

The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for November 13, 2024.

Present:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor – via zoom
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor – absent with notice
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Raymond St Louis	Councillor
	Rosalie Evans	Acting Deputy Clerk – via zoom
	Renee Berube	Deputy Clerk

Member(s) of the public were present: Angelo Bazzoni (left 8:12), Craig Sanders (left 7:18)

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Amend & Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024- 220

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River amends the agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2024, as circulated, by adding a Closed Session, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b), to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

AND FURTHER THAT the agenda, as so amended, be approved

Carried

4. Delegations

No delegations were scheduled.

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

Resolution No. 2024-221

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approves the Open Session minutes, as circulated, for the following meetings:

- A) Special Meeting of October 30th, 2024
- B) Special meeting of November 5, 2024

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

Resolution No. 2024-222

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of White River receive the Departmental reports listed as item 7 of this evening's agenda.

Carried

7. Departmental Reports

7.1 Community Development and Beautification Committee

- Received minutes from October 21, 2024

7.2 Recreation & Events Committee- N/A

7.3 Community Development Committee - N/A

7.4 Water/Sewer

- Craig discussed water usage and plant conditions
- Current water usage is approx. 900 cubic meters while previous years' usage has been noted to be between 600 & 700 cubic meters.
- Trying to identify water loss issues. Ongoing investigation into potential sources of water loss, water lines, potential leaks, high end users etc.
- Importance of maintaining the water plant was highlighted and the need for sufficient water levels to perform necessary maintenance
- Discussion of plans to install water meters for high end users

7.5 Public Works

- Weekly reports from Darryl Godin & Ronald St Louis
- Focus on budget and emergency planning

7.6 Parks & Recreation

- Weekly reports from Justin Gregory

7.7 Fire Department

- New firehall has been set up
- Contractor still has tasks to complete in the old space
- Plans for grand reopening of the new fire hall in the spring with suggestions for a BBQ and recognition for outstanding contributions

7.8 Deputy Clerk Report

Deputy Clerk and Acting Deputy Clerk overviewed their reports for Council

- New candidate for Administrative Assistant started Nov 11, 2024
- Awaiting decisions for accessibility grant for the library
- NOHFC funding approval for phase two of the Community Centre roof, awaiting amendment of grant amount based on new quotes
- Still fighting with warm weather causing issues with the ice conditions at the Arena, opened Arena despite the problems with Staff working diligently to manage the conditions as best as possible
- Emergency Management Exercise and Training took place
- Discussions with Algoma Public Health regarding the ongoing issue of Blastomycosis in our area. Algoma Public Health is working to get

testing conducted in our Northern Medical facilities and information dissemination about health precautions

Resolution No. 2024-223

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River receive the correspondence listed in item 8 of this evening’s agenda.

Carried

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Email: Fundraising Campaign Lady Dunn Health Centre
- 8.2 Email: Fundraising Campaign Epicure Seasonal Hampers
- 8.3 Email: Blue Box Information Program
- 8.4 Email Building & Maintenance Municipal Infrastructure support request

9. Resolutions

9.1 Resolution No. 2024-224

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of White River authorizes the Deputy Clerk to proceed with the Aluminum signage for the Firehall and the Community Centre, as presented at this evening’s meeting.

Carried

9.2 Resolution No. 2024-225

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Township of White River will support the Lady Dunn Health Centre Foundations Fundraiser by:

- Buying ____ dinner tickets at \$100.00 each, for a total of \$ _____ or
- Buying one dinner table at \$700.00 each
- Supplying a one-time donation of \$500.00 towards the cause

Carried

9.3 Resolution No. 2024-226

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River support the “Merry Month of Meals” fundraiser with a donation in the amount of \$400.00.

Carried

9.4 Resolution No. 2024-227

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities, despite it being property related;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the LTT and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of all or a portion of the existing LTT and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River calls on the Federal Government to allocate all or a percentage of the Goods and Service Tax (GST) collected on property sales to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this redistribution of the LTT and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local government receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

AND FURTHER THOSE copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Federal Parliament (MPs) and local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

AND FURTHER THOSE copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried

9.5 Resolution No. 2024-228

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of November 13, 2024, in the amount of \$409,595.14, as circulated

Carried

9.6 Resolution No. 2024-229

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2024-22, Being a By-Law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and an Emergency Response Plan, be passed;

AND THAT this by-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of its passage.

Carried

10. Other Business

None for this regular meeting

11. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-230

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:13 pm, the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River close the next portion of the meeting to the public, under the authority of paragraphs 239(2)(b) [personal matters about identifiable individuals] and 239(2)(d) [labour relations or employee negotiations] and 239(2)(e)[litigation or potential litigation] of the same legislation, in order to address this evening’s agenda

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-231

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:14 pm, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River rise from Closed session and report in Open Session.

Carried

12. Report of Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-232

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

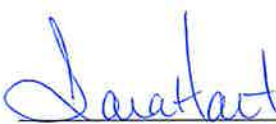
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River authorizes the Acting Deputy Clerk and the Deputy Clerk to proceed as directed in Closed Session

Carried

13. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, Mayor Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

14. The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting on December 11, 2024.



Mayor



Deputy Clerk

