



The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for April 9, 2025

Present:

Council:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor via Zoom
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor
Staff:	Renée Berube	Deputy Clerk
	Whitney Roussy	Administrative Assistant

Public: Angelo Bazzoni

1. **Call meeting to order**

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest** None

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution No. 2025-044

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2025, as circulated.

Carried

4. **Delegations/Presentations (none scheduled)**

5. **Adoption of Minutes of Prior Council Meetings (Open Session)**

Resolution No. 2025-045

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River adopt the minutes for the open session of the Regular Council meeting of March 12, 2025, as circulated

Carried

6. **Business Arising from Minutes**

No business arising from the minutes was raised.

7. **Departmental Reports**

7.1 **Receive Departmental Reports Resolution**

Resolution No. 2025-046

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River receive the departmental reports listed in item 7 of this evening's agenda.

Carried

7.2 Recreation & Events Committee
N/A

7.3 Community Development Committee
N/A

7.4 Economic Development Committee

- Draft grant application with LFMC to purchase walking chip trailer. Letter of support from White River Forest Products.
- FEDNOR funding for up to 90% to hire an Economic Development Officer. Request letter of support from Mayor and Council.
- Consultant coming April 18 to discuss Biomass, this discussion will include the Bark pile.
- Expressed concerns with Clinic being short staffed, ambulance attendants needed, and not enough police presence in town.

7.5 Water/Sewer
N/A

7.6 Public Works
N/A

7.7 Parks & Recreation
N/A

7.8 Fire Department
N/A

7.9 CAO/Deputy Clerk Report

The Deputy Clerk and the Acting CAO/Clerk overviewed their report for Council

7.10 Council reports

- Mayor Hart attended the Northeast Superior Mayors group meeting.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Email: Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg
- 8.2 Email: Fire Hall renovations
- 8.3 Email: OFM Grants
- 8.4 Information: AWIC- Aging Workforce Study

9. Resolutions

9.1 Disbursements

Resolution No. 2025-47

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$2,413.11, as circulated.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-048

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of April 9, 2025, in the amount of \$426,217.61, as circulated

Carried

9.2 Inter-Municipal Service Agreement

Resolution No. 2025-049

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

WHEREAS an inter-municipal service agreement dated May 14, 2001, was made between the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Municipal Partner in support of a Memorandum of Understanding for the transfer of service delivery for all court administration and court support functions under the Provincial Offences Act and prosecutions of matters under Parts I and II of the Provincial Offences Act;

AND WHEREAS the parties agreed to the city of Sault Ste. Marie being the service delivery agent to affect a seamless transition of the Provincial Offences Act court administration and to share the net revenues on a population basis among the Municipal Partners;

AND WHEREAS the agreement was last renewed in 2020 for a five-year period ending March 31, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the parties hereto agree to renew the 2009 agreement for a further five-year term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-07 to authorize an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the City of Sault Ste. Marie in support of a Memorandum of Understanding for the transfer of service delivery for all court administration and court support functions under the Provincial Offences Act and prosecutions of matters under Parts I and II of the Provincial Offences Act to be read a first second and final time.

Carried

9.3 Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

Resolution No. 2025-050

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

WHEREAS the Township of White River is adopting a By-law to appoint a Deputy Treasurer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-08, Being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Treasurer, be passed;

AND THAT this By-law shall come into full force and effect retroactively as of June 14, 2021.

Carried

9.4 ADMA

Resolution No. 2025-51

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves Mayor Tara Hart attendance at the Spring ADMA Meeting held on April 12, 2025 in Desbrats;

AND THAT any expenses incurred for this travel will be reimbursed according to Municipal Policy.

Carried

9.5 Support for Economic Development Corporation

Resolution No. 2025-052

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River supports the Economic Development Corporation in seeking to establish an Economic Development Officer position.

RECORDED VOTE	FOR	AGAINST
Hart, Tara	X	
Bharad, Dwijen	X	
Sedore, Rob	X	
St Louis, Raymond	X	
Swarek, Rodney	X	

Carried

10. Other Business

- 10.1 Winnie the Pooh Update: No resumes received
- 10.2 MAT tax presentation
- 10.3 Library Budget

11. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2025-053

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:29 p.m., the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River close the next portion of the meeting to the public.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-054

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:32 p.m., the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-055

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the Closed Session Minutes for the March 12, 2025 meeting, as circulated.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2025-056

Moved by: Rodney Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 8:33 pm

Carried

13. Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting on April 23, 2025.



Mayor



Acting CAO/Clerk

