



The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on June 24, 2026

Present:

Council:	Tara Hart	Mayor – via zoom
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor – via zoom
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor -absent with notice
	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor
Staff:	Whitney Roussy	CAO
	Renee Berube	Deputy Clerk
	Kim Morgan	Deputy Treasurer
Public:	Angelo Bazzoni	
	Keith Belisle	

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. 2026-83

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 June 24, 2026, as circulated.

Carried

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

None Scheduled

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

Resolution No. 2026-84

Moved by: Councillor Bharad
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 May 27, 2026, 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. 2026-85

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

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 Community Beautification Committee

Working on yearly list of deficiencies

Committee met on June 1, focusing on recruiting new members

7.3 Economic Development Committee

Economic Development Officer job was posted

Discussion of joint task or steering committee is suggested for the Biomass study, aiming to unite the mill, township and EDC, with Council representatives or appointed individuals included

7.4 Water/Sewer/Public Works/Parks & Rec

Deputy Treasurer went over the Water and Wastewater rates which are set to increase by 3% (water) and 1.8% (wastewater) remaining consistent throughout the 2029 water financial plan set by Council.

7.5 Fire Department

Grand Opening of the Firehall is planned for the Winnie the Pooh festival weekend.

7.6 CAO/ Clerk Report

The CAO/Clerk overviewed report for Council.

7.7 Council reports

The next Mayors group meeting is scheduled for September 9 in Wawa
Harvest Algoma is looking to expand its service area beyond Wawa, with particular Interest in White River's foodbank, and is exploring regional warehousing/distribution hubs.

8. **Correspondence**

8.1 Email: Tourism Opportunities

9. **Resolutions**

9.1 **Disbursements**

Resolution No. 2026-86

Moved by: Councillor Bharad
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of June 24, 2026, in the amount of \$287,865.31 as circulated

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-87

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council for the Township of White River enacts By-law 2026-11 to establish the 2026 Annual Water Service Rate.

The Council for the Township of White River enacts as follows:

1. That By-law 2026-11 is hereby established determining the 2026 Annual Water Service Rate for Domestic Use set at \$554.69
2. Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of By-law 2026-11 establishes The Residential Annual Rate per domestic household and other than domestic Purposes annual service rates;
3. That By-law 2026-11 comes into force and effect January 1st, 2026

Read a first, second, third and final time this 24th day of June 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-88

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council for the Township of White River enacts By-law 2026-12 to establish the 2026 Annual Wastewater Service Rate.

The Council for the Township of White River enacts as follows:

1. That By-law 2026-12 is hereby established determining the 2026 Annual Wastewater Service Rate for Domestic Use set at \$540.35
2. Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of By-law 2026-12 establishes The Residential Annual Rate per domestic household and other than domestic Purposes annual service rates;
3. That By-law 2026-12 comes into force and effect January 1st, 2026

Read a first, second, third and final time this 24th day of June 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-89

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

WHEREAS the application for Minor Variance for the property municipally known as 313 Superior St. be approved, as the Committee is satisfied that:

1. The variance is minor in nature
2. The variance is desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building, or structure;
3. The general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law is maintained; and
4. The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan is maintained.

AND THAT approval be subject to the following conditions:

- The structure be reduced to a width of 14 feet
- The structure be located 2.5 feet from the property line
- The 14-foot width measurement include all eaves
- If a metal (tin) roof is installed, ice stoppers must be installed to prevent accumulations of snow and ice from sliding off the roof during the winter months

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-90

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

WHEREAS the Winnie’s Hometown Festival held the third week of August is an annual event for White River that includes family events such as parades, tradeshow, spaghetti supper, pancake breakfast, children and adult entertainment, dances, fireworks, fish derby, bingo and Winnie the Pooh;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River designate Winnie’s Hometown Festival as a significant event for the community and region.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-91

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

WHEREAS the Municipality of White River has received funding for an Economic Development Officer position. The funding program will cover 90% of the costs associated with the position. To fulfill the remaining funding requirement, the Economic Development Committee has agreed in principle to contribute the remaining 10% of the position

AND WHEREAS Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Economic Development Committee outlining the Committees commitment to provide the remaining 10% contribution toward the Economic Development Officer position and setting out the responsibilities of each party with respect to the administration of the position.

THAT Council receives the report regarding the Economic Development Officer funding agreement;

AND THAT Council approves the development and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality of White River and the Economic Development committee’s contribution of 10% of the costs associated with the Economic Development Officer position;

AND THAT the Mayor and CAO are authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

10. **Other Business**

- 10.1 MAT Tax policy overview and meeting. Meeting set for July 15, 2026
- 10.2 Festival Update

11. **Closed Session**

Resolution No. 2026-92

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:57 pm, the Council for the Township of White River close the next portion of the meeting to the public.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-93

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:10 pm, the Council for the Township of White River rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

Carried

12. **Adjournment**

Resolution No. 2026-94

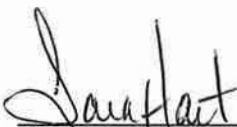
Moved by: Councillor Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 8:11 pm

Carried

13. **Next Meeting**

The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting on July 8, 2026.



Mayor



CAO/Clerk