

## The Role of Council

The Municipality of White River has one Mayor, and four Councillors elected to represent the Municipality.

## Role of Council Members

The [Municipal Councillor's Guide] provides an overview of the many duties and challenges elected officials at the municipal level face.

### Mayor

The MAH guide is the source of this abbreviated description for the role of head of Council, which in the Municipality of White River is referred to as the Mayor to act as the municipality's chief executive officer;

- to preside over council meetings such that business is carried out both efficiently and effectively;
- to provide leadership to the council;
- to provide information/recommendations to council on policies, practices, procedures, to ensure transparency and accountability; and,
- to represent the municipality at official functions.

### Councillors

This abbreviated description for the role of Councillor is based on the guide published by MAH:

- to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality;
- to develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality;
- to determine which services the municipality provides;
- to maintain the financial integrity of the municipality;
- to ensure that administrative policies practices are in place to implement the decisions of council; and,
- to ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality.

Municipal councillors may also sit as members of a number of committees. These committees carry out work then reports back to council with

recommendations. As a member of municipal council, you would be required to attend meetings of the Committees on which you are a member, and also to attend meetings of the full Council.