

Village of South River
Council Meeting – Mar 26, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held virtually and in person on Tuesday March 26, 2024. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman (Chairing in person in Council chambers), Councillor Teri Brandt, Councillor Robert Brooks, and Councillor Brenda Scott. Deputy-Mayor Bill O’Hallarn was absent with notice.

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

Guests: Nil

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 March 12, 2024

95-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meeting March 12, 2024 as presented.

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services

5. Accounts and Finance

5.1 Accounts Reports

1. 2023 Council Remuneration Report

6. Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees

6.1 Reports from Municipal Staff and Related Business –

1. Draft By-law To Designate a Site Plan Control Area
2. Draft Community Special Events Application Form
3. Survey Results
4. Blue Box Transition Report
5. South River Salutes Social Media Program

Regarding Item 6.1.1 Draft By-law To Designate a Site Plan Control Area Council discussed the function of the By-law and future utilization potential.

Regarding Item 6.1.2 Draft Community Special Events Application Form Council discussed motive for Special Events Form. Council reviewed application and recommended changes and additions based on the North Bay example.

In regards to Item 6.1.3 Survey Results Council discussed the results of the Survey. Council recommended formatting of results be reorganized for easier interpreting.

Regarding Item 6.1.4 Blue Box Transition Report Council discussed effects of opting in or out of new Blue Box program. Council discussed the large item pick-ups for the Village.

In regards to Item 6.1.5 South River Salutes Social Media Program Council discussed local businesses. Council discussed how it could be positively and negatively viewed and opted not to move forward with at this time.

96-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Draft Site Control By-law as presented and that it be brought forward at the next meeting of Council for ratification.

Carried

97-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the recommendation to Opt-in and continue with Waste Connections for all Blue Box Services for the calendar year 2025.

Carried

98-2024 Brandt/Scott

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

Carried

6.2 Reports from Shared Services –

1. South River Machar Fire Chief Report March 2024
2. Chief Arena Operator Report for February 2024

Regarding Item 6.2.1 South River Machar Fire Chief Report March 2024 Council discussed Incident Hours and number of call types received by Fire Hall.

In regards to Item 6.2.2 Chief Arena Operator Report for February 2024 Council discussed future capital costs. Council discussed ice removal in preparations for renovations.

99-2024 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 and #2.

Carried

6.3 Reports from Regional Committees --

1. PSDSSAB March CAO Report

Regarding Item 6.3.1 PSDSSAB March CAO Report Council discussed the levy for the year. Council discussed simplifying statistics. Council noted there is a great need for childcare in our area.

100-2024 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.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution – Support City of Quinte West - Housing Funding
2. Resolution – Support City Clarence-Rockland - National Suicide and Crisis Hotline
3. Resolution – Support MECP - Litter Day of Action
4. Resolution – Support Town of Cobourg - Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the OHA
5. Resolution – Support Town of Lincoln - Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums
6. Resolution – Support Township of Perry - Amend Blue Box Regulation

7. By-law 13-2024 Procedural By-law
8. By-law 14 -2024 HOC Day Camp Agreement 2024

101-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the City of Quinte West – Housing Fund Resolution # 24-167 requesting additional housing funding for communities under 50,000 and a copy be circulated to to the City of Quinte.

Carried

102-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support City of Clarence-Rockland in regards to the 9-8-8 Crisis Line and this resolution be forwarded to the City of Clarence-Rockland.

Carried

103-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support MECP – Litter Day of Action on May 14, 2024 and will promote and encourage action on that day.

Carried

104-2024 Brandt/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Town of Cobourg and their Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the OHA extending the deadline to January 1, 2030 and a copy of this resolution be sent to the Town of Cobourg.

Carried

105-2024 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Town of Lincoln and the Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums Resolution RC-2024-23 and a copy be sent to the Town of Lincoln.

Carried

106-2024 Scott/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support Township of Perry Resolution #2024-52 to Amend Blue Box Regulation so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources and this resolution be copied to the Township of Perry and Minister Graydon Smith.

Carried

107-2024 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 Procedural By-law# 13-2024, being a by-law to govern the proceedings of Council and Committee meetings with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

108-2024 Scott/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# 14-2024, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Eagle Crest Resorts Limited (HOC) for the provision of summer camp services with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

8. Correspondence

1. South River Friendly Circle - Annual Support
2. CEMC - Total Solar Eclipse Safety Sheet
3. South River Lions Club - Canada Day Letter 2024
4. Annual Work Schedule for Algonquin Park Forest 2024-2025
5. AHHC March 2024 Minutes and Progress Status
6. Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board - Reaching Home Resolution
7. DPSSSAB - Support for Elmwood Youth Wellness Hub
8. North Bay Parry Sound and Renfrew County District Health Unit Not Moving Forward with Merger

9. S Hawthorne - Proposed Steps for Pickleball Court Rejuvenation
10. Loyalist Township - Budgetary Pressures for Infrastructure Development
11. Township of Amaranth - Operational Budget Funding
12. Township of Puslinch Resolution - Enbridge Gas

Regarding Item 8.1 South River Friendly Circle - Annual Support Council discussed support for Friendly Circle over the years.

In regards to Item 8.2 CEMC - Total Solar Eclipse Safety Sheet Council noted some schools are closing for the Solar Eclipse. Council reviewed information provided by Emergency Management Ontario.

Regarding Item 8.5 AHHC March 2024 Minutes and Progress Status Council discussed renaming of location. Council discussed possible new services for South River.

In regards to Item 8.6 Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board - Reaching Home Resolution Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward to the next meeting of Council.

Regarding Item 8.9 S Hawthorne - Proposed Steps for Pickleball Court Rejuvenation Council discussed repairs planned by Arena. Council discussed overall Tennis/Pickleball Court usage. Council discussed recommendation that Pickleball group form an association or group for funding.

In regards to Item 8.10 Loyalist Township - Budgetary Pressures for Infrastructure Development Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward at the next meeting of Council.

Regarding Item 8.11 Township of Amaranth - Operational Budget Funding Council recommended a resolution of support be brought forward at the next meeting of Council.

109-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Friendly Circle with an annual contribution of \$2775.

Carried

110-2024 Brooks/Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the South River Lions Club Canada Day event at Tom Thomson Park on Saturday, June 29, 2024 and that Ottawa Ave be closed as appropriate to accommodate the Canada Day Parade.

Carried

111-2024 Brooks/Scott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Correspondence: Agenda Items #1 to #12.

Carried

9. Council Roundtable (Items of Interest) –

Councillor Brenda Scott would asked if the cost estimate for advertising blades had been received. Clerk Administrator Don McArthur stated it had and he would circulate to Council.

Councillor Robert Brooks asked about the Train Station. Councillor Teri Brandt informs there is a committee meeting upcoming on the 16th and a report to Council for the 24th.

Councillor Robert Brooks asked about a Bandshell in Tom Thomson Park.

10. In Camera – Commercial Lease 309 Highway 124

112-2024 Brooks/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 4:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues related to the above.

Carried

113-2024 Scott/Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 5:28 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.

Carried

11. Confirming By-law – By-law #15-2024

114-2024 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# 15-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 26th day of March 2024 with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.

Carried

12. Adjournment

115-2024 Brooks/Scott

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, April 9, 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: 5:29 p.m.

Carried

Bill O'Hallarn, Deputy Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator