

## The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 25, 2024.

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Deputy Mayor Bharad called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. 2024-196

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 agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2024, as circulated.

Carried

5. Delegations

No delegations were scheduled.

6. Resolution to Adopt Minutes of Prior Council Meeting (Open Session)

Resolution No. 2024-197

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

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 meeting of September 18, 2024, as circulated.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Matter Deferred: Fire Hall Work

Resolution No. 2024-198

Moved by: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River award a contract for work at the Fire Hall to J. Provost Contracting Ltd. in accordance with its proposal.

Carried

8. Departmental Reports

8.1 Community Development and Beautification Committee

No report was submitted for this meeting. It was noted the next meeting is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>.

8.2 Recreation and Events Committee

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.3 Community Development Committee

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.4 Water/Sewer

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.5 Public Works

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.6 Parks and Recreation

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.7 Fire Department

No report was submitted for this meeting. It was noted that the next site meeting would be Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

8.8 Acting Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Evans overviewed her report for members present. She was directed to send a sympathy card to the family of Bob Thorpe, based on his recent passing, and a donation on behalf of the Township in the amount of \$100.00, to the charity chosen by the family. Councillor Swarek will provide the necessary information.

8.9 Members of Council

Councillor Swarek advised that the stairs at the Colbourne building constitute a safety hazard, and this needs to be addressed.

Resolution No. 2024-199

Moved by: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River receive the departmental reports listed in item 8 of this evening's agenda.

Carried.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Thunder Bay District Municipal League Request for Feedback

Members present discussed the correspondence. The Acting Deputy Clerk was directed to advise Ms. Cava that Council is in favour of the document as circulated.

9.2 Thunder Bay District Municipal League Request for "Good Stories"

Members present discussed the correspondence. Suggestions for "good stories" included: the Winnie the Pooh festival; the work of the Recreation Committee (hockey, soccer, etc.); and the Township's co-operation and work with the First Nations community. Events are allowing families to participate; children's events are particularly popular.

9.3 Northeast Superior Mayors' Group Minutes September 11, 2024

Members present reviewed the minutes. Discussion relating to the new OPP Police Service Board ensued. Deputy Mayor Bharad will forward to the Acting Deputy Clerk emails relating to this matter.

Resolution No. 2024-200

Moved by: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River receive the correspondence listed in item 9 of this evening's agenda.

Carried.

10. Resolutions

Resolution No. 2024-201

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the amount of \$196,266.40, as circulated.

Carried.

11. Other Business

No other business was presented for this Regular Meeting of Council.

Renée Berube exited the meeting.

Resolution No. 2024-202

Moved by: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:36 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:

- a) those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended), under which the meeting was closed, in order to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes listed in item 12.1 of this evening's agenda; and

- b) 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 12.3 on this evening’s agenda.

Carried.

Council entered Closed Session. During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed.

Resolution No. 2024-203

Moved by: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:20 p.m., the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

Carried.

13. Report from Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-204

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approves the Closed Session minutes, as circulated, for the Regular Meeting of Council held September 18, 2024.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-205

Moved by: Councillor St. Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Acting Deputy Clerk be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

Carried.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, Deputy Mayor Bharad declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

15. Next Council Meeting

The next Council meetings are the Special Meetings October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. The Regular meeting of October 9<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Mayor

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Acting Deputy Clerk

