



## The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on January 28, 2026

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**Present:**

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

Public: None

1. **Call meeting to order**

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

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

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2026-08**

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of White River approves the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2026, as circulated.

**Carried**

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

None Scheduled

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

**Resolution No. 2026-09**

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 January 14, 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. 2026-10**

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

**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

Ongoing issues are listed in report with pictures provided to Council

7.5 Fire Department

N/A

7.6 CAO/ Clerk Report

The CAO/Clerk overviewed report for Council.

7.7 Council reports

Mayor Hart and Councillor Bharad attended the ROMA conference with a Delegation representing the Township of White River, on the Water Treatment Plant, Landfill and Lagoon expansion, presented to Minister McCarty of Infrastructure. The minister informed them that their budget has been increased by \$875 million for these types of projects and encouraged them to submit application for funding.

They also attended delegations with various mayors from the region.

NOMA and Superior East Mayors Meeting.

A joint meeting of Superior East Mayors was held with the Minister of Mines.

A big ask was to share tax collections from mines with municipalities and maintain NORDS funding.

The mayor's group met with the associate minister of finance requesting a new build tax rate to go with MPAC assessments.

NWMO is looking for a second deep depository, similar to the process of Ignace. Mayor Hart stated White River, Dubreuilville and Hornepayne are interested in pitching together.

8. **Correspondence**

8.1 Email: Crimestoppers

8.2 Email: Kidsport

**9. Resolutions**

**9.1 Disbursements**

**Resolution No. 2026-11**

Moved by: Councillor St Louis  
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$83,281.71 as circulated

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2026-12**

Moved by: Councillor Swarek  
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of January 28, 2026, in the amount of \$35,037.63 as circulated

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2026-13**

Moved by: Councillor St Louis  
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of White River approves Mayor Hart and Councillor Swarek attendance at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Conference and General Meetings on March 5&6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Expenses incurred for this travel will be reimbursed according to municipal policy.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2026-14**

Moved by: Councillor St Louis  
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Township of White River approves Mayor Hart attendance at the ADMA Spring meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on April 8, 2026. Expenses incurred for this travel will be reimbursed according to Municipal Policy.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2026-15**

Moved by: Councillor Swarek  
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

**WHEREAS** the Crimestoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District is a non-profit and is seeking funding for Public Awareness activities; and

**WHEREAS** the Crimestoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District has requested funds in the form of a donation; and

**WHEREAS** the Crimestoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District Foundation have determined that the Public Awareness activities have a significant public purpose and are a valuable public service to the residents of the community of White River.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor and Council hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to be made by way of cheque to be issued to the Crimestoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2026-16**

Moved by: Councillor St Louis  
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

**WHEREAS** Kidsport Hornepayne is a non-profit seeking funding and/or sponsorship for Mental Health; and

**WHEREAS** Kidsport Hornepayne provides sponsorship and program promotion; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of White River has determined that the Mental Health activities have a significant public purpose and are a valuable public service to the residents of White River.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that mayor and council hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$200 to be made by way of cheque.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2026-17**

Moved by: Councillor Swarek  
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

**WHEREAS** the Township of white River wishes to adopt and maintain a Video Surveillance Policy to establish guidelines and procedures for using video surveillance cameras on any property and/or establishment owned or operated by the Town of White River.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Township of White River hereby enacts the following as a By-law:

1. **THAT** the Video Surveillance Policy #22.5 be herein attached as Schedule “A” to this By-law 2026-03 and forming and integral part of this By-law, be adopted.
2. **THAT** the Video Surveillance Policy #22.5 herein attached as Schedule “A” to this By-law 2026-03 be added to the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Township of White River.

Read a first, second, third and final time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

**Carried**

10. **Other Business**

- 10.1 Project Tracker
- 10.2 Medical Clinic
- 10.3 Waste Disposal Site

**11. Closed Session**

None scheduled

**12. Adjournment**

**Resolution No. 2026-17**

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm  
**Carried**

**13. Next Meeting**

The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2026.

  
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**Mayor**

  
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**CAO/Clerk**