



The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for March 12, 2025

Present:

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

Public: Angelo Bazzoni

1. **Call meeting to order**

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution No. 2025-031

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2025, as circulated.

Carried

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

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

Resolution No. 2025-032

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

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 February 26, 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. 2025-033

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
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 Economic Development Committee

- Teleconference scheduled With FEDNOR in the coming weeks
- Programing discussions with FEDNOR: a tourism growth plan and a possible Economic Development Officer
- Grant application in process to acquire a walking floor chip trailer, to generate revenue for the Economic Development Corporation. Requesting a support letter from Council.
- Met with White River Forest Products regarding tariffs, company is remaining positive

7.5 Water/Sewer
Council reviewed the Water Quality Annual Summary Report

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

- Library board working on budget
- Thunder Bay Municipal League Conference was attended by Mayor Hart and Councillor Swarek
- Conversations With Dave McLaughlin with Destination Ontario regarding natural tourism opportunities: walking trails, geocaching, hiking etc. Funding available for up to 50% of projects
- Conversation with Minister Graydon Smith regarding utilizing forestry road areas for tourism
- Funding for recreation and tourism may be on hold due to the change in government
- Mayor Hart did an interview on February 20th for CBC regarding healthcare access in the area

8. Correspondence

8.1 Email: Sugar Zone Site Update

9. Resolutions

9.1 Disbursements

Resolution No. 2025-034

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
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 \$37,019.70, as circulated.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-035

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 March 12, 2025, in the amount of \$176,538.27, as circulated

Carried

9.2 Water Quality Annual Summary Report 2024

Resolution No. 2025-036

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River has reviewed the Water Quality Annual Summary Report 2024, as required by the Ministry of Environment.

Carried

9.3 Kresin Engineering Change Order

Resolution No. 2025-037

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the change order, Number4, recommended by Kresin Engineering relating to the Ozone System Replacement project at the Water Treatment Plant, as presented on this evening's agenda.

Carried

9.4 Superior East OPP Detachment Board Representative

Resolution No. 2025-38

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Whiter River under the Community Safety Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) has been provided an opportunity to participate in a Proposal to form an OPP detachment board;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation for the Township of White River has been invited by a stakeholder to the creation of the New OPP Detachment Board which would represent the communities served by the Superior East OPP Detachment,

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of White River supports the appointment of one representative from the Township of White River as outlined in the Joint Proposal for New Superior East OPP Detachment Board composed of a representative from each of the five communities (Dubreuilville, Chapleau, Hornepayne, Wawa, White River), 2 First Nations (Hornepayne First Nations and Michipicoten First Nations) and 2 publicly appointed representatives(each representing a different community of the 7 listed;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of White River denotes that Raymond St Louis is appointed to the one seat representing White River of the New Superior East OPP Detachment Board to replace Dwijen Bharad, who has stepped down. **AND WHEREAS** the joint proposal for the New Superior East Board supports the flexibility to create a board that reflects each community’s local perspectives, needs and priorities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River supports the proposal submitted to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Carried

9.5 NOMA

Resolution No. 2025-039

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves Rodney Swarek attendance at Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) 2025 Conference & AGM in Thunder Bay from April 23rd to April 25th, 2025.

Carried

10. Other Business

- 10.1 Winnie the Pooh Festival: Job ad to be posted
- 10.2 WTP Ozone System Replacement Change Order #4
- 10.2 Superior East OPP Detachment Board Representative

11. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2025-040

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:55 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. 2025-041

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:25 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. 2025-042

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River authorize administration to proceed as directed in Closed session.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2025-043


Moved by: Rodney Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 8:26 pm

Carried

13. Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting on April 9, 2025.



Mayor



Acting CAO/Clerk Deputy

