

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Feb 27, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday February 27, 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, 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:
M. Streeter – Blackfly Fling

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 -

M Streeter spoke to Council on suggestions made last year regarding Airbnb listings, community involvement, a planned week long Disc Golf event and the economic impact Disc Golf has on communities. M. Streeter requested suggestions from Council on locations where a possible second Disc Council discussed possible partnering opportunities in the community for the Disc Golf Association. M. Streeter asked Council if they would be willing to donate materials to build up the tee bases. The new event form for holding events in South River was supplied. M. Streeter thanked Council for their time.

M. Streeter leaves at 2:20 PM

4. Adoption of Minutes - Council February 13, 2024 and COW February 21, 2024

54-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting February 13, 2024 and the Committee of the Whole February 21, 2024 as presented.

Carried

With permission from Council, Mayor Coleman moved up Item 6.2.1 to accommodate Fire Chief Maki.

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

In regards to Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Fire Chief Report February 2024 Fire Chief Risto Maki reviewed with Council response statistics. Fire Chief Maki noted Fire Prevention Officer completed Part 2 of Joint Health and Safety and is working on completing Fire Inspector 1 Course. Fire Chief Maki noted the Emergency Management meeting was productive.

Fire Chief Risto Maki leaves the Meeting at 2:27 PM

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports - nil

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Public Works Meeting Minutes Feb 15, 2024
2. Walking Trail Design Proposals
3. Petitions to Council - Procedural By-law Review

Regarding Item 6.1.1 Public Works Meeting Minutes Feb 15, 2024 Council discussed option of separating Projects from Capital in budget. Council discussed Residents and Village's respective responsibilities for waterlines into homes. Council discussed methods to inform residents of where the waterline becomes their responsibility. Council discussed the upcoming Public Works meeting and moved it to March 28th, 2024.

In regards to Item 6.1.2 Walking Trail Design Proposals Council discussed proposal pricing for Walking Trail design. Council discussed work, timeframes and what each quote offered.

Regarding Item 6.1.3 Petitions to Council - Procedural By-law Review Council recommended a minimum of 25 Residents signatures be required for a petition and that it be added to the procedural By-Law

55-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to enter into an agreement with E.X.P. to fulfill the Request for Quote 2024-01 Trail Design

Carried

56-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the staff and committee reports #1to #3 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Fire Chief Report February 2024
2. Chief Arena Operator Report for January 2024
3. SRM Library Feb 6, 2024 Minutes and 2024 Budget

Regarding Item 6.2.2 Chief Arena Operator Report for January 2024 Council discussed Public Skating eventsfor March Break. Council discussed Arena signs and sponsorships.

In regards to Item 6.2.3 SRM Library Feb 6, 2024 Minutes and 2024 Budget Council discussed the revised budget. Councillor B. Scott informed of upcoming fundraising opportunities fro the Library.

57-2024 Brandt/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the South River Machar Public Library 2024 Budget with South Rivers municipal contribution set at \$44,100 and be included in 2024 Municipal Budget.

Carried

58-2024 Brandt/O'Hallarn

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. EMS Director Report Feb 2024 and 2024 Invoice
2. Joint Building Committee 2024 Budget and Feb 15 2024 Minutes
3. ACED-Director Report February 2024 and Jan 25 2024 Minutes
4. PSDSSAB February CAO Report
5. Almaguin Housing Task Force Meeting Nov. 30, 2023
6. 2024 Municipal Law Enforcement Budget

Regarding Item 6.3.1 EMS Director Report Feb 2024 and 2024 Invoice Council discussed the various funding options for new EMS stations.

In regards to Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee 2024 Budget and Feb 15 2024 Minutes Council discussed JBC truck being sold to MLEO and budget impact.

Regarding Item 6.3.3 ACED-Director Report February 2024 and Jan 25 2024 Minutes Council discussed usage of ACED. Council discussed Bus Survey results.

Regarding Item 6.3.5 Almaguin Housing Task Force Meeting Nov. 30, 2023 Council discussed meetings to accurately define issues. Council discussed limiting factors for building homes and minimum square footage.

