

Village of South River
Council Meeting – June 9, 2026

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday June 9, 2026. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, Councillor Brenda Scott, and Councillor Robert Brooks (virtually)

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

Guest: C. Bevan

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman 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 – Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council Meeting May 26, 2026

219/2026 O’Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting May 26, 2026 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports –

1. May 2026 Income Statement and Machine Time
2. May 2026 Cheque EFT and Online Payments
3. Municipal 2026-27 Insurance Renewal Proposal

220-2026 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the quote from Intact Public Entities for Municipal Insurance from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027 at a cost of \$ 105,547 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

221-2026 O’Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #3.

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Public Respect and Responsibility – Sample Policy

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the Public Respect and Responsibility sample policy and discussed what the best practice is for the Village. The report was referred to the Joint Health and Safety Committee for input.

222-2026 Scott/O’Hallarn

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. SRM Community Centre Committee Minutes May 28, 2026

In regard to 6.2.3 Council discussed the Community Centre Committee Minutes, noting the arena rates being competitive with the possibility of future increases, and the success of the youth activities.

223-2026 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the reports from Shared Services Staff and Committees #1 as presented.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. Central Almaguin Planning Board Minutes Feb 4, Mar 4, and April 1
2. Joint Building Committee May 2026 Statistics
3. PS EMS Advisory Agenda and Feb 26 Minutes
4. POA Meeting Agenda May 28 and Minutes Nov 20 2025

224-2026 Brandt/Scott

WHEREAS the delivery of Court Services is governed by Transfer Agreements entered into with the Province (MOU & Local Side Agreement); and the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) entered into between The Town of Parry Sound and the Corporation of the Township of Armour, Township of Seguin, Township of Carling, Township of Perry, Town of Kearney, Village of Burk's Falls, Village of South River, Village of Sundridge, Township of Hagerman, Municipality of Whitestone, Township of Joly, Township of Joly, Township of Machar, Municipality of McDougall, Township of McKellar, Township of McMurrich/Monteith, Municipality of Magnetawan, Township of Ryerson, Township of Strong and Township of the Archipelago, as amended, in addition to applicable legislation, including the Provincial Offences Act (POA); and

WHEREAS The POA Advisory Committee, on May 28, 2026, recommended that the Village of South River Council, along with the Councils of the 18 municipalities within the Parry Sound Catchment Area support the POA Advisory Committee Report – Advocacy for Set Fines & Costs Payable Under the POA and call upon the Attorney General of Ontario requesting a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in Ontario Regulation 915 under the Provincial Offences Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of South River call upon the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario to request a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in Ontario Regulation 915 under the Provincial Offences Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario be urged to modernize set fines as necessary to ensure penalties remain meaningful as a deterrent and as a community safety device, in addition to ensuring the sustainability of administering POA court services at the municipal level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario regularly review and adjust set fines to keep pace with inflation and maintain their effectiveness as a deterrent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, OMTRA and ROMA.

Carried

225-2026 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Reports from the Regional Committees: Items #1 to #4.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions –

1. By-law-36-2026-Fire Protection Grant Transfer Payment Agreement

226-2026 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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# 36-2026, being a by-law to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement to receive funding under the Fire Protection Grant with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. J. Gorlick – AI Data Centres
2. ACED Monthly Business Update – June
3. Friendly Circle - Birthday Event
4. Labour Market Group May Report and April Jobs
5. J Peever - Dance Program
6. Project Canoe – D.A.R.E Property Update
7. FONOM - Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant
8. Honourable Rob Flack, MMAH - Protecting Our Streets
9. Northern Policy Institute - Fringe Populations
10. Plympton-Wyoming - Sustainable Funding for Fire Services
11. Town of South Bruce Peninsula - Outdoor Education
12. Township of Armour - Rest Stops Highways 11 and 17
13. Township of Baldwin – OPP Unincorporated Funding
14. Township of Machar - Opposition to FIPPA Changes
15. Fans of Shen Yun Canada - Foreign Government Pressure
16. Municipality of Calvin - Provincial Review of CVA
17. Municipality of Red Lake - OPP Policing Costs
18. Assistant Deputy Attorney General - Bring Your Own Permit Follow Up
19. AH Chamber of Commerce June 2026 Newsletter
20. Muskoka Almaguin Ontario Health Team Minutes May 7, 2026
21. Town of Iroquois - Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements

Council would like to support 8.7, 8.9, 8.12 and 8.21

227-2026 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #21.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brooks shared the Village of Sundridge new park and splash pad is now open. Councillor Brandt added that the other park in Sundridge was vandalized and hopes that doesn't happen to the new splash pad.

Councillor Scott is very happy that Flixbus now has a stop at Crystal Cave, you can purchase tickets online and is well priced. Nice step forward for the area.

Deputy Mayor O'Hallarn confirmed the next Public Works meeting.

Clerk Administrator shared the preliminary costing of moving the outdoor art from at the new location that HWY 124 to a new location. The new owners advised they would inform the Village if a move is necessary. The Star Gazing event planning is moving along and input for the EDO was received. Lastly the Clerk Administrator shared that MTO indicated the speed limit on Hwy124 as you leave South River to the north will be increased from 60km.

Chief Financial Officer asked Council if they would like to further discuss the email regarding policy for solar lights in the Cemetery. Council would like it to be brought to a meeting.

10. In Camera – Nil

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #37-2026

228-2026 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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#37-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9th day of June 2026 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

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, June 23rd, 2026 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: 4:20p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator