

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Feb 13, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday January 23, 2024. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn, Councillor Teri Brandt and Councillor Robert Brooks. Councillor Brenda Scott attended virtually.

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 – Media, Bette Lou Kitchen and Michelle Thiessen

1.Call to Order - The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Coleman at 2:00 pm.

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

3. Delegation and Public Meeting –

3.1 Bette Lou Kitchen presented her request for Council to encourage the Provincial and Federal Government to reduce regulation on Firefighters, Fire Halls, and Council make the Fire Hall full-time paid staff.

3.2 Michelle Thiessen presented the Library’s Annual Report to Council. It contained completed projects and ongoing projects of the Library. Council discussed Library budget and fundraising plans.

Michelle Thiessen leaves at 2:18 PM

4. Adoption of Minutes - Council January 23 2024, February 1 2024, and COW January 24 2024

40-2024 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings January 23 and February 1, 2024 and the Committee of the Whole January 24, 2024 as presented.

Carried

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement to January 31, 2024
2. Cheque Register to January 31, 2024

5.1.2 Income Statement to January 31, 2024 Council discussed Fire Hall training budget and Insurance expenses. Council discussed mediums through which expenses are paid.

41-2024 Brandt/Brooks

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. EV ChargeON Program Application
2. South River Village Municipal Priorities Survey
3. 2023 Drinking Water System MECP Inspection and QEMS Procedures
4. 2023 Section 11 Annual Water Report and Schedule 22 Summary
5. Personnel Committee Minutes Jan 18 2024

Regarding Item 6.1.1 EV ChargeON Program Application Council discussed the application for ChargeON program. Council discussed Charge Station speed models and location.

Council discussed maintenance and power supply for Charge Stations.

In regards to Item 6.1.2 South River Village Municipal Priorities Survey Council approved of sending out the Survey with the Tax Bills. Council discussed tallying method of online and physical Surveys.

Regarding Item 6.1.3 2023 Drinking Water System MECP Inspection and QEMS Procedures Council discussed thorough detailing of water systems. Council discussed action taken based on recommendations.

In regards to Item 6.1.4 2023 Section 11 Annual Water Report and Schedule 22 Summary Council discussed water work performed in 2023 and usage during 2023.

In regards to Item 6.1.5 Personnel Committee Minutes Jan 18 2024 Council discussed Code of Conduct review.

42-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the application to the EV ChargeON Program as presented.

Carried

43-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the 2023 Section 11 Annual Water Report and Schedule 22 Summary as prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Carried

44-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1to #5 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Public Library Jan 23, 2024 Minutes and 2024 Budget

Regarding Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Public Library Jan 23, 204 Minutes and 2024 Budget Council reviewed the library budget. Council discussed services provided and treasurer's reports.

45-2024 Brandt/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.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. Joint Emergency Management Minutes Jan 25, 2024
2. Joint Building Committee Jan 18 2024 Minutes and January Stats
3. Joint Building Committee Lease Agreement
4. Mutual Assistance Draft Agreement
5. ACED 2023 Draft Annual Report and Dec 19, 2023 Minutes
6. Central Almaguin Planning Board December 6, 2023 Minutes
7. NBMCA Second Notice of Pre-consultation Source Water Protection

Regarding Item 6.3.1 Joint Emergency Management Minutes Jan 25, 2024 Council discussed participating members and duties. Council discussed Emergency Management training.

In regards to Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee Jan 18 2024 Minutes and January Stats Council discussed permits issued and upcoming Joint Building Committee meeting.

In regards to Item 6.3.3 Joint Building Committee Lease Agreement Council discussed rent increase and amenities the JBC included in rent.

Regarding Item 6.3.4 Mutual Assistance Draft Agreement Council discussed Insurance certificates required for the Mutual Assistance Agreement.

In regards to Item 6.3.5 ACED 2023 Draft Annual Report and Dec 19, 2023 Minutes Council discussed ACED initiatives. Council discussed Housing Task Force. Council appreciated the informative graphics in the report.

Regarding 6.3.6 Central Almaguin Planning Board December 6, 2023 Minutes Council discussed majority of locations undergoing severances are in the unincorporated areas.

