



The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for January 22, 2024

Present:

Council:	Tara Hart	Mayor – Absent with notice
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor – Absent with notice
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor/ Acting Mayor
	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor
Staff:	Marilyn Parent	Acting CAO/Clerk
	Lethbridge	
	Renée Berube	Deputy Clerk
Public:	Whitney Roussy	

1. Call meeting to order

Acting Mayor Sedore called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest None

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-012

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2025, as circulated.

Carried

4. Delegations/Presentations (none scheduled)

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

Resolution No. 2025-013

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

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 8, 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. 2025-014

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 Recreation & Events Committee

N/A

7.3 Community Development Committee

N/A

7.4 Water/Sewer

Weekly reports from Craig Sanders were submitted and reviewed.
Ongoing low flow issues

7.5 Public Works

N/A

7.6 Parks & Recreation

Weekly reports from Justin Gregory were submitted and reviewed.
Electrical issues with lighting in Arena (ice surface) Need an electrician to troubleshoot.

7.7 Fire Department

N/A

7.8 Deputy Clerk Report

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

8. Correspondence

8.1 Email: Municipal Funding

8.2 Email: FONOM

Resolution No. 2025-15

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

WHEREAS current provincial municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges- like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addiction crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers- including people on fixed incomes and small business- can’t afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca)

Carried

9. Resolutions

9.1 Disbursements

Resolution No. 2025-016

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

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 \$65,637.26, as circulated.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-017

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 disbursements as of January 22, 2025, in the amount of \$25,742.56, as circulated

Carried

9.2 By-law Repeal

Resolution No. 2025-018

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-03, Being a By-law to repeal various By-laws that have exhausted their authority or are no longer of force or effect.

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

Carried

9.3 By-law Appointment

Resolution No. 2025-019

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-04, Being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk be passed;

AND THAT this By-law shall come into full force and effect retroactively as of September 26, 2024.

Carried

9.4 Thunder Bay Municipal League Support Nomination

Resolution No. 2025-020

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of White River, Mayor and Council support the nomination of Councillor Rodney Swarek for first vice president for the Thunder Bay Municipal League.

Carried

10. Other Business

- 10.1 GIS Services
Acting CAO/Clerk has set up a meeting with Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre
- 10.2 Winnie the Pooh Festival
Survey to be put out for feedback on festival
- 10.3 Landfill updates

11. Closed Session

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2025-21

Moved by: Rodney 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 12, 2025.



Mayor



Deputy Clerk