



The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on May 13, 2026

Present:

Council:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor – via zoom
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor -entered chambers 7:12pm
Staff:	Whitney Roussy	CAO
	Renee Berube	Deputy Clerk

Public: Angelo Bazzoni

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. 2026-63

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
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 May 13, 2026, as circulated.

Carried

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

None Scheduled

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

Resolution No. 2026-64

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
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 April 15, 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. 2026-65

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
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

Meeting was held on May 4, 2026
Amnesty Week May 23- June 6 and Household Hazardous waste May 30, June 2&3
Crocker Lake update – Summer booking has started
Buildings are in need of some repairs
Steel Roofing quote- \$56,000
Shingles quote- \$12,000
Seeking funding sources
Finishing up Walking trail signage and garden at east end
Working on yearly list of deficiencies

7.3 Economic Development Committee

Rapid progress is being made on contracts
The Biomass study has started.
The Tourist Information Centre needs some work before its up and running

7.4 Water/Sewer/Public Works/Parks & Rec

Filter maintenance will be done weekly

7.5 Fire Department

N/A

7.6 CAO/ Clerk Report

The CAO/Clerk overviewed report for Council.

7.7 Council reports

Council attended a meeting with MTO, with discussions on highway maintenance and projects. Wishlist's were discussed and are hopeful. Council felt it was a very positive meeting.
Council attended a presentation on marketing the community called YOLO. The Presentation is target marketed to developers, potential employees, labourers, Apprentices, tradesmen, service workers, as well as used for tourism.
Mayor Hart Attended the Algoma District Municipal Association Meeting and was Asked if they would accept being nominated for the second vice president position. Mayor Hart accepted, was nominated and voted in.

8. **Correspondence**

8.1 Email: Algoma Public Health – Planet Youth

- 8.2 Email: Northeast Superior Mayors Group
- 8.3 Mail out: Infrastructure Notice

9. Resolutions

9.1 Disbursements

Resolution No. 2026-66

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 December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$9,819.06 as circulated

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-67

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 May 13, 2026, in the amount of \$157,606.01 as circulated

Carried

Resolution No.2026-68

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

WHEREAS Volunteer firefighters are the backbone of emergency response services in rural, northern, and remote communities, including the municipality of White River;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has established mandatory training requirements for firefighters with a compliance deadline of July 1, 2026;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of White River supports the intent of these training standards and recognizes the importance of firefighter safety, competency and professionalism;

AND WHEREAS municipalities across Northeast Superior are experiencing significant challenges in meeting the current deadline due to limited access to accredited training programs, extensive travel distances to training centres, and the realities of volunteer firefighters balancing employment, family responsibilities and community service;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural fire departments often lack the financial and administrative capacity to coordinate and deliver training at the scale and pace required to meet the deadline;

AND WHEREAS failure to provide an extension may result in the loss of trained and experienced volunteer firefighters, thereby negatively impacting public safety and emergency response capabilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of White River respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario grant an extension to the July 1, 2026, deadline for the completion of mandatory firefighter training requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to provide additional funding, resources, and support for accessible, locally delivered training programs tailored to the needs of rural and northern communities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Parliament, the Northeast Superior Mayors Group, and all municipalities within the District of Algoma

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-69

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

WHEREAS the council for the Township of White River deems it advisable to appoint a Committee of Adjustment under By-law 2026-09;

AND WHEREAS Schedule “A” be attached to By-law 2026-09 and forming an integral part of this By-law to be adopted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council for the Township of White River appoints the following individuals to the Committee of Adjustment:

1. Tara Hart
2. Dwijen Bharad
3. Rob Sedore

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-70

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of White River deems it desirable to have a By-law regulating Municipal Election Signage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council for the Township of White River enacts By-law 2026-10 and takes force and effective on the date of passage.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-71

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River as per the requirements of the Drinking Water Quality Management Standards

(DWQMS) authorize the Mayor, Councillors, CAO and staff to sign the appropriate appendices of the Corporation of the Township of White River Drinking Water Quality Management System Operational Plan.

Carried

10. Other Business

- 10.1 MAT tax Meeting Date - deferred
- 10.2 DWQMS Operational Plan
- 10.3 Bunkie Quote
- 10.4 Landfill Expansion Update
- 10.5 Waste Disposal Site Job Description

11. Closed Session

11.1 Pending Acquisition

Resolution No. 2026-72

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:16 pm, the Council for the Township of White River close the next portion of the meeting to the public.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-73

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:22 pm, the Council for the Township of White River rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-74

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

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. 2026-75

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 June10, 2026.



Mayor

CAO/Clerk