

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Oct 23, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Monday October 23rd, 2023. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman, Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt, Councillor Robert Brooks and Councillor Brenda Scott.

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

Guests – Rocco Frangione

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** – Brenda Scott Item 6.2.3 SRM Ad hoc Recreation Meeting October 16 2023 Draft Minutes

3. **Delegation and Public Meeting** –

4. **Adoption of Minutes** - Council Monday October 10, 2023

300-2023 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting dated October 10th, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. **Accounts and Finance**

5.1 **Accounts Reports**

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6. **Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**

6.1 **Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business** –

1. Budget Planning Survey - Discussion

In discussion of Item 6.1.1 Budget Planning Survey – Discussion Council discussed a survey for residents of the Village of South River. Council discussed Strategic Plan inclusion and how to improve awareness of the Strategic Plan. Council touched on a method of delivery if a survey is performed.

301-2023 Brooks/Scott

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 Chief Arena Operator September Report
2. SRM Fire Chief Report October 2023
3. SRM Ad hoc Recreation Meeting October 16 2023 Draft Minutes

Regarding item 6.2.1 SRM Chief Arena Operator September Report Council approves of first report by new Chief Arena Operator. Council discussed necessary upgrades for the Arena and time-frame. Council discussed how the work to implement upgrades could impact Community

Centre and Curling Club.

In regards to Item 6.2.2 SRM Fire Chief Report October 2023 Council noted the NBCACC EMS has changed their mind and will continue to service our area.

Regarding Item 6.2.3 SRM Ad hoc Recreation Meeting October 16 2023 Draft Minutes Council discussed requested repairs for recreational locations around the Arena Grounds. Council discussed suggestions made at the Ad Hoc Recreation meeting. Council noted it was a positive meeting.

302-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk- Administrator and Chief Arena Operator to post a Request for Proposal for mechanical upgrades to the South River Machar Arena as attached.

Carried

303-2023 Brooks/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 to #3.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees

1. PSDSSAB October CAO Report
2. CAPB August 2 and September 6 2023 Minutes

Regarding Item 6.3.1 PSDSSAB October CAO Report Council discussed the report and PSDSSAB statistics.

Regarding Item 6.3.3 CAPB August 2 and September 6 2023 Minutes Council discussed Planning Board membership. Council discussed processes for services and costs.

304-2023 Brandt/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 #2.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Appoint Firefighter Ryan Mathieson
2. Amend ATV Outdoors Lease 281 Hwy 124

305-2023 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint Ryan Mathieson as a Fire Fighter to the South River Machar Fire Department effective June 12, 2023.

Carried

306-2023 O'Hallarn/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Administrator to amend the ATV Outdoors lease for 281 HWY 124 as per Addendum #1 attached.

Carried

Rocco Frangione Leaves the Meeting at 7:01 P.M.

8. Correspondence

1. PSDMA May 5 Minutes, Sept 29 Draft Minutes and Treasurer Report
2. Minister Graydon Smith - Septic Approvals
3. Sanderson Monument Donation
4. Ombudsman Ontario 2022-2023 Annual Report-Link
5. Town of Nipissing and Powassan - Central Ambulance Communication Centre
6. Labour Market Group September Newsletter and August Job Report.
7. City of Burlington - Short Term Rentals
8. MAHC - Local Share Financing Plan Achieved for Hospital Redevelopment
9. Municipality of Bluewater – Childcare
10. Township of McKellar - Amendment to Notice Legislation Act
11. Township of The Archipelago - Cigarette Producer Responsibility

Regarding Item 8.2 Minister Graydon Smith - Septic Approvals Council discussed cost and staffing required to perform same function as Conservation Authority. No issues with the current system were noted.

In regards to Item 8.3 Sanderson Monument Donation Council approved of Sanderson Monuments performing the work and appreciated it being done free of charge.

In regards to Item 8.7 City of Burlington - Short Term Rentals Council discussed impact of Short Term Rentals for small communities. Council briefly conversed on the responsibility of Short Term Rental owners.

Regarding Item 8.9 Municipality of Bluewater – Childcare Council discussed requirements for a building before it reaches acceptable use standards for a Child Care building. Council discussed education requirements for an ECE.

In regards to Item 8.10 Township of McKellar - Amendment to Notice Legislation Act Council discussed current method of notice delivery. Council notes this is a step towards helping modernize and supports bringing forward a resolution of support.

Regarding Item 8.11 Township of The Archipelago - Cigarette Producer Responsibility Council briefly discussed tobacco growers responsibilities being expanded to ensure cigarettes are biodegradable.

307-2023 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #11.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brenda Scott attended the Beer and Books event hosted by the SRM Library at the Brewery. Councillor Brenda Scott spoke to her enjoyment of the function and how it helps promote local authors.

Councillor Brenda Scott submitted that the Disc Golf Finals had occurred. Councillor Brenda Scott noted that co-ordination of outhouses with Disc Golf in the future would be helpful.

Councillor Robert Brooks visited South River Buds that recently opened and noted they had a nice store.

Councillor Teri Brant discussed Christmas in the Village and preparation for the event.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur presented that the Province has a new grant program for electric car charging stations. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur has reached out to see if the IVY car charging company already in South River would be interested in partnering for an expansion.

Mayor Jim Coleman brought forward the Candlelit Vigil held in Tom Thomson Park and what a successful event it was. Councillor Brenda Scott noted 58 people attended. Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallarn and Councillor Teri Brandt believe the old DARE Camp area should be looked into as a location to help with mental health issues.

Allister Johnston leaves the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

10. In Camera –

1. Commercial Lease

308-2023 O'Hallarn/Scott

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 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

309-2023 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 7:53 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #41-2023

310-2023 O'Hallarn/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# 41-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23rd day of October 2023 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

311-2023 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 November 14th, 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: 7:54 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator