

Village of South River
Special Council Meeting – January 22, 2026

A special meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Thursday January 22, 2026. A quorum was present. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councilor Teri Brandt and Councilor Brenda Scott. Mayor Jim Coleman and Councillor Robert Brooks (Virtually)

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Candice Robertson, Administrative Assistant – In Person

Guests: Lumi – V. Pann and M. Gonzalez

1. Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn at 12:51PM

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof -Nil

3. Online Internet Voting Presentation – LUMI

Lumi took over Electra online voting platform and is end to end verified. Lumi showed Council how the process works to vote online as a voter would see when they go vote. Each resident registered with Elections Ontario voters list would receive a voter information letter that will include a pin. To vote the voter would go to the website enter their date of birth and the pin that was provided to them in the voter information letter. They would then select who they would vote for with the options and confirm. The voter has the option to verify the connection is secure by scanning the QR code on the screen or by clicking “open on this device” and will show a pairing code. If the codes match the connection is secure and they can confirm and cast their ballot. If the pairing codes do not match, they connect the municipal office immediately to let them know that the connection is not secured. Once the ballot has been cast you have the option download a receipt which gives you a tracking code, or you can open the receipt on the device and print the receipt. The receipt does not show who you voted for or contain any personal information just a QR code and tracking number to confirm your vote.

The process can be customized for when it opens and closed. Have it for early voting and again for election day or just for early voting. If you do both online and paper ballots on election day Lumi, the Village would give Lumi the voters list of who voted in person and they would enter the list to be screened for who voted online to ensure no duplicate voting. There is no list given till the end of election so you can’t see who has or hasn’t voted and you can’t target anyone to vote. Once the election is complete the central server for online ballots then provides a list of the results. There are no names attached to know who voted or how, the Village would have multiple trustees who will get a key(pin) to unlock the results. If there is an acclamation then it would show if the spots were acclaimed. If there is no election needed because all seats were acclaimed then the Village would only pay for the work that has been done up to that time.

V.Pann and M. Gonzalez left the meeting at 1:30PM

Council discussed whether they wanted to try online voting for the next municipal election and sited the additional expense as the main drawback.

28-2026 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk Administrator to enter into an agreement with LumiGlobal to allow South River electors to vote electronically in the upcoming 2026 municipal election.

Lost

Candice Robertson left the meeting at 1:39PM

4. In Camera – Train Station Lease Proposals

29-2026 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection

239. (b) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipal or local board purposes and that this Council proceed in Camera at 1:40p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

30-2026 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 3:28p.m. with Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn as Chair.

Carried

31-2026 Brandt/Brooks

The Council of the Village of South River does hereby recommend that staff develop a lease agreement with Joshua Wayner and bring it back for Council review.

Carried

4. Confirming By-law – By-law #8-2026

32-2026 Scott/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# 8-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 22nd day of January 2026 with the signatures of the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

5. Adjournment

33-2026 Brandt/Brooks

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 27th, 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: 3:33 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator