

WHITEWATER REGION COUNCIL SUMMARY



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May 1st, 2025

Here is a summary of the Regular Meeting of the Council on **April 2nd, 2025**. Full agendas can be found here: <https://whitewaterregion.civicweb.net/Portal/>. The video is available on our YouTube page. This summary does not constitute the official record of the meeting and approved Minutes should be consulted for that purpose.

Presentations and Public Meetings

Council received a presentation from Kelly Hollihan on behalf of the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce. She provided an overview of the Chamber's role in supporting and advocating for local businesses across the region. More information about their services, membership, and upcoming events can be found at upperottawavalleychamber.com.

Mayor's Address

Mayor Nicholson attended six meetings and events on behalf of Council since the last council meeting, highlights of the address include:

- Highlighted the 5th anniversary of RCVTAC, a County-led initiative providing care to residents without access to a family doctor. The Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, visited to recognize the anniversary as well as the success and impact of the initiative.
- Provided an update on Ottawa River freshet monitoring, noting that the Township continues to participate in regional meetings and will share information as it is available.
- The Mayor recognized World Autism Day on April 2, emphasizing the importance of advocacy and inclusivity. He also noted the announcement of new U.S. tariffs, encouraging local businesses to report impacts and reaffirming the Township's support for buy-local and buy-Canadian efforts.

Public Works

Council approved quotations 60725-25.1 from Armtec Inc. for the purchase of culverts through Canoe Procurement. The culverts are to be used for the 2025 Capital Road Projects consisting of Grants Settlement Road, Cemetery Road, and Wallace/Simmons Drive.

Council approved awarding the joint street sweeping tender, in partnership with the County of Renfrew, to Valley Street Sweeping. The work is scheduled to be completed by May 23, 2025.

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Community Development

Council approved to award Tender 2025-02 Banners to Krueger Signs to supply the banners and the necessary hardware. The seasonal banners will be installed in the villages and hamlets of the Township as a Capital Project.

Council approved the use of Tourist Booth Reserves to fund the Township's portion of the Whitewater Digital Kiosks project, supported by a grant from the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation. The kiosks will be used to display the new soon-to-be launched tourism website created through a RED grant.

Council received the 2024 Community Improvement Plan (CIP) program summary report for information purposes. The report provides information on the CIP as well as the 2024 applications the Township received.

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Office of the CAO

Council approved to appoint Megan Suitor as a new member of the Whitewater Region Public Library Board, joining the resident board members: Monica La Grotta, Angela Butterworth, Jim Butterworth, Mary Clark, Sarah Laut, and Dr. Jamal Hejazi.

Council received the Integrity Commissioner's 2024 Annual Update for informational purposes. The report outlined the Commissioner's role in advising Council members on ethical obligations under policies such as the Council Code of Conduct. In 2024, no formal complaints were received, and one request for advice was submitted.

Council approved support for the Beachburg Lions Club's application to the Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund for a proposed addition to the Hall, which will include an enclosed ramp and a barrier-free washroom. Council also authorized the CAO to execute the necessary documents in partnership with the Beachburg Lions Club.

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Announcements

Members of Council announced the following:

- Councillor Trimm announced the opening of Country Kitchen in Cobden
- Councillor Moore noted that the Seniors Group is participating in the Grand Pals program with the Beachburg Public School
- Councillor Tabbert highlighted the summer camps and swim programs being offered by various organizations this year.

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