

Village of South River
Council Meeting – August 14, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday August 14, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Councillor Brenda Scott and Councillor Robert Brooks.

Staff in Attendance: Don McArthur, Clerk Administrator – In person
Allister Johnston, Administrative Assistant – In person
Janet Wedseltoft, Chief Financial Officer – In Person

Guests: Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

1. **Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 5:30pm.

2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof** –

3. **Delegation and Public Meeting** – Janice and Art Whitelock – Custom Car Show

Janice and Art Whitelock were presented with a Certificate for an outstanding event by Mayor Jim Coleman for their work with the Tom Thomson Park car show. Janice and Art Whitelock accepted the Certificate and thanked Mayor Jim Coleman and Council. Janice Whitelock discussed how South River's Tom Thomson Park was a great venue for the Car Show. Council discussed on what types of improvements that could be made, should the Car Show occur again in 2024. Art Whitelock discussed the parking with Council for the event and Janice Whitelock spoke to their prioritization for Safety and 911 Services Access during the event. Lastly Art and Janice Whitelock discussed the positive work that occurred with the church hosting a Kid's Car Race at the event and how the kids seemed to enjoy it.

4. **Adoption of Minutes** - Council Monday July 24th, 2023

252-2023 Scott/ Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings dated July 24 and August 9, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement to July 31, 2023
2. Cheque Register to July 31, 2023

Regarding item 5.1.1 Income Statement to July 31, 2023 Council discussed the OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund) in regards to the Village of South River. Council discussed the interest rate on deposited funds. Council discussed the timing of payments being made to the Village. Council reviewed; Water Project Grants, Arena Usage and Rentals, Train station expenses and projects, Townsuite System Upgrade cost, Fire Hall Income Statement, MLEO Payments and Insurance Costs. Council discussed the grant claim process and the effect on cash flow. Council discussed possibility of adding additional payment options for the Arena.

In regards to Item 5.1.2 Cheque Register to July 31, 2023 Council discussed the payments made to Bruman and Canor for the watermain projects.

253-2023 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive

the reports from Accounts and Finance #1 to #2

Carried

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Canor Construction Meeting #3 Minutes.
2. Bruman Construction Meeting #9 Minutes
3. Joint Health and Safety Minutes July 26 2023
4. OCWA Q2 2023 Operations Report

In discussion of Item 6.1.1 Canor Construction Meeting #3 Minutes Council discussed work being done by Canor. Council discussed the efficiency of Canor's construction work.

Regarding Item 6.1.2 Bruman Construction Meeting #9 Minutes Council noted the work Bruman has done.

In regards to Item 6.1.3 Joint Health and Safety Minutes July 26 2023 Council discussed meeting purposes and how they help staff and management stay ahead of issues.

In regards to Item 6.1.4 OCWA Q2 2023 Operations Report Council discussed call-ins for Quarter 2. Council discussed the reduction in water usage and how it has resulted in less overall sludge.

254-2023 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1 to #4 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

1. Fire Chief Report July 2023
2. Chief Arena Operator Report for July 2023
3. SRM Medical Centre July 18 2023 Minutes

Regarding Item 6.2.1 Fire Chief Report July 2023 Council discussed Call Volume for Fire Department for month of July, 2023 compared to June 2023.

Regarding Item 6.2.2 Chief Arena Operator Report for July 2023 Council discussed repairs done to Arena equipment, Arena Income, Ice Usage and Marketing. Council additionally discussed how to make the Arena more accessible to contact.

255-2023 Scott/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 #3.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. ACED Directors Report July 2023, Housing Terms of Reference, and CIINO Resolution
2. ACED June 29 2023 Minutes
3. Joint Building Committee Funds – Councillor Brooks

4. POA General Ledger and Distribution Q2 2023

In discussion of Item 6.3.1 ACED Directors Report July 2023, Housing Terms of Reference, and CIINO Resolution Council Discussed South River's position in the ACED program. Council discussed who would be available to represent the Village of South River as a representative for the housing task force committee. Council lastly discussed economic development in South River in general.

