost of \$4424.75 plus HST and the amount be included in the 2025 cemetery budget.
Carried

194-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the South River Public Works Committee recommendation that three recycling bins from ULine be purchased at a cost of \$1414.71 plus HST and the amount be included in the 2025 budget.
Carried

195-2025 O’Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #5 as presented.
Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

- 1. South River Machar Fire Chief Report June 2025
- 2. South River Machar Community Centre Chief Operator Report May 2025

196-2025 O’Hallarn/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 #2.
Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

- 1. PSDSSAB June CAO Report
- 2. Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Board Meeting Minutes May 8, and June 11, 2025
- 3. EMPC Draft Minutes June 11, 2025

In regard to 6.3.3 Council reviewed the EMPC minutes and Clerk Administrator Don McArthur discussed training for the staff and council.

197-2025 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 – Nil

8. Correspondence

- 1. Good happenings Food Bank - Thank you.
- 2. Ministry of Energy - Barrie to Sudbury Transmission Line
- 3. Energy from Waste Expression of Interest
- 4. Township of Black River-Matheson - Firefighter Certification Opposition Letter.
- 5. AHHC Draft Minutes June 5, 2025
- 6. A Blackwell - Northern Neighbours Open House
- 7. FCM-Future Rural Canada Report
- 8. Aged Survey Results

198-2025 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 welcome blade flags, if businesses could request to use them. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur replied that businesses should be able to request them but a process needs to be developed. Councillor Scott raised safety concerns at Dufferin Park with bikes near the tracks as well as people illegally crossing the train tracks not walking up to the designated crossing at Ottawa Ave. Council discussed this issue and the option of putting up a fence to not allow people to cross the tracks illegal as well as a reminder in the next Ripples newsletter.

Councillor Robert Brooks noted the Machar Budget and the statement from the Machar Mayor, stating the statement was very nice. Also noting the North Bay Mayor is not being investigated after charging personal expenses to the City of North Bay.

Councillor Teri Brandt confirmed with Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn the details for the cake cutting at the Canada Day celebration.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur reminded the Mayor and Council that Thursday is the Seniors birthday event at the South River Friendly Circle.

10. In Camera – Nil

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #26-2025

199-2025 O’Hallarn/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# 26-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 24th day of June 2025 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

200-2025 Brooks/Brandt
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, July 8th, 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: 4:17 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator