

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Mar 11, 2025

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday March 11, 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: Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In person
Candice Robertson, Administrative Assistant – In Person
Tanvir Kabir, Economic Development- 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 – Building Bylaw Fee Change

76-2025 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Joint Building Committee recommendation that Fee Schedule F be added to Building Permit and Fees By-law 21-202 as per the attached.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes – Council February 25, 2025 and Committee of the Whole meeting February 26, 2025.

77-2025 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting February 25th and the Committee of the Whole meeting February 26th, 2025 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. February Income Statement
2. February 2025 Cheque EFT and Online Payments
3. 2024 Council Remuneration Report

78-2025 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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. Strategic Plan Draft Update
2. Arena Construction Review Meeting Mar 3, 2025

In regard to 6.1.1 Council reviewed the Strategic Plan Draft Update and have suggested some additional updates.

79-2025 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 & 2.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. South River Machar Library Minutes Feb 20, 2025 and 2025 Budget

80-2025 Brandt/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South Machar Union Public Library 2025 operating budget with a municipal contribution of \$48,114 and the amount be included in the 2025 municipal budget.

Carried

81-2025 Brandt/Scott

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

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. 2025 DSSAB Operating and Capital Budget and Levy Amount
2. ACED Director February Report, January 23 Minutes and 2025 Workplan
3. Eastholme 2025 Budget Report and Levy Calculation
4. Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee Feb 27 2025 Minutes
5. Joint Building Committee February 2025 Statistics

In regard to 6.3.1 Council discussed the 2025 DSSAB budget highlights.

In regard to 6.3.4 Council reviewed the Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee Minutes, noting in the minutes there was mention the call volume increasing and the possibility of looking at another ambulance. Council also discussed the South River base rent increase.

82-2025 Brooks/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Eastholme Home for the Aged 2025 Budget with a municipal contribution of \$28,032 and the amount be included in the 2025 municipal budget

Carried

83-2025 O'Hallarn/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board 2025 Budget with a municipal contribution of \$34,776.52 and the amount be included in the 2025 municipal budget

Carried

84-2025 Brandt/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 #5.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. By-law-16-2025- Parry Sound EMS Ambulance Lease Renewal
2. Resolution – B Morton Day Camp Tom Thomson Park

85-2025 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 #16-2025, being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Administrator and Mayor to sign the lease agreement, Schedule A attached, with the Parry Sound EMS for the building at 203 HWY 124 with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

86-2025 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the use of Tom Thomson Park for Brittany Morton to operate a day camp for children the week of August 11 2025.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. N. Loney 36 Ena Severance Request
2. N. Loney Riverwood Estates Plan of Subdivision Rezoning Request
3. AMO Tariff Policy Update
4. UBER Resolution - Ride Share Services
5. Healtheon - Healthcare Solutions
6. Township of Coleman - Urgent Need for Improvements to Highways 11 and 17
7. Woodstock City Council - Speeding, Distracted and Impaired Driving
8. Municipality of Durham - Protecting Canadian Values
9. Sarnia - Carbon Tax Increase
10. AMO ROMA - Inaugural Rural Democracy Forum
11. Schooley Mitchell - Council Presentation
12. Algonquin Fitness – Stand Up South River

In regard to 8.1 Nick Loney addressed council with a request for severance of 36 Ena.

In regard to 8.2 Nick Loney addressed council with a rezoning request and his concerns with the process. Council replied they would discuss the concerns In Camera.

Nick Loney left the meeting at 4:10pm

In regard to 8.4, 8.7 and 8.8 Council would like to show support.

87-2025 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support in principal the severance of 36 Ena Ave as proposed.

Carried

88-2025 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #12.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councilor Brenda Scott asked about money to fund the Dark Sky at Tom Thomson Park. Councilor Brenda Scott asked the Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft about a line in the budget for Arts/Culture/Recreation. Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft replied there is line in the budget for events. Council asked for a breakdown of what we have used this budget for in the past. Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft will review and have prepared for next council meeting.

Councilor Bill O'Hallarn mentioned the unusual power surges South River has been experiencing. He has had residence reach out to him inquiring about the hydro fluctuation and that they are having issues with it tripping the breakers. Councilor Bill O'Hallarn added that it has been happening to newer builds that have the new breakers that are more sensitive by design that have had issues with breakers tripping with the power surges.

Councilor Robert Brooks mentioned the closing of the Trout Creek Community Center. The expenses are too high to make the building safe they are considering closing. Asking the question, would this bring more interest to the South River Machar Arena? Council discussed that the Trout Creek Community Centre is entered in the Kraft Hockeyville contest to win \$250,000 for upgrades, however it appears that the community centre could close its doors permanently March 30.

Mayor Jim Coleman discussed the additional repairs at the train station have been completed.

Candice Robertson and Tanvir Kabir left the meeting at 4:50 PM

10. In Camera –

1. Real Estate Broker – 17 Main St.
2. N. Loney Riverwood Estates Plan of Subdivision Rezoning Request

89-2025 Brandt/O'Hallarn

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board and that this Council proceed in Camera at 4:50p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

90-2025 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:29pm with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

91-2025 O’Hallarn/Brandt
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby select William Coombs to act as the real estate broker for the sale of 17 Main St at a listing price of \$55,000 and the Clerk-Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement as per the terms supplied.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #17-2025

92-2025 Scott/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# 17-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of March 2025 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

93-2025 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, March 25th, 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: 5:41 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator