



## The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on December 10, 2025

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**Present:**

Council:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor – via zoom
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor
Staff:	Whitney Roussy	CAO
	Renee Berube	Deputy Clerk

Public: Nicole Simpson

1. **Call meeting to order**

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2025-161**

Moved by: Councillor Swarek  
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of White River amends the agenda for the regular meeting of December 10, 2025, as circulated by adding By-law 2025-21 and resolution at 9.4, to adopt the Emergency Response Plan;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**Carried**

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

Nicole Simpson on behalf of the Curling Club  
The Club is working on recruitment and will report back by December 10<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting. Discussion on ice making and fundraising/sponsorship.

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

**Resolution No. 2025-162**

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 November 12, 2025, as circulated

6. **Business Arising from Minutes**

No business arising from the minutes was raised.

7. **Departmental Reports**

7.1 Receive Departmental Reports Resolution

**Resolution No. 2025-163**

Moved by: Councillor Swarek  
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

**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 Community Beautification Committee  
N/A

7.3 Economic Development Committee  
N/A

7.4 Water/Sewer/Public Works/Parks & Rec  
N/A

7.5 Fire Department  
N/A

7.6 CAO/ Clerk Report

The CAO/Clerk overviewed their report for Council.

7.7 Council reports

Mayor Hart attended the mayor's meeting which focused on Ministry of Transportation issues, including highway maintenance standards, classifications, upgrades, signage, particularly for Hwy 17, 129 and Sultan Road 101.

Discussion on OPP board. White River detachment building will remain open and maintained. Looking for an active board representative.

The NFMC board needs Township representative on board.

8. **Correspondence**

- 8.1 Email: Rehabilitation of Hwy 17
- 8.2 Email: Zaag'idiwin contacts

9. **Resolutions**

9.1 Disbursements

**Resolution No. 2025-164**

Moved by: Councillor Sedore  
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of December 10, 2025, in the amount of \$91,079.76 as circulated

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2025-165**

Moved by: Councillor Sedore  
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of White River approves Mayor Tara Hart and Councillor Dwijen Bharad's attendance at the ROMA 2026 Annual Conference held on January 18-20, 2026, in Toronto;

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

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2025-166**

Moved by: Councillor Swarek  
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

**WHEREAS** the Council for the Township of White River has undergone a recruitment process for a six-month temporary position of Administrative Assistant

**WHEREAS** the position was filled under the recommendation of the hiring committee

**WHEREAS** the position has been transitioned to a full-time opportunity

**WHEREAS** the recommendation from the hiring committee is to proceed with an offer of full-time employment to Saber Luhowy

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of White River approves the recommendation of an offer of fulltime employment to Saber Luhowy based on the recommendation of the hiring committee to retain the position of Administrative Assistant for the Township of White River effective November 26, 2025.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2025-167**

Moved by: Councillor St Louis  
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2025-21, being a By-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and an Emergency Response Plan be passed;

**AND THAT** this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of its passage.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2025-167.5**

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

**2023 Financial Statement Approval**

**WHEREAS** the 2023 financial statements of the Corporation of the Township of White River, presented to council December 10, 2025, by Michael Goodship of the firm Suraci & Oleszewski Chartered Professional Accountants.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation for the Township of White River adopt the 2023 Audited Financial Statements with amendments for reserves. The adopted 2023 Financial Statements finalize the 2023 Financial Information Return to be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

10. **Other Business**

- 10.1 Project Tracker
- 10.2 Cash Position
- 10.3 2026 Council meeting schedule

11. **Closed Session**

None scheduled

12. **Adjournment**

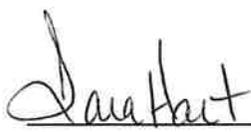
**Resolution No. 2025-168**

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm  
**Carried**

13. **Next Meeting**

The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2026.

  
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**Mayor**

  
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**CAO/Clerk**