

The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for August 23, 2023.

Present:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor – absent with notice
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Raymond St Louis	Councillor
	Julie Roy Ward	CAO
	Renee Berube	Administrative Assistant

Member(s) of the public were present:

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2023-189

Moved by: Raymond St Louis

Seconded by: Rob Sedore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Council for the Township of White River approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2023-190

Moved by: Rob Sedore

Seconded by: Rodney Swarek

NOW THEREFOE BE IT RESOLVED That the Council for the Township of White River approves the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of Regular Meeting August 9, 2023, as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

7. Addendums

8. Delegations

NOHFC presentation Linda Bouchard-Berzel

9. Correspondence

9.1 Letter: MNR Prescribed Burn

9.2 Email: Local Government Week Oct 15-21, 2023

10. Resolutions

10.1 Resolution: Disbursements as of August 23, 2023, \$207,721.42
Resolution No. 2023-191

Moved by: Rob Sedore

Seconded by: Raymond St Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements of August 23, 2023, in the amount of \$ 207,721.49 as circulated.

Carried

10.2 Resolution: Villeneuve Lagoon Extra Work
Resolution No. 2023-192

Moved by: Raymond St Louis

Seconded by: Rodney Swarek

WHEREAS the Township of White River has entered into a contract agreement with Villeneuve Construction for the replacement of Lagoon Effluent Discharge Valves.

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of White River has reviewed the proposal received from Villeneuve Construction for cleaning cattails from lagoon sides as an additional proposed work during the Replacement of Lagoon effluent discharge valve capital project.

AND WHEREAS the additional contract work is the amount of \$47,895.00 plus HST;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of White River accepts the proposed price as additional work to the replacement Lagoon Effluent Discharge Valve Contract in the amount of \$47,895.00 plus HST for the cleaning of the Cattails from both lagoon sides.

Carried

10.3 Resolution: By-law 2023-21 FCM Grant Agreement: Asset Management
Resolution No. 2023-193

Moved by: Raymond St Louis

Seconded by: Rob Sedore

WHEREAS the Township of White River's grant application titled Improving Asset Data for Future Planning is approved and the Township is a recipient of the Municipal Asset Management Program funded by the Government of Canada administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

AND WHEREAS the Municipalities' Improving Asset Data for Future Planning: Municipal Asset Management Program application number MAMP-18052 in the amount \$50,000.00.

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Township of White River wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River hereby enacts the following as a by-law 2023-21:

1. That the attached Grant Agreement this agreement contains the terms for the administration and remittance of the grant by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to

the Township of White River and the use of the grant labelled as Schedule “A” be adopted; to this By-law and forming an integral part of this by-law.

2. That Mayor Tara Hart and CAO Julie Roy Ward are hereby authorized to sign the Agreement and affix thereto the seal of the Corporation.

3. That this By-law is enacted upon the third and final reading hereof.

Read a first, second, third and final time this 24th day of May 2023.

Carried

10.4 Resolution: Bark Pile WSP Consultation
Resolution No. 2023-194

Moved by: Rodney Swarek
Seconded by: Rob Sedore

WHEREAS the Municipality has deemed it necessary to engage the firm of WSP Canada Inc for the provision of annual groundwater and surface water monitoring, sampling, and reporting at the Township Bark Pile located on Township property in the southeast portion adjacent to White River Forest Products sawmill property.

AND WHEREAS the Township of White River has retained the Services of WSP Canada Inc formerly Golder Associates LTD since 2018 to perform the annual groundwater and surface water monitoring, sampling, and reporting at the Township Bark Pile.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to authorize a scope change under the existing monitoring project (Project No. CX23611813/CA0004238.0510) with same rates, assumptions and terms and conditions.

SCOPE OF WORK as outlined in email dated August 15, 2023, as Consultation with MECP (Technical Support Section, Permissions Branch), Preparation of ECA Amendment Application, Preparation of Alternate Closure Plan, Project Management.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Township of White River approves the scope change in the amount of \$19,500.00 plus HST.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves the Scope of work Change outlining additional cost.

Carried

10.5 Resolution: By-law 2023-22 Tax Ratios
Resolution No. 2023-195

Moved by: Rob Sedore
Seconded by: Raymond StLouis

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2023-22, being a by-law to establish tax ratios for the year 2023, be read a First, Second, Third and final time 23rd day of August 2023.

Carried

10.6 Resolution: By-law 2023-23 Tax Rates
Resolution No. 2023-196

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Rodney Swarek

WHEREAS Council has presented with the proposed 2023 Operating Budget:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River hereby approves the 2023 Operating Budget with the Municipal Levy of \$1,693,426.00 which represents a 5% increase over the 2022 Operating Budget:

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2023-23, being a by-law to fix tax rates of taxation for all property classes for the year 2023, be read a First, Second, Third and final time 23rd day of August 2023.

Carried

10.7 Resolution: 2023-2024 Insurance renewal
Resolution No. 2023-197

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Rob Sedore

WHEREAS the Township of White River administrative staff has reviewed the insurance 2023-2024 insurance renewal proposal provided by MARSH dated August 15, 2023.

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of White River has been quoted a renewal premium in the amount of \$126,362.00 The premium amount quoted is an increase of 8% to prior year premium.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council for the Township of White River direct the administration to renew the insurance with Marsh/JLT for a one-year period effective September 15, 2023, to September 14, 2024, and premiums in the amount of \$126,652.00 and furthermore that the CAO/Clerk be authorized to sign all relevant documents.

Carried

11. Departmental Reports

- 11.1 Water & Sewer
- 11.2 Public Works
- 11.3 Parks & Recreation
- 11.4 Community Development and Beautification Committee
- 11.5 Fire Department: Meeting August 24, 2023
- 11.6 CAO Report:
 - Working on Municipal Consent
 - Emergency Measures needs to go forward with training more employees.
 - Refurbishing Caboose
- 11.7 Members of Council:
 - Rec & Events Breakfast fundraiser
 - Working on Octoberfest, Haunted House, Christmas tree lighting

12. Other Business

- 12.1 Capital Project: Lagoon Valve Replacement
- 12.2 Fire Hall Addition Construction: Meeting
- 12.3 WSP Letter Bark Pile
- 12.4 Accelerated High Speed Internet Program

13. In-Camera Session

13.1 Resolution No. 2023-198

Moved by: Rodney Swarek
Seconded by: Rob Sedore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of White River go into camera at 9:05 pm.

Carried

13.2 Resolution No. 2023-199

Moved by: Rodney Swarek
Seconded by: Rob Sedore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of White River come out of camera at 9:17 pm.

Carried

15. Adjournment

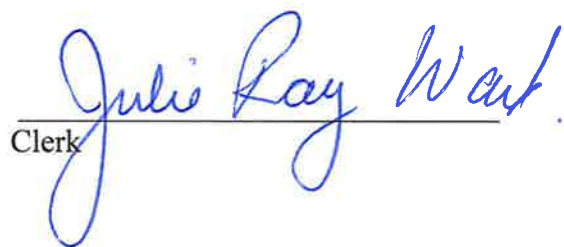
Resolution No. 2023-200

Moved by: Rodney Swarek
That this meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Carried:



Mayor



Clerk

