

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Mar 12, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday March 12, 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:
Nick Loney

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 – Nil

4. Adoption of Minutes - Council February 27, 2024

70-2024 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting February 27, 2024 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. Income Statement to February 29, 2024
2. Cheque Register to February 29, 2024

Regarding Item 5.1.1 Income Statement to February 29, 2024 Council discussed Water Revenue and billing. Council discussed 2011 Freightliner on Income Statement. Council discussed Townsuite progress and planned Summer Camp Program module.

Regarding Item 5.1.2 Cheque Register to February 29, 2024 Council discussed OCWA expenses for reservoir settlers, dam operations and Public Work expenses and current loans.

Brooks/Brandt 71-2024

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. Health and Safety Minutes February 2024
2. Joint Council Meeting Agenda Items
3. Procedural By-law Update

Regarding Item 6.1.1 Health and Safety Minutes February 2024 Council discussed Arena Snack Bar improvements. Council discussed roof leak at the Arena and repairs.

Regarding Item 6.1.2 Joint Council Meeting Agenda Items Council discussed presentations to be

made by Arena Chief Justin and Fire Chief Risto. Council discussed agreements with the Township Machar. Council recommended putting forward the Arena Parking Lot as an item of discussion.

In regards to Item 6.1.3 Procedural By-law Update Council discussed draft procedural by-law changes. Council recommended a correction to current By-law to represent the change in meeting schedule to Tuesdays. Council recommended the corrected By-Law be brought forward at the March 26th Council meeting.

72-2024 O'Hallarn/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. SRM Public Library Meeting Minutes Mar 5, Feb 6, Revised 2024 Budget and 2023 Year in Review Presentation

In regards to Item 6.2.1 SRM Public Library Meeting Minutes Mar 5, Feb 6, Revised 2024 Budget and 2023 Year in Review Presentation Council discussed the SRM Library's fundraising in theSRM Library's budget. Council discussed the computer replacements the SRM Library is fundraising to purchase.

73-2024 Brooks/Brandt

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 March 7, 2024
2. Joint Building Committee JBC Feb 2024 Stats
3. Joint Building Committee Bylaw Update
4. MLEO Annual Report 2023
5. Eastholme 2023 Financial Statement and 2024 Levy

Regarding Item 6.3.1 Joint Emergency Management Minutes March 7, 2024 Council discussed appointing a member for the Joint Emergency program, Councillor Brenda Scott volunteered. Council discussed emergency locations and Highschool evacuation areas.

In regards to Item 6.3.2 Joint Building Committee JBC Feb 2024 Stats Council discussed cost per square foot adjustment. Council discussed JBC stats and locations buildings may be built in South River.

Regarding Item 6.3.4 MLEO Annual Report 2023 Council discussed JBC truck to be sold to MLEO. Council discussed animal complaints and Property Standards enforcement.

Regarding Item 6.3.5 Eastholme 2023 Financial Statement and 2024 Levy Council discussed levy increases and services. Council noted Eastholme is looking for nurses and PSWs.

74-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby appoint of Brenda Scott to represent South River on the Joint Emergency Program Committee.

Carried

75-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Joint Building Committee Resolution #2024-015 with proposed changes to the Building Permit By-law as detailed in the report.

Carried

76-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the 2024 Eastholme Budget as presented with a municipal contribution of \$27,048 and the amount be included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.

Carried

77-2024 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 #5.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Support County of Renfrew - Water and Wastewater Resolution
2. Parry Sound EMS Invoice
3. Joint Building Committee 2024 Budget
4. South River ACED 2024 Invoice
5. Ottawa Ave Road Closure July 27 and 28, 2024

78-2024 Brooks/ Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the County of Renfrew in regards to rural and small urban municipalities and the affordability of water and wastewater systems and this resolution be forwarded to the County of Renfrew.

Carried

79-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the 2024 Parry Sound EMS levy of \$26,219.40 and the amount be included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.

Carried

80-2024 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Joint Building Committee 2024 Budget as presented with no municipal contribution required from South River.

Carried

81-2024 Scott/O'Halalrn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the 2024 ACED Budget as presented with a municipal contribution of \$21,503 and the amount be included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.

Carried

82-2024 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the closure of Ottawa Ave from Broadway St to Ena Ave on Saturday July 27 and Sunday July 28, 2024 from 6 AM to 5 PM for the Classic Tom Thomson Auto Show and emergency vehicles not be restricted by this closure.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. L. Levesque – ATV Outdoors Lease
2. FONOM Registration May 6-8 Sudbury
3. Meet n Cruise Sponsorship
4. RCL President Branch 390 - 2024 Letter to Council.
5. OPP Detachment Board Update
6. MEA 2024 Bursary Program
7. Lambton County - OCIF Funding