Regarding Item 6.2.2 ACED June 29 2023 Minutes Council discussed ACED's work with local Municipalities. Council also discussed the housing task force as part of ACED's work for local Municipalities.

In regards to Item 6.2.3 Joint Building Committee Funds – Councillor Brooks Council discussed a request for time spent doing various functions at the JBC (Joint Building Committee) and the current funding arrangement. Councillor Brooks to draft a resolution for future Council meeting.

Regarding Item 6.3.4 POA General Ledger and Distribution Q2 2023 Council discussed Quarter Two of 2023 compared to Quarter One of 2023. Council discussed the budgeted amount for Quarter Two and distribution.

256-2023 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Almaguin Community Economic Development's proposed Almaguin Housing Task Force Terms of Reference dated June 29th, 2023 as presented.

Carried

257-2023 Scott/Brooks

WHEREAS the Village of South River recognizes the benefit of participating in Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) with regional partners to jointly deliver economic development services to the Almaguin Highlands Region;

AND WHEREAS the Village of South River has invested in the delivery of economic development services through making annual contributions to ACED in partnership with conditional contributions from FedNor's Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of South River hereby declares their support for the Township of Armour's application to renew the ACED funding for another three-year term.

Carried

258-2023 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 #4.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

8. Correspondence

1. S. Kimber and G. Halford – Thank you
2. MECP - EA Modernization Regulations and Updated Guides
3. Honourable Michael Kerzner Solicitor General - SRM Fire Department
4. City of Hamilton - Greenbelt Amendments
5. City of Ottawa - Ambulance Donation

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6. City of Toronto - Proposed Provincial Planning Statement
7. Oxford County - Homelessness and Opioid Crisis
8. Town of Fort Erie – Airbnb VRBO Rentals
9. Village of Merrickville-Wolford - Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

Regarding Item 8.3 Honourable Michael Kerzner Solicitor General - SRM Fire Department
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In regards to Item 8.8 Town of Fort Erie – Airbnb VRBO Rentals Council discussed existing regulations and restrictions on Short-Term rentals. Council discussed the benefits of short term rentals for Small Communities. Council lastly discussed how the problem tends to be abusers of the system for Short-Term rentals, and not short term Rentals themselves.

In regards to Item 8.9 Village of Merrickville-Wolford - Proposed Provincial Planning Statement Council discussed cost for Provincial immigration plans. Council discussed site specific compared to Ontario wide planning. Council discussed current immigration controls and standards by the Provincial and Federal government. Council lastly discussed objections other communities have raised with the plans and the need for input from smaller communities.

259-2023 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #9.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brenda Scott mentioned ensuring our Canadian Flags are well maintained and changed as needed.

Councillor Brenda Scott appreciates the Tom Thomson upkeep and its large number of visitors. Brenda Scott would also like the Village to consider having merchandise such as a folding chair to sell for those visiting Tom Thomson Park.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted the good work of the part-time gardener the Village has hired to care for the Village gardens.

Councillor Robert Brooks asks for an update on arena grant. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur informs a decision is expected in September.

Councillor Robert Brooks stated he doesn't see much use of the Disc Golf in Tom Thomson Park. Councillor Brenda Scott informs Robert that the Disc Golf is primarily using the park Tuesdays and that may be the reason he does not see them often. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted they help maintain the park.

Councillor Robert Brooks talks to Council about how the Sunflower Festival being cancelled and that some of the events had been rescheduled. Councillor Brenda Scott mentions how some of the Vendors that could not sell at the Sunflower Festival are scheduling with the SRM Public Library for their 50th Anniversary.

10. In Camera – none

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #36-2023

260-2023 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# 36-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of August 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

261-2023 Scott/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 Monday September 11th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the South River Council Chambers located at 63 Marie Street or at the call of the Mayor. Time of Adjournment: _____ 7:42 _____ p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator