

Council Highlights

Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday February 17, 2026

Council Highlights are a brief summary of recent Whitestone Council proceedings, but are not inclusive of all agenda items. Please refer to [Council Meetings](#) for the full agenda, official meeting minutes, and other supporting documents.



Next Meeting: Regular Council Budget Meeting, Wednesday March 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. – **THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY ZOOM VIDEO- and TELCONFERENCING ONLY**

Presentations:

Two groups made presentations to Council at today's meeting. The West Parry Sound Health Centre's staff presentation outlined how operations at the Whitestone Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic have evolved since the introduction of the *Primary Care Act 2025*. Their presentation can be found [here](#). WPSHC staff drew attention to the [North East Region Virtual Care website](#) that provides online access to more timely care.

Rotary Club members shared an overview of their community work and highlighted this year's 3-Pitch Rotary Strikes Cancer tournament. Event details are available on their [website](#).

Council appreciated the participation of both groups and the helpful information and insights they shared.

Staff Reports:

2025 fourth-quarter reports were presented by [Whitestone Fire and Rescue Services](#), [Planning Services](#) and [Building Services](#). Click on the department to view the report.

Business Matters:

Council received an update from the Whitestone McKellar Lions Club on the success of the bottle shed collection. A total of \$15,410.90 was raised, with more than 80% of the proceeds reinvested into the community through various service and support programs. The Lions Club will continue bottle collection this year to further support local initiatives. Council thanked the Club for its ongoing contributions to the community.

Council signed a Proclamation celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Whitestone Public Library and Technology Centre. The library has proven an important social hub in the community with dedicated staff, volunteers, supporters and patrons. Events are planned throughout 2026 – check their [website](#) to see some history and find out about all the services the library offers!

Correspondence

Council requested that a resolution be brought forward to the March 17 meeting to outline the concerns they share with South River regarding volunteer firefighter certification requirements. This issue affects all remote municipalities that rely on volunteer fire services.

Councillor Items:

Congratulations to Parry Sound resident Megan Oldham, Olympic gold medal winner in big air and bronze medal winner of the 2026 slopestyle skiing events!

Other items included a reminder that, during budget discussions, Council emphasized the importance of allocating funds for an ice resurfer for the DunDome to donate to the Whitestone Lake Public School.

Council asked staff for an update on establishing a date for the Official Plan review and on the anticipated release of an RFP for grant-funding opportunities.
