

The Corporation of the Township of White River

Minutes for the Open Session of the Special Meeting of Council held September 18, 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

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations were made.

4. Resolution to Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-186

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 agenda for the Special Meeting of September 18, 2024, as circulated.

Carried

5. Delegations

No delegations were scheduled.

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

Resolution No. 2024-187

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 Open Session minutes, as circulated, for the meeting of September 11, 2024, with one correction, noting that the public gallery included Mr. Angelo Bazzoni; not Mr. Antonio Bazzoni.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Matters Deferred:

7.1a Community Centre Roof Reconstruction

Resolution No. 2024-188

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 recommendation of the Project Management Engineers to award the contract for the Roof re-construction at the Community Hall to Maverick & Sons Exterior and Consulting Services Inc., as set out in the report at Item 7.1(a) of this evening's agenda, with Phase One to be completed in 2024 (in the amount of \$135,450.00, plus bonding in the amount of \$13,500.00), and Phase Two to be completed pending funding notification.

Carried

7.1b Job Descriptions

Deputy Clerk:

Resolution No. 2024-189

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approve the job description for the Deputy Clerk position, as presented.

Carried

Director of Operations

Resolution No. 2024-190

Moved by: Councillor Swarek

Seconded by: Councillor Sedore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of the Township of White River approve the job description for the Director of Operations position, as presented, with the following amendments:

- a) Make it more clear that the “step in” position is for emergency coverage – not day-to-day for “hands on” work;
- b) With respect to municipal law enforcement, add that the position is responsible for reviewing bylaws and making recommendations for changes;
- c) With respect to regular reporting; this needs to be in writing; not verbal; and the incumbent needs to attend regular council meetings to present reports; and
- d) On page two, correct “Deputy Clerk” to “Director of Operations.

Carried

8. Departmental Reports

8.1 Community Development and Beautification Committee

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.2 Recreation and Events Committee

No report was submitted for this meeting. The Acting Deputy Clerk was requested to confirm that it had not been received.

8.3 Community Development Committee

Mr. Banozzi reported that a meeting was scheduled for October 1st with the EDC regarding next steps, and other matters.

8.4 Water/Sewer

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.5 Public Works

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.6 Parks and Recreation

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.7 Fire Department

No report was submitted for this meeting.

8.8 Acting Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Evans overviewed her report for members present.

8.9 Members of Council

No Council members had no matters to report since the last meeting, last Wednesday, September 11th, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024-191

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

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 Lakehead Regional Safety Council Petition – Request to Sign – Early Warning Lights

Members present discussed the correspondence. On consensus, it was agreed that the petition could be submitted for public comment. A copy should be at the front counter, as well as posted on the website and Facebook pages.

9.2 Quotations for Work on Grading (etc.) Around the Fire Hall

On consensus, this matter was deferred to the meeting of September 25, 2024.

10. Resolutions

No resolutions were presented for this Special Meeting of Council.

10.6 Awarding a Contract for Landfill Site Expansion

11. Other Business

No other business was presented for this Special Meeting of Council.

A brief recess was called prior to the scheduled Closed Session. Council recessed at 7:48 p.m. Renée Berube exited the meeting. The meeting was recalled to order by Mayor Hart at 7:59 p.m.

Resolution No. 2024-192

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:59 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 meeting was closed, in order to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes listed in item 12.1 of this evening's ageof September 11th, 2024, and to deal with any matters arising from those minutes, as listed in item 12.2 of this evening's agenda;
- b) 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;
- c) paragraph 239(2)(k) [instructions with respect to negotiations to be carried on by the municipality] of the same legislation, in order to address item 12.4 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 12.5 on this evening's agenda.

Carried.

Council entered Closed Session. During Closed Session, the Acting Deputy Clerk lost virtual connection from 8:29 p.m. to 8:33 p.m. During Closed Session, Councillor Swarek exited the meeting at 9:15 p.m. During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed.

Resolution No. 2024-193

Moved by: Councillor Sedore

Seconded by: Councillor Bharad

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:30 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. 2024-194

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 Regular Meeting of Council held September 11, 2024.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-195

Moved by: Councillor Sedore
Seconded by: Councillor Swarek

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

Carried.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, Mayor Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

15. Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting is the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2024. It was noted that Mayor Hart will be appearing virtually, but all other members of council were anticipated (at this time) to be present on site.



Acting Mayor



Acting Deputy Clerk