8. City of Quinte West - Housing Funding
9. City of Clarence-Rockland - National Suicide and Crisis Hotline
10. Labour Market Group February 2024 Report and January 2024 Jobs Report
11. Town of Goderich Resolution - Return to Combined ROMA & OGRA Conferences
12. MECP - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment Projects Regulation
13. MECP - Litter Day of Action
14. Almaguin Highlands Chamber Guide 2024 Ad
15. N. Loney – Plan of Subdivision
16. Town of Aurora – Amenity Sharing MOU with School Boards
17. FCM Executive Decision Letter
18. E. Luoma - World Autism Awareness Day
19. Municipality of Brighton – Ride Sharing Regulations
20. MMAH - Northern Housing Forum
21. Town of Cobourg - Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the OHA
22. Town of Lincoln - Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums
23. Township of Amaranth - Minister of Transportation HWY 413 Funding
24. Township of Perry - Amend Blue Box Regulation

In regards to Item 8.1 L. Levesque – ATV Outdoors Lease Council discussed change in use and lease agreement.

In regards to Item 8.2 FONOM Registration May 6-8 Sudbury Council discussed reservation date of April 7th and what is provided by the program.

In regards to Item 8.3 Council reviewed the Sponsorship request and options by South River Meet'n Cruise.

In regards to Item 8.5 OPP Detachment Board Update Council discussed members put forward. Council discussed public community representatives.

In regards to Item 8.6 MEA 2024 Bursary Program Council discussed qualifications required for the MEA bursary program.

Regarding Item 8.8 City of Quinte West - Housing Funding Council discussed the needs of small communities for Housing Funding in addition to the funds required for wastewater management. Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward for the next meeting of Council.

In regards to Item 8.10 Labour Market Group February 2024 Report and January 2024 Jobs Report Council discussed average hourly wage and cost to live in Almaguin Highlands. Council discussed top employers.

Regarding Item 8.13 MECP - Litter Day of Action Council supported the idea of making May 14th Clean-Up Litter day. Council discussed bringing back Recycling Bin sales at municipal office. Council suggested speaking with Waste Connections for educational ideas and materials. Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward for the next Council meeting. In regards to Item 8.14 Almaguin Highlands Chamber Guide 2024 Ad Council discussed addition of Village slogan “Nature’s Playground” to advert.

In regards to Item 8.15 N. Loney – Plan of Subdivision Council discussed development of Bogart properties. Council discussed lots and housing development on Lewis and Bogart Street.

N. Loney leaves the meeting at 4:39 PM

Regarding Item 8.19 Municipality of Brighton – Ride Sharing Regulations Council discussed requirements for ridesharing drivers. Council discussed economic impact of ridesharing services. Council discussed current Taxi By-law in relation to ridesharing services.

Regarding Item 8.21 Town of Cobourg - Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the OHA Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward at the next meeting of Council.

Regarding Item 8.22 Town of Lincoln - Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward at the next meeting of Council.

Regarding Item 8.24 Township of Perry - Amend Blue Box Regulation Council discussed lacking coverage in regulation. Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward at the next meeting of Council.

83-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River has no objection to ATV outdoors operating an ice cream / dessert shop at their rental location of 281 HWY 124.

Carried

84-2024 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve the following members to attend the FONOM Conference in Sudbury May 6-8 2024 and expenses be paid as per Village policy.

Robert Brooks

Don McArthur

Jim Coleman

Carried

85-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Classics in Tom Thomson Park Auto Show with a gold sponsorship of \$1000 and the amount be include in the 2024 municipal budget.

Carried

86-2024 O'Hallarn/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River has no objection to the extension of an outdoor liquor patio license for Royal Canadian Legion Br 390 from April 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024.

Carried

87-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Perry Township continuing as lead for the new OPP Detachment Board or would support another municipality if they wished to take over and will work with the Townships of Joly and Machar to appoint our board representative at our March 26th Council meeting.

Carried

88-2024 Scott/O'Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Councillor Robert Brooks for the new municipal OPP Board to represent the Townships of Machar and Joly and the Village of South River.

Carried

89-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby approve an advertisement in the 2024 Almaguin Highlands Chamber Guide in the amount of \$220 plus tax.

Carried

90-2024 Scott/Brenda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #24.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brenda Scott has spoken with Signcraft regarding banners for the Village of South River and is waiting on estimates. Councillor Teri Brandt recommended events they could be utilized at.

Councillor Robert Brooks asked for updates on Train Station. Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur stated they are still waiting on tender before proceeding.

Clerk-Administrator Don McArthur informed Council that the SRPGC Insurance Claim has been accepted.

Chief Financial Officer Janet Wedseltoft requested the Cemetery meeting be moved to April 16th at 9 AM, after confirming no conflicts Council agreed with the date change.

10. In Camera – Commercial Lease 309 Highway 124

91-2024 Scott/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 5:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

92-2024 Brooks/O’Hallarn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:38 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #12-2024

93-2024 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# 12-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12th day of March 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

94-2024 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 26, 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: 5:40 p.m.

Carried

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator