

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE

-MINUTES-

**-DRAFT- to be approved at
the February 20th, 2018 council meeting**

**Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2018
6:30 p.m., Community Centre, in Dunchurch**

Present: Chris Armstrong, Mayor
Colette Deacon, Councillor
Joe Lamb, Councillor
Joe McEwen, Councillor

Staff: Barbara Cribbett, Interim Treasurer
Clayton Harris, Interim CAO
Jennifer Wadden, Deputy-Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer

Others: Donald Sanderson - Ad-Hoc Wellness & Pool Recreational Committee

Regrets: George Comrie, Councillor

Visitors: 6

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Mayor Chris Armstrong called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof: None noted.

Adoption of the Agenda

2018-28 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Colette Deacon
That the Council Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed and circulated.
Carried

Adoption of the Minutes for the Regular Council (Committee of the Whole) Meeting

2018-29 Moved by Councillor Joe McEwen
Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb
That the Minutes of the Regular Council (Committee of the Whole) Meeting of
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 be adopted as printed and circulated. **Carried**

Accounts Payable

2018-30 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Joe McEwen
That the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$83,284.24 and payroll in the amount of \$8,854.89 be approved for payment. **Carried**

Receipt of Minutes for the Recreation Committee Meeting

2018-31 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Joe McEwen
That the Minutes for the Recreation Committee Meeting of January 17, 2018 be received as presented and circulated. **Carried**

Recreation Committee Recommendation to Council – Staff Recorder

2018-32 Moved by Councillor Colette Deacon
Seconded by Councillor Joe McEwen
That the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby receives the Recreation Committee's recommendation to appoint a staff member to the Recreation Committee as a Recorder. **Carried**

Recreation Committee Recommendation to Council – Waterfront Development

2018-33 Moved by Councillor Colette Deacon
Seconded by Councillor Joe McEwen
That the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby receives the Recreation Committee's recommendation to further invest in the waterfront development. **Carried**

Military Service Recognition Book

2018-34 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Joe McEwen
That the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves the purchase of a 1/10th page colour ad, similar to prior years, in the 5th Military Service Recognition Book. **Carried**

Request the Province assign the Municipality of Whitestone to a Catholic School Board Jurisdiction - Council Supports the Township of the Archipelago - Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

2018-35 Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by Councillor Colette Deacon

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has a public and a separate school board system;

AND WHEREAS students from the Municipality of Whitestone attend either school board;

AND WHEREAS property taxes fund a significant portion of the operations of each school board;

AND WHEREAS property tax payers in the Province of Ontario are entitled to direct which school board their property tax dollars will support;

AND WHEREAS property tax payers in the Province of Ontario are entitled to vote for school board trustees;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Whitestone has not been assigned to the jurisdiction of a Separate (Catholic) School Board; and

AND WHEREAS the property tax payers in the Municipality of Whitestone are therefore unable to vote for Separate School Board trustees or direct their tax support to the Separate School Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario assign the Municipality of Whitestone to a separate school jurisdiction prior to the 2018 municipal election;

AND FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Township of the Archipelago for their support; and

AND FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to The Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the local MPP.

Carried

Council Supports the Ontario Good Roads Association Resolution– Municipal Class Environment Assessment (MCEA) Process Review

2018-36 Moved by Councillor Joe McEwen
 Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb

WHEREAS a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993 (EBR Act);

AND WHEREAS impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence;

AND WHEREAS the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions;

AND WHEREAS analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process;

AND WHEREAS in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken;

AND WHEREAS local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Municipality of Whitestone requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs;

AND FURTHER that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the Planning Act;

AND FURTHER that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

Carried

Regular Council (Committee of the Whole-Budget) Meeting February 13, 2018 – Cancelled

2018-37

Moved by Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by Councillor Colette Deacon

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby cancels the Regular Council (Committee of the Whole-Budget) Meeting scheduled for February 13th, 2018;

AND FURTHER that this meeting be combined with the Regular Council (Committee of the Whole) Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 19th, 2018.

Carried

In Camera

2018-38

Moved by Councillor Colette Deacon

Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb

That Council proceeds with the meeting in Closed Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Closed Session Minutes – December 4, 2017.
2. Closed Session Minutes – January 8, 2018.
3. Closed Session Minutes - January 23, 2018.
4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Administration Department, Treasurer Recruitment.
5. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board.
6. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Community & Economic Development Committee (CEDC) – Resignations. **Carried**

Open Session

2018-39 Moved by Councillor Colette Deacon
 Seconded by Councillor Joe McEwen
 That Council moves out of Closed Session at 8:55 p.m. and continues the Open Council meeting. **Carried**

Treasurer Recruitment

2018-40 Moved by Councillor Colette Deacon
 Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb
 That the Mayor and the Deputy-Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer be authorized to execute an agreement with Tim Dobbie Consulting to undertake the recruitment of a Treasurer for the Municipality of Whitestone. **Carried**

Walking Trail Committee

2018-41 Moved by Councillor Joe McEwen
 Seconded by Councillor Colette Deacon
 That Terms of Reference will be drafted to set up a Walking Trail Committee for the Municipality of Whitestone. **Carried**

By-Law No. 09-2018, Confirming By-Law

2018-42 Moved by Councillor Colette Deacon
 Seconded by Councillor Joe Lamb
THAT By-Law No. 09-2018, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 5th, 2018, be Read a First and Second time this 5th day of February, 2018;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 5th day of February, 2018 and numbered 09-2018. **Carried**

Adjournment

2018-43

Moved by Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by Councillor Colette Deacon

That this Council meeting be adjourned at 8:57 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dunchurch Community Centre, since the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 has now been cancelled.

Chris Armstrong

Mayor

Clayton Harris

Clerk

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