

# The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for February 28, 2024.

Present:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor – absent with notice
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Raymond St Louis	Councillor
	Julie RoyWard	CAO
	Renee Berube	Administrative Assistant
	Craig Sanders	Water Works

Member(s) of the public were present: Valerie Chiasson, Chantal Wilson

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-41

Moved by: Raymond St Louis  
Seconded by: Rodney Swarek

**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. 2024-42

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 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting February 14, 2024, as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

7. Addendums

None

8. Delegations

None

9. Correspondence

9.1 Email: MOE Environmental Assessment Requirement

9.2 Email: Cal Orok

10. Resolutions

10.1 Resolution: Disbursements Dec 31, 2023, as of February 28, 2024

Resolution No. 2024-43

Moved by: Rob Sedore

Seconded by: Rodney Swarek

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements December 31, 2023, as of February 28, 2024, in the amount of \$ 4,431.91 as circulated.

Carried

10.2 Resolution: Disbursements February 28, 2024

Resolution No. 2024-44

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 as of February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$ 65,670.09 as circulated.

Carried

10.3 Resolution: NOHFC's Cultural Support Program

Resolution No. 2024-45

Moved by: Rodney Swarek

Seconded by: Rob Sedore

**WHEREAS** the Township of White River Mayor and Council approves the submission to the NOHFC's Cultural Support Program-Community Events Stream for \$15,000 in funding towards the Winnie the Pooh Festival 2024 to be held on August 16,17 & 18.

**FURTHER THAT** the Township agrees to contribute the \$11,000 and to cover any cost overruns.

Carried

10.4 Resolution: Algoma Public Health Study

Resolution No. 2024-46

Moved by: Raymond St Louis

Seconded by: Rob Sedore

**WHEREAS** on November 22, 2023 the Algoma Public Health Board passed a resolution to "undertake a feasibility study on the potential benefits and drawbacks of a voluntary merger of our two local public health agencies for the delivery of public health objectives"; and

**WHEREAS** Algoma Public Health (APH) and Public Health Sudbury and District (PHSD) jointly wrote to numerous stakeholders on January 19, 2024 advising that they are "undertaking a process to explore a potential merger of the two public health units" and seeking feedback from those stakeholders on this proposal; and

**WHEREAS** since 2019, the Government of Ontario has attempted to change the delivery of public health throughout the province, first by attempting to force the merger of all Northeastern Ontario health units into a single health unit in 2019, which the government abandoned at the onset of Covid-19 pandemic, and subsequently by incentivizing health units to explore voluntary mergers by paying the costs associated with undertaking the feasibility studies for such exploratory reviews; and

**WHEREAS** consolidation of APH with PHSD would be servicing an area spanning over 700 km east-west from White River to Warren and 500 km north-south from Chapleau to Manitoulin Island; and

**WHEREAS** any merged board would be unable to maintain all the regional representation that is currently represented on the Algoma Public Health Board, which is made up of a representative from Elliot Lake, one representative from Blind River, Spanish or Township of the North Shore, one representative from Wawa, White River or Dubreuilville, one representative from Thessalon or the Municipality of Huron Shores, one representative from Bruce Mines, Village of Hilton Beach, Township of Hilton, Jocelyn, Johnson, Laird, Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen, Plummer Additional, Prince, St Joseph, or Tarbutt; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of White River opposes the merger of Algoma Public Health with Public Health Sudbury and District and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Board Chairs of both APH and PHSD, Municipalities in the Algoma District, FONOM and the Ministry of Health.

Carried

10.4            Resolution: Drinking Water Quality Management Standards  
Resolution No. 2024-47

Moved by: Raymond St Louis  
Seconded by: Rob 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

10.5            Resolution: Water Quality Annual Summary Report 2023  
Resolution No. 2024-48

Moved: Rob Sedore  
Seconded by: Rodney Swarek

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Township of White River has reviewed the **Water Quality Annual Summary Report 2023**, as required by the Ministry of Environment.

Carried

10.6            Resolution: DWQMS signage authorization  
Resolution No. 2024-49

Moved by: Rodney Swarek  
Seconded by: Rob 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

- 10.7 Resolution: Fire Hydrant/Curb Stop Repairs  
Resolution No. 2024-50

Moved by: Rodney Swarek  
Seconded by: Rob Sedore

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Township of White River approves a Budget for:

Fire Hydrant Investigation and Repairs \$50,000  
Curb Stop Repairs \$25,000

Carried

11. Departmental Reports

- 11.1 Water Works:  
Craig Sanders presentation of the Annual Water & Wastewater Reports  
Annual DWQMS Update  
Water Treatment Plat Rehab Project Update  
Fire Hydrant/Curb Stop Repairs
- 11.2 Public Works
- 11.3 Parks & Recreation
- 11.4 Community Development & Beautification Committee:  
Minutes, Walking Trail funding, Crocker Lake full for summer, Property Standards
- 11.5 Fire Department
- 11.6 CAO:  
NOHFC grant submitted for Arena Roof Repairs along with a conditional Ontario Trillium Grant  
EMO grant for generator hook ups has not been approved.  
OPP Detachment Board is seeking Two (2) Community Board Members, it has been posted.
- 11.7 Report of Council:  
Raymond St Louis: Library now accepting resumes and preparing for interviews.  
Tara Hart: Rec & Events Winter Carnival Schedule is out.

12. Other Business

- 12.1 Provost Construction Quotation Hydrant Inspection  
12.1.2 Provost Construction Quotation Hydrant Repair
- 12.2 Email Chair of Rec & Events Committee
- 12.3 Strategic Planning Meeting
- 12.4 Strat Plan email
- 12.5 TWR Strat Plan Outline

In-Camera Session

- 13.1 Resolution No. 2024-51

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 8:41 pm.

Carried

13.2 Resolution No. 2024-52

Moved by: Raymond St Louis

Seconded by: Rob Sedore

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of White River come out of camera at 9:11 pm.

Carried

14. Report of In-Camera Session

14.1 Resolution: Approve in Camera Minutes of February 14, 2024  
Resolution No. 2024-53

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 Minutes of the In Camera Council Meeting of February 14, 2024, as circulated.

Carried

14.2 Resolution: Purchase and Sale of Property  
Resolution No. 2024-54

**WHEREAS** the Township of White River wishes to enter into an agreement for the purchase and sale of property with the parties of HJ and ME Repairs Inc. for the purchase of the following property:

106 Superior Street White River, Ontario Plan 827 BLK B Lot 57 and 58 1200. SF100. FR 120.D

Roll Number 5791 000 002 00600

**AND WHEREAS** the purchase price for the property identified is \$ 4,000.00 plus HST;

**AND WHEREAS** all transfer, title search and legal representation fees will be assumed by the purchaser:

**AND WHEREAS** it is understood that the Township of White River makes no representation regarding the title or any other matters relating to the property being sold “as is”

**AND WHEREAS** the agreement of Purchase and Sale will include the following conditions;

1. An easement will be registered on the property with respect to the Municipal Infrastructure located underground on a portion of Lot 58;
2. The Property transfer date shall occur within 90 days of the resolution authoring the sale.
3. The property development/restoration shall commence within twelve months after the property transfer date by applying for a Building Permit.
4. The property development/restoration shall be completed 18 months after the property transfer date;
5. If both above condition timelines are not adhered to in the 19<sup>th</sup> month after the property closing date the property will revert back to the Township of White River and the purchaser shall forfeit any investment/restoration.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution is to authorize an agreement of purchase and sale between the Corporation of the Township of White River and HJ and ME Repairs Inc.

Carried


15. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024-54  
Moved by: Rodney Swarek

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Carried

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk