

The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for November 27, 2024

Present:

Council:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor
	Rodney Swarek	Councillor
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor
Staff:	Rosalie Evans	Acting Deputy Clerk – via Zoom
	Renée Berube	Deputy Clerk
Public:	Angelo Bazzoni	(departed 8:35 p.m.)
	Nicole Simpson	(departed 7:52 p.m.)
	Crystal Wilson	(departed 7:52 p.m.)

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Amendment & Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-233

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of White River amend the agenda for this evening’s meeting by adding, as Item 11.3, the minutes from the Closed Session portion of the Regular Council Meeting held November 13, 2024;
AND, FURTHER, THAT Council adopts the agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2024, as so amended.

Carried

4. Delegations

White River Curling Club

- Nicole Simpson presented on behalf of the White River Curling Club. The club is interested in re-starting for this season, with assistance from volunteers and the White River Economic Development Corporation.
- The historic “rental” agreement was discussed. It was noted that there are other activities and/or users needing the space, and it would need to be a shared use arrangement.
- The Township’s aim is to cover costs while also encouraging usage. Flexibility for events and activities from other clubs or users will be required.
- The current condition of the facility was reviewed, together with repairs that need to be done.
- Insurance and licensing will both be retained by the curling club.
- The Economic Development Corporation is interested and willing to help get the Curling Club up and running again.
- Communication needs to be open and continuing as matters progress.

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

Resolution No. 2024-234

Moved by: Councillor St Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River directs administration to amend the Open Session minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2024, as circulated, to correct Item 14, noting that the next Council meeting is the Regular Council meeting of November 27th; not December 11th as noted;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Council adopt the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, as so amended.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from the minutes was raised.

7. Departmental Reports

7.1 Community Development and Beautification Committee

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday December 2, 2024. The council allocated \$10,000 for the beautification projects in the 2024 budget, and \$9,613 has been committed this year. The Committee is planning for the construction of 5 more stands this winter.

7.2 Recreation & Events Committee

No report was available for this meeting.

7.3 Community Development Committee

Local homelessness issues were highlighted. It was noted that there are concerns with individuals living in recreational vehicles and/or trailers. Applications for rental units appear to be being denied despite vacant units being obvious. It was suggested a letter be sent to inquire about the reasons behind the denials.

It was noted that available tourism enhancement grants/funding need to be verified and/or explored.

7.4 Water/Sewer

Water levels are improving. There are some planned upgrades and fixes which will improve overall function of the ozone system.

7.5 Public Works

No report was available for this meeting.

7.6 Parks & Recreation

No report was available for this meeting.

7.7 Fire Department

Issues with the fume extractor system were noted. This will be addressed through recalibration.

Deputy Clerk Report

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

Resolution No. 2024-235

Moved by: Councillor Bharad
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River receive the Departmental reports listed under item 7 of this evening's agenda.

Carried

8. Correspondence

8.1 Email: GIS Services (Report from Acting Deputy Clerk)

The Acting Deputy Clerk reviewed the correspondence, and her report, with Council.

Resolution No. 2024-236

Moved by: Councillor St. Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is directed to take the necessary steps to contract GIS services with CGIS Spatial Solutions at an annual cost of \$3,600.00.

Carried

8.2 Notice: Merchants Dinner & Dance

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

9. Resolutions

9.1 Disbursements

Resolution No. 2024-237

Moved by: Councillor Bharad
Seconded by: Councillor St Louis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of November 27, 2024, in the amount of \$82,120.22.

Carried

10. Other Business

10.1 Cash Position

Members present reviewed the report which had been prepared for information.

11. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-238

Moved by: Councillor St Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:36 pm, 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 those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, for which the meeting was closed, in order to address the minutes of the closed session portion of the Council meeting held November 13th, 2024 at Item 11.3 of this evening's agenda, and under 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 the reports at Items 11.1 and 11.2 of this evening's agenda..

Carried

During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed.

Resolution No. 2024-239

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:50 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. 2024-240

Moved by: Councillor Swarek
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

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 November 13, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-241

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of White River authorizes the Acting Deputy Clerk and the Deputy Clerk to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

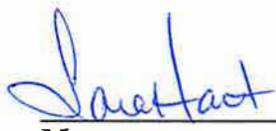
Carried

12. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, Mayor Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

13. Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is the Regular Meeting on December 11, 2024.



Mayor



Deputy Clerk