

The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for May 1, 2024.

Present:	Tara Hart	Mayor – absent with notice
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor- via zoom
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor – absent with notice
	Raymond St Louis	Councillor
	Julie Roy Ward	CAO
	Renee Berube	Administrative Assistant

Member(s) of the public were present: Chantal Wilson, Cheryl Raiche

1. Call meeting to order

Acting Mayor Swarek called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-88

Moved by: Raymond St Louis

Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Council for the Township of White River approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2024-89

Moved by: Raymond St Louis

Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting April 10, 2024, as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

None

7. Addendums

None

8. Delegations

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Letter: WR Drinking Water System Inspection
- 9.2 Letter: Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act 2024 Compliance
- 9.3 Letter: Fire Smart Program
- 9.4 Letter: Kresin Engineering Fire Hall Expansion
- 9.5 Letter: Kresin Engineering Ozone Installation Contract
- 9.6 Letter: Celebrate Ontario Funding 2024-2025
- 9.7 Letter: Concerned Citizen
- 9.8 Letter Canadian Pacific 2024 Vegetation Control Program

10. Resolutions

- 10.1 Resolution: Disbursements Dec 31, 2023 as of May 1, 2024
Resolution No. 2024-90

Moved by: Dwijen Bharad
Seconded by: Raymond St Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements Dec 31,2023 as of May 1, 2024, in the amount of \$ 69,091.96 as circulated.

Carried

- 10.2 Resolution: Disbursements May 1, 2024
Resolution No. 2024-91

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of May 1, 2024, in the amount of \$ 145,091.05 as circulated.

Carried

- 10.3 Resolution: By-Law 2024-06 Fire Hall Expansion Contract
Resolution No. 2024-92

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

WHEREAS the Township of White River wishes to enter into a contract agreement with Belisle Builders for the Firehall Expansion;

AND WHEREAS the Township of White River shall pay the contractor an amount as outlined in Contract dated and signed May 1, 2024, forming part of Schedule A Contract Document; and

ENACTS AS FOLLOWS

That the Mayor and CAO are hereby authorized to execute the Contractor Agreement for the Fire Hall expansion with Belisle Builders Schedule A as part of and attached here to forming part of this by-law 2024-06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River hereby enacts the following as a by-law:

- 1. **THAT** Council hereby authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute a Contractor Agreement herein attached as Schedule "A" to this By-law 2024-06 and forming an integral part of this By-law, be adopted;

Carried

10.4 Resolution: By-law 2024-07 WTP Installation Contract
Resolution No. 2024-93

Moved by: Dwijen Bharad
Seconded by: Raymond St Louis

WHEREAS the Township of White River wishes to enter into a contract agreement with McLeod Bros.Mechanical Inc. for the Water Treatment Plant New Ozone System Installation; and

AND WHEREAS the Township of White River shall pay the contractor an amount as outlined in Contract dated and signed May 1, 2024 forming part of Schedule A Contract Document; and

ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and CAO are hereby authorized to execute the Contractor Agreement for the Water Treatment Plan New Ozone System Installation with McLeod Bros. Mechanical Inc. Schedule "A" as part of an attached hereto forming part of this By-Law 2024-07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River hereby enacts the following by-law:

1. **THAT** Council hereby authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute a Contractor Agreement herein attached as Schedule "A" to this By-law 2024-07 and forming an integral part of this By-law, be adopted;

Carried

10.5 Resolution: By-law 2024-08 SSM CACC Contract 2024-2028
Resolution No. 2024-94

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

WHEREAS the Council for the Township of White River has an agreement with the Sault Ste. Marie Central Ambulance Communication Centre for the provisions of communication (Call taking and alerting or dispatching) services;

AND WHEREAS the Township of White River wishes to renew the Agreement for the period April 1st, 2024, up to and including March 31st, 2028.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2024-08, to authorize the Agreement between the Township of White River and Sault Ste. Marie Central Ambulance Communication Centre effective April 1st, 2024, and expiring on March 31, 2028; be read a First, Second, Third and Final time.

Carried

10.6 Resolution: OSUM Travel
Resolution No. 2024-95

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the council for the Township of White River approves Councillor Rob Sedore attendance at OSUM, Ontario Small Urban Municipalities, Conference to be held in Orillia on May 1,2 & 3, 2024. Expenses incurred for this travel will be reimbursed according to Municipal Policy.

Carried

- 10.7 Resolution: NOMA TBay Travel
Resolution No. 2024-96

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves Councillor Rodney Swarek attendance at Northern Ontario Municipal Association Conference and Annual Meeting in Thunder Bay at the Victoria Inn on April 24,25 & 26, 2024. Expenses incurred for this travel will be reimbursed according to Municipal Policy.

Carried

- 10.8 Resolution: FONOM Sudbury Travel
Resolution No. 2024-97

Moved by: Dwijen Bharad
Seconded by: Raymond St Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River approves Mayor Tara Hart attendance at FONOM Annual Conference to be held in Sudbury on May 6-8, 2024. Expenses incurred for this travel will be reimbursed according to Municipal Policy.

Carried

- 10.9 Resolution: Temp Maintenance position
Resolution No. 2024-98

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of White River provides an offer of employment to Dravyn Mellen Hill as Temporary Maintenance Help effective May 13th, 2024, to September 13th, 2024.

Carried

- 10.10 Resolution: Asset Management Policy
Resolution No. 2024-99

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

WHEREAS in December 2017, the province introduced the Ontario Regulation 588/17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure and Jobs and Prosperity Act 2015;

AND WHEREAS O.Reg.588/17 stipulates that by July 1, 2019, all municipalities must have a finalized strategic asset management policy that promotes best practices and links asset management with budgeting, operations, maintenance and other municipal planning activities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of White River has reviewed Policy No. 26.1 P-190612 Asset Management Policy (see attached) and has approved it for inclusion in the Township of White River's Policy and Procedure Manual.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that By-law 2024-09, a by-law to enact Policy No:26.1 P-190612-1 Asset Management Policy be read a first, second, third and final time.

Carried

10.11 Resolution: Transfer from Reserves to Capital 2024
Resolution No. 2024-100

Moved by: Raymond St Louis
Seconded by: Dwijen Bharad

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of White River established a Reserves and Reserve Funds Policy in order to keep funds available for Capital, Infrastructure emergencies and for cash flow management;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of White River approves transfers from the Reserves and reserve Fund distributions as follows:

Transfer 1 in the amount of \$440,000.00 from DRF8 Fire Department Reserve to offset the purchase of the 2024 Fire Truck;

Transfer 2 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from DRF1 Infrastructure Reserve to offset 2024 expenditures for the Fire Hall Addition.

Carried

11. Departmental Reports

- 11.1 Water Works:
- 11.2 Public Works
- 11.3 Parks & Recreation
- 11.4 Community Development & Beautification Committee
- 11.5 Recreation and Events Committee
- 11.6 Community Development Committee
- 11.7 Fire Department
- 11.8 CAO
- 11.9 Report of Council

12. Other Business


- 12.1 Current Cash Position March 31, 2024

13. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024-101
Moved by: Raymond St Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk

