



The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on September 24, 2025

Present:

Council:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor – absent with notice
Staff:	Renée Berube	Deputy Clerk
	Whitney Roussy	Administrative Assistant

Public: Angelo Bazzoni

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest None

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-132

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2025, as circulated.

Carried

4. Delegations/Presentations (none scheduled)

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

Resolution No. 2025-133

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River adopt the minutes for the open session of the Regular Council meeting of September 10, 2025, as circulated

6. Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from the minutes was raised.

7. Departmental Reports

7.1 Receive Departmental Reports Resolution

Resolution No. 2025-134

Moved by: Councillor Bharad
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River receive the departmental reports listed in item 7 of this evening’s agenda.

Carried

7.2 Community Beautification Committee
N/A

7.3 Economic Development Committee

Angelo Bazzoni stated there was no meeting in September yet.
Application for an Economic Development Operator has been submitted.
EDC got a quote for framed roof (pavilion) for the Winnie the Pooh Park and thinks it is something council should look into.

7.4 Water/Sewer/Public Works/Parks & Rec

Ongoing issues with the ozone. Had to revert back to aluminum piping. This will not be any expense to the Township as they were told plastic would work.

7.5 Fire Department

Councillor Swarek recommended that the official opening of the new fire hall be Put on hold until spring. Repairs are needed in the old firehall first.

7.6 CAO/Deputy Clerk Report

The Deputy Clerk and the Acting CAO/Clerk overviewed their report for Council

7.7 Council reports

Mayor Hart and Councillor Bharad attended AMO. Met with six Ministers and Attended seminars regarding waste reduction. Participated in two delegations for Regional issues: Immigration and Highway
Mayor Hart met with Bill Rosenburg (MPP) with discussions on Silverlake start up and any help to move along with the start-up process.
Mayor Hart attended the NOHFC full board meeting in Sault Ste Marie and spoke with Minister Peary about area concerns and ideas for projects.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Email: Lady Dunn Foundation Gala
- 8.2 Email: Open letter Sno Kickers
- 8.3 Letter: Bazzoni

9. Resolutions

9.1 Disbursements

Resolution No. 2025-135

Moved by: Councillor Bharad
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of September 24, 2025, in the amount of \$423,728.34, as circulated

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-136

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

WHEREAS section 400.1(1) of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended (the “Municipal Act”), provides that a municipality may pass by-laws imposing tax in respect to the purchase of transient accommodation within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Township of White River consider it desirable to establish Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) to be imposed on the purchase of Transient Accommodation to support tourism initiatives and generate additional revenue for the benefit of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the CAO/Clerk and Deputy Treasurer is authorized to take all necessary steps to administer and enforce the Municipal Accommodation Tax in accordance with the by-law and the Municipal Act, 2001;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River hereby enact By-law 2025-18, being a by-law to impose a Municipal Accommodation Tax within the Township of White River effective September 24, 2025.

Recorded Vote: Requested by Mayor Hart

Mayor Hart	In Favour
Councillor Bharad	Declared Conflict of Interest
Councillor Sedore	In Favour
Councillor Swarek	In Favour
Councillor StLouis	Absent

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-137

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River authorize the Mayor and Acting CAO/Clerk to enter into the MOU as proposed by the Marathon Sno Kickers Snowmobile Club.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-138

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the Corporation for the Township of White River, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support

large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic strength;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province considers expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

Carried

10. Other Business

10.1 Project Tracker

10.2 CIMCO Update

10.3 Asset Management Update

11. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2025-139

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED that the time being 8:10 p.m. the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River close the next portion of the meeting to the public.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-140

Moved by: Councillor Bharad

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:17 p.m. the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-141

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council for the Township of White River approves the Closed Session minutes of the Emergency Closed Council Session Minutes held on September 19, 2025, as circulated.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2025-142

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 8:18 pm
Carried

13. Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting on October 8, 2025.



Mayor



Acting CAO/Clerk