

The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Open Session of the Special Meeting of Council held October 2, 2024.

Present:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor (joined at 7:02 p.m.)
	Rosalie Evans	Acting Deputy Clerk (Remote via Zoom)
	Renée Berube	Administrative Assistant

Members of the Public (in person): Keith Belisle; Tammy Belisle; Anthony Bazonni.
Via Zoom: Chris Kresin

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations were made.

4. Resolution to Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-207

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approves the agenda for the Special Meeting of October 2, 2024, as circulated.

Carried

5. Matters for Discussion

5.1 Current Landfill Contract Operations

It was noted that the current contract for operation of the landfill site had long since expired. Mr. Belisle noted that, as operators, they have not received any complaints during their period of operation. They were surprised to hear of the complaint by Pic

Moabert First Nation relating to after-hours access, as they have accommodated them in the past, and will continue to do so, as required.

It was noted that the Township has not received, as the operating contract requires, monthly reports from the operator. Ms. Belisle indicated that, in the past, annual reports (at the end of the calendar year) had been considered adequate. Council, on consensus, indicated that monthly reports, as the contract stipulates, are required.

In response to questions about the fees charged to users, Mr. Belisle indicated that Council's fee schedule was being adhered to.

Mr. Belisle reported difficulties in seeing what users are bringing to the landfill site. Clear bags have been requested. Otherwise, it is difficult to "police" what is being dumped.

The need to update tipping fees, particularly for mine waste, was discussed.

The need for up to date and timely accounting was discussed.

Mr. Belisle noted that his company was prepared to adapt to whatever the Council requires.

5.2 RFP for Updated Operations Agreement

Mayor Hart noted that a "request for proposals" ("RFP") document will need to be issued relating to ongoing operations of the site (as well as collections). Rules are changing (Provincially) regarding recycling obligations, which will need to be reflected in the RFP. Further, the Township is considering taking on a more direct role, both in terms of staffing and in terms of the collection of fees. This will be reflected in the RFP document.

The Acting Deputy Clerk was requested to bring an RFP document to Council on November 6th for consideration. The target date for issuing the RFP will be March of 2025.

Funding options were discussed. The potential to use "gas tax" funding was discussed. The Acting Deputy Clerk was directed to review this with the Deputy Treasurer.

5.3 Contract for Expansion of the Landfill Site

Members present discussed the recommendation from Kresin Engineering. Concern was expressed relating to the source of funding. It was noted that the project needs to move forward, based on Provincial requirements. Administration was directed to provide reports relating to available funding.

Resolution No. 2024-208

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor St. Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approve the recommendation of the Project Management Engineers to award the contract for the landfill site expansion work to Belisle Builders, as set out in the report at Item 5.3 of this evening's agenda, with a total project cost of \$2,373,315.35 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

Mr. Kresin left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

A brief recess was taken to allow the gallery to clear. Ms. Berube, and members of the public, exited the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

6. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-209

Moved by: Councillor Bharad

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:00 p.m., 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] of the same legislation, in order to address Item 6 on this evening's agenda.

Carried

During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 2024-210

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:29 p.m., the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

Carried

7. Report from Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-211

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Acting Deputy Clerk be authorized to proceed as

directed in Closed Session.

Carried

8. By-Law to Appoint Acting Treasurer

Resolution No. 2024-212

Moved by: Councillor Bharad

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the WHEREAS the Township of White River is in need of the services of an Acting Treasurer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2024-21, Being a By-Law to approve a contract with the Acting Treasurer, and to appoint the Acting Treasurer, be passed;

AND THAT this by-law shall come into full force and effect retroactively as of September 25, 2024.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, Mayor Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

10. Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be the special meeting October 16, 2024.


Mayor


Acting Deputy Clerk