In regards to Item 6.3.7 NBMCA Second Notice of Pre-consultation Source Water Protection Council discussed Source Water protection distance of 1 KM. Council suggested maps would be useful for discussion.

46-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Joint Building Committee Resolution #2024-006 Lease Agreement with the Township of Strong as presented.

Carried

47-2024 O'Hallarn/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 # 7.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

8. Correspondence

1. N. Loney - Trail Opposition
2. East Ferris- Cassellholme Governance
3. County of Prince Edward - Fire Apparatus
4. City of Mississauga - A Notice of Motion Landlord and Tenants Board
5. Brantford City Council - Reliable and Accessible Public Rail Transit
6. Fire Incident 24-002 Correspondence
7. AHHC January 4 2024 Minutes and Progress Status
8. ReThink Green Membership Application
9. Honourable Lisa Thompson - Rural Economic Development Letter and Summit
10. Labour Market Group January 2024 Report and December 2023 Jobs Report
11. Ministry of Northern Development -Northern Services Board Act
12. City of Stratford - Support BIA and CEBA Repayments
13. AMO - Councillor Training
14. FONOM -Exec Award Call for Nomination
15. Enbridge - OEB Decision Rebasing Application

16. Ministry of Finance -2024 Business Education Tax
17. Sarnia City Council - Carbon Tax
18. Town of Hanover -AMO Resolution Social and Economic Prosperity Review
19. B. Whitehead – Dam Parkette

In regards to Item 8.1 N. Loney - Trail Opposition Council discussed current Snowmobile Trails and walking routes.

Regarding Item 8.3 County of Prince Edward - Fire Apparatus Council discussed Fire Equipment Lifespans. Council discussed Insurance requirements for Firefighters and Firefighting equipment. Council recommended bringing forward a Resolution of Support.

Regarding Item 8.4 City of Mississauga - A Notice of Motion Landlord and Tenants Board Council discussed the difficulty facing Landlords and Tenants in receiving a hearing in a reasonable time. Council recommended bringing forward a Resolution of Support.

In regards to Item 8.5 Brantford City Council - Reliable and Accessible Public Rail Transit Council discussed CN Rail services. Council discussed CN Rail properties in South River. Council recommended bringing forward a Resolution of Support.

48-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #19.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn noted Employment North had water leaks, and was told Public Works staff was helpful and professional. Deputy Mayor Bill O’Hallarn noted that currently the parking lot at the Arena is a mess.

Councillor Robert Brooks followed up regarding Health and Safety Committee and asked Councillor Teri Brandt about the canteen issues. Councillor Teri Brandt stated the floor could be done, and that the canteen needs updating.

Councillor Robert Brooks noted there is an AirBnB in town and asked if we have a policy. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur noted that it has been brought forward for discussion previously but there hasn’t been direction to regulate beyond existing by-laws to date..

Councillor Robert Brooks asked Council to consider the types of commercial business they would want in the Train Station.

Councillor Teri Brandt asked about the Summer Camp program operating for 2024. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur stated the Summer Camp program with HOC is happening this year.

Councillor Teri Brandt inquired after the Lion’s Pavilion in Tom Thomson Park. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur explained the Pavilion is still in discussion and the Lions Club will has not shared their specific plans yet with the Village.

Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur brought forward that the ONR does not have an artist concept or photo available yet of what their shelter stops will look like.

Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur expanded on the HOC subject, explaining HOC has staff and we are waiting on pricing. Registrations should open in April.

Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur informed Council South River Meet’N Cruise wants to meet Seppe, Don and a member of Council Thursday regarding their July event. Councillor Teri

Brandt and Councillor Brenda Scott volunteered.

Councillor Brenda Scott enjoyed the Asset Management seminars and is interested in the next steps.

10. In Camera – Employee Recognition

49-2024 O'Hallarn/Brooks

Be it Resolved that this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239. (c) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and that this Council proceed in Camera at 5:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

50-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:17 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #09-2024

51-2024 Brooks/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# 09-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13th day of February 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

52-2024 Brooks/O'Hallarn

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, February 27, 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: 5:18 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator