

## The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Open Session of the Special Meeting of Council held September 11, 2024.

Present:	Tara Hart	Mayor
	Dwijen Bharad	Councillor (Remote via Zoom)
	Rob Sedore	Councillor
	Rosalie Evans	Acting Deputy Clerk (Remote via Zoom)
	Renée Berube	Administrative Assistant
Regrets:	Raymond St. Louis	Councillor

Members of the Public:

Angelo Bazzoni; Cheryl Raiche; Valerie Chiasson; and Chantel Wilson

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations were made.

4. Resolution to Amend & Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-171

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River Amend the agenda for the Special Meeting of September 4, 2024, with four additions:

- a) As Item 9.5, correspondence from the Legion;
- b) As Item 10.4, resolution to approve Fire Inspection-related repairs to the Community Center;
- c) As Item 10.5, resolution to approve the Insurance Renewal quotation; and
- d) As Item 10.6, recommendations relating to the awarding of a contract for the landfill site expansion project.

AND, FURTHER, THAT the agenda, as so amended, be approved.

Carried

5. Delegations

No delegations were scheduled.

6. Resolution to Adopt Minutes of Prior Council Meetings (Open Session)

It was noted that the minutes of the August 14, 2024 meeting need amendment. A matter considered at the meeting had been unrecorded.

Resolution No. 2024-172

Moved by: Councillor Bharad

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on August 14, 2024, be amended. Firstly, Councillor Sedore was not present. Secondly, the minutes should be amended to include the consideration of a report by Kresin Engineering, related to the result of the tender for repairs to the Community Center roof. The matter had been considered, and, on consensus, deferred to the regular Council meeting of August 28, 2024. The Acting Deputy Clerk is directed to amend the minutes to reflect this.

Resolution No. 2024-173

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approves the Open Session minutes, as circulated, for the following meetings:

- a) Special meeting of July 28, 2024;
- b) Special meeting of August 14, 2024, as amended;
- c) Special meeting of August 29, 2024; and
- d) Special meeting of September 4, 2024.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business from the minutes was raised for discussion.

8. Departmental Reports

8.1 Community Development and Beautification Committee

Councillor Swarek reviewed with members present the report of the Committee's meeting of September 9<sup>th</sup>, included in the agenda package.

8.2 Recreation and Events Committee

Ms. Chantal Wilson, Chair of the Committee, updated members present on the “Corn Fest” held this past weekend. It was very successful, with over 200 attendees. She thanked Council for having closed Winnipeg Street for the event, as it assisted the Committee with logistics.

Ms. Wilson queried the status of the Committee’s request for use of space (Curling Club lounge) in the Community Center. The Acting Deputy Clerk was directed to review the files and schedule a meeting with the Committee to finalize the matter.

8.3    Community Development Committee

Mr. <sup>Angelo</sup> Antonio Bazzoni, Chair of the Committee, asked for follow up on the Committee’s request to meet. He was advised that the matter would be dealt with at Item 9.4 of this evening’s agenda.

He then advised that the committee had met, virtually, with Michelle Galardi last evening, and she will be retained to write grant applications. The Committee is hoping to secure funding to hire a full time Economic Development Officer and an intern to support that work.

(Ms. Wilson, Ms. Raiche and Ms. Chiasson exited the meeting at 7:24 p.m.)

8.4    Water/Sewer

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.5    Public Works

Members present reviewed the report. The Acting Deputy Clerk was directed to contact Public Works to advise that, provided machinery is still available, the work is authorized to proceed, and the Acting Deputy Clerk will provide the purchase order number required.

8.6    Parks and Recreation

Members present reviewed the report. The Acting Deputy Clerk was directed to follow up with Public Works and the Union with respect to working hours.

8.7    Fire Department

No report from the Fire Chief was available. Councillor Swarek provided an update on the construction of the new Fire Hall, based on a site visit held on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

8.8 Acting Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Evans overviewed her report for members present. A review of the two appended job descriptions was deferred to the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

8.9 Members of Council

Councillor Sedore updated members present on the activities of the Thunder Bay District Municipal League.

Mayor Hart updated members present on the Mayors' meeting held in Wawa earlier in the day, and on ADSAB activities. It was noted that the ROMA annual conference will be held January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Toronto. It was noted that the Ontario Provincial Police detachment board will have its first meeting September 25<sup>th</sup>. More information is required, although Mayors are advised to set aside between \$10,000 and \$25,000 per community for budgeting purposes.

Councillor Swarek asked that a proper communication/telecommunication system be investigated and costed for the 2025 budget. This may involve electrical work, to avoid extension cords underfoot in Council Chambers.

Resolution No. 2024-174

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River receive the departmental reports listed in item 8 of this evening's agenda.

Carried.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Minutes of the White River Community Development Corporation (September 3, 2024)

Members present reviewed the minutes. Mrs. Evans asked for, and received, clarification about the difference between the Development Corporation and the Committee (at Item 8.3 above). It was noted that these minutes are actually minutes of the Committee; not the Corporation. Mr. Bazzoni was asked to discuss this with the Committee secretary for future meeting minute titles.

Mr. Bazzoni left the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Councillor Bharad's internet connection was disrupted at 7:53 p.m. and restored at 7:55 p.m.

9.2 Confederation College – “Driving Opportunities”

The Acting Deputy Clerk was directed to complete the letter as requested. The Acting Deputy Clerk was asked to follow up with Confederation College regarding how residents of White River can participate in the program.

9.3 TSSA Inspection Notification

The Acting Deputy Clerk was directed to follow up with Public Works to get clarification on the equipment that requires inspection.

9.4 Request for meeting with Council from White River CDC-EDC

On consensus, a subcommittee of Council, being Councillors Swarek and Sedore, will meet, together with the Acting Deputy Clerk, with the Committee. The Acting Deputy Clerk was directed to canvass the subcommittee and the Committee, for available dates for a meeting to be held at Council Chambers.

9.5 Request from the Royal Canadian Legion for Support for a Grant Application

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Resolution No. 2024-175

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 169, provides services to seniors within the Community of White River, on a volunteer basis. Council has been advised of its application for a federal grant to support its valued and appreciated work.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of White River supports the application by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 169, to the funding agency for the New Horizons for Seniors Program, and confirms that the Legion’s programs are led by seniors and are volunteer-based, as the program requires;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the Acting Deputy Clerk forward this resolution to the Legion for inclusion in its grant application.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-176

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River receive the correspondence listed in Item 9 of this

evening's agenda.

Carried.

10. Resolutions

- 10.1 Approval of disbursements as of September 4, 2024
- 10.2 Approval of disbursements as of September 11, 2024

Items 10.1 and 10.2 were dealt with in a single resolution.

Resolution No. 2024-177

Moved by: Councillor Bharad  
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approves the disbursements as of September 4th, 2024, in the amount of \$272,788.24, and as of September 11th, 2024, in the amount of \$104,118.80, as circulated.

Carried.

10.3 Community Center Roof Reconstruction

By consensus, this matter was deferred to the next meeting of Council so that funding questions could be investigated.

10.4 Quotation for Rectification work for the Community Hall

Resolution No. 2024-178

Moved by: Councillor Sedore  
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approve the quotation provided by Vulcan Fire and Safety Systems Ltd, as set out in the report at Item 10.4 of this evening's agenda, in the amount of \$5,578.26, including applicable taxes.

Carried.

10.5 Insurance Renewal

Resolution No. 2024-179

Moved by: Councillor Sedore  
Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

The Township of White River Administrative staff have received and reviewed the municipal insurance policy renewal proposal for 2024-2025 provided by Marsh Canada Limited, dated August 28, 2024.

The quoted renewal premium is in the amount of \$135,225.00, plus applicable taxes.



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of White River directs Administrative staff to renew the insurance with Marsh/JLT for a one year period, effective September 15, 2024, to September 15, 2025;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the Acting Deputy Clerk and/or the Mayor be authorized to sign all relevant documents.

Carried

10.6 Awarding a Contract for Landfill Site Expansion

By consensus, this matter was deferred to a special meeting (to be scheduled) devoted to this subject matter.

11. Other Business

11.1 Meeting Schedule for Council

Resolution No. 2024-180

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approves special Council meetings, to be held at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers (and virtually, subject to technological capacity), for the following dates:

- a) Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>;
- b) Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>;
- c) Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>; and
- d) Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

AND FURTHER, THAT the regular meeting of October 9, 2024, be cancelled.

Carried.

A recess was called prior to the scheduled Closed Session. Council recessed at 8:37 p.m. Renée Berube exited the meeting. The meeting was recalled to order by Mayor Hart at 8:45 p.m.

Resolution No. 2024-181

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:46 p.m., 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:

- a) those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended), under which the meetings were closed, in order to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes listed in item 12.1 of this evening's agenda, and to deal with any matters arising from those minutes, as listed in item 12.2 of this evening's agenda;
- b) paragraph 239(2)(k) [instructions with respect to negotiations to be carried on

- by the municipality] of the same legislation, in order to address items 12.4 through 12.6 on this evening's agenda;
- c) 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 Item 12.3 on this evening's agenda; and
  - d) Paragraph 239(2)(c) [proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of property] of the same legislation, in order to address item 12.7 on this evening's agenda.

Carried.

Council entered Closed Session. During Closed Session, the following two procedural resolutions were passed.

Resolution No. 2024-182

Moved by: Councillor Sedore  
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:56 p.m., the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River meet past 10:00 p.m. in order to finish matters on the agenda.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-183

Moved by: Councillor Bharad  
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 10:09 p.m., the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

Carried.

13. Report from Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-184

Moved by: Councillor Bharad  
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approves the Closed Session minutes, as circulated, for the following meetings:

- a) Special meeting of July 28, 2024;
- b) Special meeting of August 14, 2024; and
- c) Special meeting of August 29, 2024.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-185

Moved by: Councillor Swarek  
Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Acting Deputy Clerk be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.



Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-185

Moved by: Councillor Bharad

Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-21, to authorize an agreement with Mrs. Rosalie Evans for Acting Deputy Clerk services, be passed.

Carried.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, Mayor Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

15. Next Council Meeting

As per resolution 2024-180 above, the next meeting will be a special meeting on September 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.



