

Village of South River  
Council Meeting – Jan 09, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday January 09, 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:** Rocco Frangione, Media – Virtual

**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** –

1. Tim Hainsworth and Martha Jacobs – South River Dam Parkette (5PM)
2. Nick Loney – Environmental Action Plan

Nick Loney presented his Environmental Action Plan to Council. Council discussed implementation issues. Council discussed other environmental proposals previously brought forward. Council discussed environmental awareness resources provided by the Provincial and Federal Government. Council recommended Environmental issues be added the Public Works Committee meetings agendas.

*Nick Loney leaves the meeting at 2:29 P.M.*

With permission from Council, Mayor Coleman moved down Item 3.2 to accommodate Tim Hainsworth.

**4. Adoption of Minutes** - Council December 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

1-2024 Brooks/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting December 12, 2023 as presented.**

Carried

**5. Accounts and Finance**

**5.1 Accounts Reports**

1. Preliminary Income Statement December 31, 2023
2. Cheque Register to December 31, 2023
3. Borrowing By-law 01-2024
4. Fire and Arena 2024 Budget Schedule
5. Group Health Benefits Year over Year Comparison

Regarding Item 5.1.1 Preliminary Income Statement December 31, 2023 Council discussed statements and additional statements being provided. No changes were recommended. The delays in implementing Townsuite software were discussed.

Regarding Item 5.1.4 Fire and Arena 2024 Budget Schedule Council reviewed and confirmed the proposed timeline of Jan 24 and Feb 21 at 6:30 PM for Fire and Arena Budget meetings.

In regards to Item 5.1.5 Group Health Benefits Year over Year Comparison Council discussed

rate increase. Council touched on the Fee Schedules and current Benefit Plans. Feedback on the current plan will be sought from employees.

2-2024 Brandt/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 #1-2024, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

3-2024 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 #5.**

Carried

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

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

1. OCWA DWS 2023 Summary and Dec 8 Management Meeting
2. South River Village Municipal Budget Priorities Survey
3. South River Trail Design Request for Quote
4. Arena Upgrades – Gas Dehumidifier
5. South River Water Treatment Plant Tube Settlers

Regarding Item 6.1.1 OCWA DWS 2023 Summary and Dec 8 Management Meeting Council discussed quality management system. Council reviewed complaints and resolved complaints.

In regards to item 6.1.2 South River Village Municipal Budget Priorities Survey Council discussed changes made to the Survey, and ways to condense the Survey. Council discussed delivery methods and physical pick-up locations such as the Village Municipal Office and Library.

Regarding Item 6.1.3 South River Trail Design Request for Quote Council discussed planned locations for Trail. Council discussed meeting accessibility standards for the Trail.

In regards to Item 6.1.4 Arena Upgrades – Gas Dehumidifier Council discussed delivery time-frame. Council was informed repairs to old unit may be necessary before the replacement dehumidifier arrives.

Regarding Item 6.1.5 South River Water Treatment Plant Tube Settlers Council discussed important function Tube Settlers provide. Council discussed the replacement planned by OCWA.

4-2024 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Clerk-Administrator to issue an RFQ for trail design as presented.**

Carried

5-2024 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the purchase of a gas dehumidifier from Black and McDonald as per their H2024-0021 proposal at a cost of \$169,245 plus applicable taxes and that the electric dehumidifier be deleted from the contract for a \$94,575 savings.**

Carried

6-2024 Brooks/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the purchase of replacement tube settlers through OCWA from the original manufacturer at an estimated cost of \$15,000 and the cost be included in the 2024 Water Treatment Plant**

**Capital budget.**

Carried

7-2024 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**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 Draft Minutes Dec 12, 2023

Regarding Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Public Library Draft Minutes Dec 12, 2023 Council looks forward to a February budget presentation from Librarian to Council.

8-2024 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. NBPS Health Unit Municipal Levy 2024 South River
2. Joint Building Committee December Statistics
3. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board CAO December Report
4. DPSMA - Draft Executive Minutes December 13 2023

In regards to Item 6.3.1 NBPS Health Unit Municipal Levy 2024 South River Council noted a 3% increase over 2023's Levy.

Regarding Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee December Statistics Council discussed the Open Permits reports for the JBC.

Regarding Item 6.3.3 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board CAO December Report Council discussed need for ECEs (Early Childhood Educators). Council noted the DSSAB still has 7 Units available for rent in Powassan. Council touched on local housing projects by DSSAB.

