

Council Highlights

Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday November 18, 2025

Council Highlights are a brief summary of recent Whitestone Council proceedings. Council Highlights 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: Special Council Meeting, Thursday December 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m. for Pre-budget discussion

Presentations:

At this month's council meeting, members heard two presentations. Ellen Walker, Executive Director of West Parry Sound Ontario Health Team, spoke about the future of healthcare in a way that reflects the needs and the strengths of our local communities, including clearing the Healthcare Connect waitlist by spring of 2026, and 100% of people being attached to a family doctor or nurse practitioner by 2029.

Keith Barrick and Tom DeBoer appeared before Council to present themselves to the community and respond to questions concerning their plans for the Whitestone Woods recreational property. Council sought assurances that they were engaging with all levels of government on matters of environmental and economic impact. There will be an open house on November 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Centre, providing the public with further details.

Staff Reports:

Staff from [Planning](#), [Building](#), and [Fire](#) Departments shared Third Quarter reports and answered Council's questions. Click on each department name to find the respective report.

Business Matters:

- The 2026 Council meeting schedule was confirmed. There are several dates that have been changed from the third Tuesday of each month. The schedule can be found [here](#).
- Council approved a resolution supporting Dryden's request to the province for mandatory "Swim-to-Survive" programs in elementary schools.

Correspondence:

- Council is taking steps to keep the community informed about blue-green algae. Staff will invite the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit to an upcoming meeting to speak on the issue and answer questions. The municipal website has also been refreshed to make information easier to locate.
- Council reviewed correspondence about the ongoing issue of the Near North District School Board's timelines for the 'mega-school'.

Councillor Items:

- Council provided direction to staff regarding the installation and functionality of accessible doors in all municipal buildings; bringing the Short-Term Rental By-law back to Council; improving the landfill, the former 'Twist' property and the telephone lines in the office; reviewing the Procurement Policy
 - The results of the 2025 audit will be presented at the December Regular Council meeting
 - The Recreation Committee is moving ahead with the food pantry and will be making an announcement in the weeks ahead
 - The Christmas tree lighting will take place this year on November 30, and other holiday events are being planned
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