

The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for July 10, 2024.

Present:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor
	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: Cara McCaig

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. 2024-143

Moved by: Rodney Swarek
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

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. 2024-144

Moved by: Rob Sedore
Seconded by: Rodney Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting June 26, 2024, as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

None

7. Addendums

None

8. Delegations9. Departmental Reports

- 9.1 Community Development and Beautification Committee:
Meeting held July 9, 2024, Submitted Minutes
- 9.2 Recreation and Events Committee:
Cheryl Raiche, Valerie Chiasson, Chantal Wilson
(Entered Chambers 7:08, Left Chambers 7:26 pm)
Looking for 6-8 Barrels from Water Treatment Plant
Lease Agreement for Curling Club Space -Review Sept 1,2024
Soccer finishes July 31st T-Ball starts July 23rd
Upcoming events: Corn Festival, Pick up Hockey Registration
- 9.3 Community Development Committee
- 9.4 Water Sewer:
Flushing Hydrants/water lines July 8-12
Preparing for ozone installation
- 9.5 Public Works:
Summer Plan submitted- Ditching, culvert replacement, shoulder repairs
- 9.6 Parks & Recreation:
Nicole Simpson (left Chambers at 7:40pm)
Went over tentative schedule for the Winnie the Pooh Festival
- 9.7 Fire Department:
New Fire Truck will be here the week of July 22nd
Minutes from Construction Meeting
- 9.8 CAO:
NOHFC application has been submitted for WRCC Roof
Loans have been submitted for Fire Hall and Fire Truck
- 9.9 Members of Council:
Councillor St Louis: Need new ramp for library- Look into Ontario
Trillium Funding (Librarian)
Councillor Swarek: Look into a Hazardous Waste Day
Cemetery concerns

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 Email Appreciation

11. Resolutions

- 11.1 Resolution: Disbursements as of July 10, 2024
Resolution No. 2024-145

Moved by: Rodney Swarek
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of July 10, 2024, in the amount of \$ 95,134.04, as circulated

Carried

- 11.2 Resolution: AMO Health Care Needs
Resolution No. 2024-146

Moved by: Rob Sedore
Seconded by: Raymond St Louis

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients

being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it is becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in Northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in Northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long term care, paramedicine, and other investments.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Township of White River urge the province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of White River and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physical care.

Carried

12. Other Business

- 12.1 TWR Financial Statement Overview
- 12.2 Council Remuneration Review Results
- 12.3 SE OPP Detachment Board - Training
- 12.4 2024 Budget Discussion Set Meeting Date
- 12.5 Winnies Hometown Festival-Draft Schedule, Pancake Breakfast

13. In-Camera Session

- 13.1 Resolution No.2024-147

Moved By: Rodney Swarek
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of White River go into camera at 9:08 pm

Carried

- 13.2 Resolution No.2024-148

Moved by: Dwijen Bharad
Seconded by: Raymond St Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the council for the Township of White River come out of camera at 9:33 pm

Carried

13.3 Resolution No. 2024-149

Moved by: Rob Sedore
Seconded by: Rodney Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves the Minutes of the In Camera Council Meeting of June 26, 2024, as circulated.

Carried


14. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024-150


Moved by: Rodney Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 9:36 pm

Carried



Mayor



Deputy Clerk, Interim