9-2024 Brooks/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the 2024 North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit levy of \$35,838 and the amount be included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.**

Carried

10-2024 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 # 4.**

Carried

**7. By-Laws and Resolutions**

1. Resolution – CrimeStoppers Month Declaration
2. By-law 02-2024 – Council Remuneration
3. By-law 03-2024 - SRM ARENA NOHFC 7520175 Conditional Contribution Agreement
4. By-law 04-2024 SRM FIRE NG911 TPA Agreement
5. Resolution - Support Sled Dog Sports Association South River Event

11-2024 Brooks/O'Hallarn

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

**the month of January 2024 Crimestoppers month.**

Carried

12-2024 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# 02-2024, being a Council Remuneration By-law to govern the pay structure for Mayor and Council with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

13-2024 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# 03-2024, being a by-law to enter into a conditional contribution agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for upgrades to the South River Machar Arena with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed**

Carried

14-2024 Brandt/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# 04-2024, being a by-law to enter into a transfer payment agreement with the Province of Ontario for the implementation of NG911 Dispatch Services with the signature of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed**

Carried

15-2024 Brandt/O'Hallarn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Sled Dog Sports Association South River Event in the amount of \$50.**

Carried

## **8. Correspondence**

1. Honourable Lisa Thompson -RED Program
2. Meet N Cruise - Thank You
3. LMG December 2023 and Jobs Report
4. City of Greater Sudbury - OHSA Letter to Municipalities of Ontario
5. MPAC - 2024 Municipal Levy
6. Dr. Carol Zimbalatti BOH - Intimate Partner Violence Public Health Action
7. MPP G. Smith - Christmas Greeting
8. MTO Winter Highway Maintenance Reference Information
9. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - EA Modernization
10. Earth Day Canada - April 22 2024
11. HEWSF Overview Webinar Presentation
12. City of Stratford - Support BIA and CEBA Repayments
13. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare - Pine Street Land in Bracebridge
14. Township of Conmee - Criminals on Council
15. Tay Township - Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request
16. Town of Aurora –Community Safety and Inciteful Speech
17. Municipality of Grey Highlands - Enbridge Gas OEB LTC
18. Town of Aurora -Homelessness Crisis
19. Township of Asphodel-Norwood - MPP Piccini Rising Municipal Insurance Costs
20. Township of Clearview - Cemetery Administration & Management Support
21. Women of Ontario Say No - Violence and Harassment Policies

In regards to Item 8.4 City of Greater Sudbury - OHSA Letter to Municipalities of Ontario Council discussed the challenges of ensuring procedure is followed by independent contractors. Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward.

In regards to Item 8.11 HEWSF Overview Webinar Presentation Council discussed applying to HEWSF to improve piping and pumps for Village.

In regards to Item 8.15 Tay Township - Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request Council recommended bringing forward a resolution of support.

In regards to Item 8.16 Town of Aurora –Community Safety and Inciteful Speech Council discussed currently available tools in resolving issues.

16-2024 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #21.**

Carried

*Rocco Frangione leaves the meeting at 4:50 P.M.*

### **9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –**

Councillor Robert Brooks asked about updates for Pickleball Court options. Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn would like to help without losing the tennis court. Mayor Jim Coleman would like to look into paving options.

Councillor Brenda Scott wished to make Council aware of the Forgotten Trails meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Jim Coleman brought forward a list of ideas for the South River Historic Train Station such as pamphlets, maps of the area, and local advertising. Councillor Brenda Scott would like to encourage youth in the area to work at the station. Councillor Brenda Scott added business rentals can have complex issues. Councillor Teri Brandt would also like to look at having local businesses rent space.

### **3. Delegation and Public Meeting –**

1. Tim Hainsworth and Martha Jacobs – South River Dam Parkette (5PM)

Tim Hainsworth presented his request for a park located near the scenic Dam. Council discussed Safety Concerns. Council also discussed costs, parking and liability.

*Tim Hainsworth Leaves the meeting at 5:17 P.M.*

*Allister Johnston leaves the meeting at 5:18 P.M.*

### **10. In Camera –**

1. Commercial Lease

17-2024 Brandt/O’Hallarn

**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 5:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.**

Carried

18-2024 Brandt/Brooks

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:44 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

Council directed a letter be sent to the commercial tenant.

### **11. Confirming By-law –** By-law #05-2024

19-2024 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# 05-2024, being a by-law to confirm the**

proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9th day of January 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

20-2024 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, January 23, 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: 5:45 p.m.**

Carried

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator**