

The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Special Meeting of Council for October 23, 2024.

Present:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor – via zoom
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	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: None

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-201

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the agenda as circulated.

Carried

4. Delegations

No delegations were scheduled.

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

Resolution No. 2024-202

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, for the meetings of October 23, 2024, as circulated.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-203

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River directs the Deputy Clerk to sign approval letter requested by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 169.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

Resolution No. 2024-204

Moved by: Councillor Bharad
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

Councillor Swarek discussed next meeting will be Monday November 4, 2024

- Discussions will be Crocker Lake upgrades, donations & bottle returns.
- Continuous work on the Walking Trail, Mike Bob will still be making frames and Don Wilson is making a bench.
- Colebourn Entry stairs are still an issue, need pricing for a fix of wood over cement stairs as well as the ramp being fixed.

7.2 Recreation & Events Committee

Mayor Hart discussed the committees recent help with the Legion fundraiser

7.3 Community Development Committee - N/A

7.4 Water/Sewer – N/A

7.5 Public Works

Weekly reports from Darryl Godin

7.6 Parks & Recreation

Weekly reports from Justin Gregory

7.7 Fire Department

Councillor Swarek reported

- Decals were put on new Fire truck
- Planning for grand opening in the Spring
- New Fire Truck is in service
- Assessments still need to be done

7.8 Deputy Clerk Report

Mrs. Evans overviewed the report for members present

Resolution No. 2024-205

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 from A.Fenlon re “OMA: Stop the Crisis” (for information)

8.2 Email from FONOM, requesting passage of resolution (to be forwarded to the province regarding budget deliberations) in support of the Forest Industry.

8.3 Email from Kresin Engineering regarding Change Order No. 8 (signature approval required)

8.4 Email from Kresin Engineering regarding grading/paving work at the Firehall

8.5 Email from C. Croft (Dubreulville) for Reseau du Nord seeking Councils input/approval of ad for National Francophone Immigration Week November 3-9

9. Resolutions

9.1 Resolution No. 2024-206

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of White River supports the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association’s 2025 Ontario Budget. Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario

Carried

9.2 Resolution No. 2024-207

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Township of White River directs Kresin Engineering to proceed with the exterior fire hall work as proposed in its correspondence at item 8.4 of this evening’s agenda.

Carried

9.3 Resolution No. 2024-208

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River consents to the use of its name and approves the radio advertisement and poster contents distributed as set out in item 8.5 of this evening’s agenda.

Carried

9.4 Resolution No. 2024-209

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of October 23, 2024, in the amount of \$673,384.99 as circulated.

Carried

9.5 Resolution No. 2024-210

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waive the provisions of the procurement bylaw (2009-19) in order to soul source a contract with Kresin Engineering Corporation to undertake the work necessary for the Township to comply with PSAB PS 3280 (Asset Retirement Obligations)

Carried

10. Other Business

None for this regular meeting

11. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-211

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:32 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:

- A) Those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O.2001, c. 25, as amended), under which the meetings were closed, in order to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes listed in items 11.1 and 11.2 of this evening's agenda;
- B) Paragraphs 239(2)(b) [personal matters about identifiable individuals] and 239(2)(d) [labour relations or employee negotiations] and 239(2)(k)[positions, plans, criteria or instructions to be applied to negotiations] of the same legislation, in order to address item 11.3 on this evening's agenda

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-212

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:06 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. 2024-213

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

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 agenda, Mayor Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

14. The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting November 13, 2024.



Mayor



Deputy Clerk

