

WHITEWATER REGION COUNCIL SUMMARY



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July 9th, 2025

Here is a summary of the Regular Meeting of the Council on **July 9, 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.

Mayor's Address

Mayor Nicholson attended six meetings and events on behalf of Council, including County Council on June 25th and a Renfrew County & District Health Unit (RCDHU) meeting on July 8th. Additional highlights included:

- Wilderness Tours celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 29th.
- Thank you extended to all the Canada Day volunteers and organizations.
- County Council Highlights (June 25):
 - Received a presentation from the Renfrew County Agricultural Development Committee. Council members asked how we might better invest in agriculture in the Whitewater Region; the Committee will follow up with additional input.
 - An update was provided from the Ministry of Transportation on infrastructure projects in Renfrew County, including the planned twinning of Highway 17.
 - Two new paramedic bases will be established to replace the existing facility at Pembroke Regional Hospital - one located in Whitewater Region and one in Pembroke.
- 2025 Summer Company Program is officially launched, and a youth from the Whitewater Region has been selected to participate.

Office of the CAO

- Council approved an agreement with the Tourism-Oriented Directional Signing (TODS) program for the installation of two directional signs on Highway 17, identifying the McDonald Burial Ground. The Township will fund the \$1,200 signage fee for the first year of the two-year term and will explore additional funding opportunities to help offset the total cost. The Cobden Legion has generously committed to covering the first year's expense.
- Council received an update on the selection of an election services provider for the upcoming 2026 Municipal Election. Whitewater, in partnership with eight other municipalities, selected Voatz to provide internet and telephone voting and optical scanning vote tabulators through a joint RFP process. The total cost is \$16,430.41,

including a 5% group discount. The Clerk will proceed with the agreement with funding allocated from the approved 2026 election budget.

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Community Services

- Council approved entering into an agreement with Hungry Fan Canteen for the 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 seasons at the Cobden Astrolabe Arena.
- Council approved the reallocation of \$25,000 from the 2025 Recreation Capital Budget - originally designated for arena flooring - to address emergency asbestos abatement and restoration work in the stairwell. Upon receiving cost estimates for the flooring project, it was determined that the allocated amount was insufficient to complete the full scope of work. The flooring project will be deferred and included for consideration in a future budget.

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Community Development

- Council approved a pre-servicing agreement for Phases 3 and 4 of the Wren Subdivision. This agreement allows the developer to begin underground infrastructure work - such as water, wastewater, and stormwater systems - prior to final subdivision approval. All work will proceed at the developer's risk and must meet municipal standards.

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Environmental Services

- Council approved entering into an agreement with Miller Waste Services for the curbside collection of non-eligible source blue box material. A separate agreement was also approved with Circular Materials Ontario to provide funding for Blue Box promotion and education during the July - December 2025 transition period. The total cost of collection and tipping fees is estimated at \$7,230, partially offset by \$836 in funding from CMO.

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Announcements

Members of Council announced the following:

- Deputy Mayor Regier congratulated Public Works Manager Cleroux on his recent graduation from the AMCTO Executive Diploma in Municipal Management.
- Councillor Tabbert highlighted two upcoming community events: the *Kids, Cops and Canadian Tire Fishing Derby* on July 12 and the *Tour de Whitewater* on July 19 in Westmeath. She also noted that the Boyer-Laderoute Park shelter is nearing

completion, made possible through a partnership between the municipality and Tour de Whitewater.

- Councillor Moore reminded residents of the upcoming Beachburg Fair along with an upcoming Ottawa River Power meeting.

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