In regards to Item 6.3.6 2024 Municipal Law Enforcement Budget Council discussed replacement of irrepairable MLEO vehicle. Council discussed benefits of JBC vehicle and outfitting costs.

59-2024 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the 2024 MLEO Budget as presented including the purchase of a used 2020 Chevrolet Pickup from the Joint Building Committee.

Carried

60-2024 Scott/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 # 6.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution – Support County of Prince Edward – Fire Apparatus
2. Resolution – Support City of Mississauga - Landlord and Tenants Board
3. Resolution – Support City of Brantford - Reliable and Accessible Public Rail Transit
4. Resolution – Support Town of Hanover - Social and Economic Prosperity Review
5. By-law 10-2024 FedNor Contribution Agreement

61-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support resolution no. 2024-46 of the County of Prince Edward that the life spans of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks, be amended to their safe and useful life as opposed to the current arbitrary insurance standards. This resolution to be circulated to the County of Prince Edward

Carried

62-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support resolution no. 0001-2024 of the City of Mississauga regarding the Landlord and Tenant Board specifically the 61 recommendations of the Ombudsman's Report be implemented. This resolution to be circulated to the City of Mississauga

Carried

63-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support resolution no. 12.1.10 of the Brantford City Council regarding Reliable and Accessible Public Rail Transit requesting the Federal Government work positively and cooperatively with municipal and provincial governments in the processing of land development applications, and allow the prompt and timely enforcement of municipal property standards. This resolution to be circulated to Brantford City Council.

Carried

64-2024 Brandt/Brooks

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

the resolution of the Town of Hanover regarding Social and Economic Prosperity Review passed at their January 15, 2024 Council meeting.

And further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Town of Hanover, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Carried

65-2024 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# 10-2024, being a by-law to enter into a contribution agreement with Canada (FedNor) for improvements at the train station with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. SRM Fall Fair Donation Request
2. Magnetawan Notice - Planning Act Authority
3. City of Timmins - Northern Ontario Women's Caucus The Power of One Voice in Politics
4. Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks - Notification Letter.
5. AHHC February Draft Minutes and Project Report
6. MTO - License Plate Renewals
7. County of Renfrew - Water and Wastewater Resolution
8. AMO President February Message

Regarding Item 8.5 AHHC February Draft Minutes and Project Report Council discussed funding for health services. Council discussed Family Health Teams the existing ones in the area and South River Machar Medical Centre awaiting response from Powassan Health Team to join them.

Regarding Item 8.7 County of Renfrew - Water and Wastewater Resolution Council discussed difficulty of sustaining rural water systems.

66-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support SRM Agricultural Society Fall Fair in the amount of \$1,366.17.

Carried

67-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #8.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Robert Brooks asked about an Arena ice expansion suggestion. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur stated this would be investigated as part of the design phase of project. Deputy-Mayor Bill O'Hallaran noted there was opposition to ice expansion due to the decrease in Lobby size.

Councillor Teri Brandt shared with Council that word has been spreading about the HOC Summer Camp program this year.

Councillor Brenda Scott shared with Council her research into households using the Village services.

Councillor Teri Brandt shared her thoughts on Allen (Smokey) Bennison's 40th anniversary, stating it was a very positive and well attended.

Councillor Brenda Scott would like to provide support for both the South River Meet'n Cruise event and Disc Golf. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur recommended there be a letter requesting support from the organizations before providing aid.

Councillor Brenda Scott asked for suggestions on the Community Gardens for this year. Mayor Jim Coleman suggested a water line be put in. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur noted the Community Gardens are being promoted in the Ripples Newsletter.

Mayor Jim Coleman asked Council for suggestions on where the Quilting Society would be able to hold their events. Mayor Jim Coleman noted they have considered the Arena but it is not ideal and are still looking for suggestions.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur shared with Council the sludge report from OCWA was imminent and grant funding may be possible.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur informed Council that due to scheduling the March 12th Agenda Package would be put out on Monday March 11th 2024 instead of the normal previous Thursday.

Clerk Administrator Don McArthur shared with Council a total of 97 Surveys had been received to date through online and physical mediums.

10. In Camera – nil

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

68-2024 Brooks/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# 11-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 27th day of February 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

69-2024 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, March 12th, 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: 5:09 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator