

The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for January 8, 2025

Present:

Council:	Tara Hart	Mayor – Absent with notice
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor – Absent with notice
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor/ Acting Mayor
	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor

Staff:	Marilyn Parent	Acting CAO/Clerk
	Lethbridge	
	Renée Berube	Deputy Clerk

Public: Angelo Bazzoni

1. Call meeting to order

Acting Mayor Sedore called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Amendment & Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-001

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River adopts the agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2025, as circulated.

Carried

4. Delegations (none scheduled)

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

Resolution No. 2025-002

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

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 December 11, 2024, as circulated

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from the minutes was raised.

7. Departmental Reports

7.1 Community Development and Beautification Committee
N/A

7.2 Recreation & Events Committee

N/A

7.3 Community Development Committee

Water/Sewer

N/A

7.4 Public Works

N/A

7.5 Parks & Recreation

N/A

7.6 Fire Department

Header is finished. Planning for grand opening in late Spring.

7.7 Deputy Clerk Report

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

8. Correspondence

8.1 Email: NPMC Board Vacancy

8.2 Email: Municipal Levy

8.3 Email: FONOM

Resolution No. 2025-003

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River appoint Charles Alderson to represent the community of White River to the open seat for the Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation (NPMC) Board effective June 27th, 2025

Carried

9. Resolutions

9.1 Disbursements

Resolution No. 2025-004

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 disbursements December 31, 2024 as of January 8, 2025 in the amount of \$255,816.01, as circulated

Carried

9.2 Thunder Bay District Municipal League

Resolution No. 2025-005

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River approves Rodney Swarek attendance at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Conference and Annual General Meeting on March 5th-7th, 2025. Expenses incurred for this travel will be reimbursed according to Municipal Policy.

Carried

9.3 Borrowing By-law 2025

Resolution No. 2025-006

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

WHEREAS the Township of White River may be required to borrow from time to time to meet, until taxes are collected, the current expenditures of the Corporation for 2025;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor and CAO/Treasurer are authorized to borrow by way of promissory note, from the Bank of Montreal, a sum not exceed in aggregate \$500,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the By-law 2025-01, being a By-law to set borrowing parameters for the Township of White River be read a first and second time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-01, being a By-law to set borrowing parameters for the Township of White River be read a third and final time.

Carried

9.4 Interim Tax By-law

Resolution No. 2025-007

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

WHEREAS Section 317(1) provides that the Council of a local municipality may, in a given year, before the adoption of the estimates for the year, pass a by-law to levy on the whole of the assessment for real property according to the last revised assessment roll, a sum not to exceed that which would be 50% of last years billed taxes for all classes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-02, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy be read a first and second time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-02, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy be read a third and final time.

Carried

10. Other Business

10.1 Budget Variance Report

10.2 Letter of Support for ONTC

10.3 Council Meeting Schedule 2025

11. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2025-008

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:30 pm, the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River close the next portion of the meeting to the public.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-009

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:34 pm, the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River rise from Closed session and report in Open Session.

Carried

Report from Closed Session

Resolution No. 2025-010

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 Closed Session Minutes, as circulated, for the Regular meeting held on December 11, 2024.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2025-011

Moved by: Rodney Swarek

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 7:44 pm

Carried

13. Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting on January 22, 2025.



Mayor



Deputy Clerk