



The Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone

**Agenda of Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

Dunchurch Community Centre

and

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

6:30 p.m.

National Anthem

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Municipality of Whitestone recognizes all of Canada resides on traditional, unceded and/or treaty lands of the Indigenous People of Turtle Island.

We recognize our Municipality on The Robinson Huron Treaty territory is home to many past, present and future Indigenous families.

This acknowledgment of the land is a declaration of our commitment and collective responsibility to reconcile the past, and to honour and value the culture, history and relationships we have with one another.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. Approval of Agenda ®

4. Presentations and Delegations - None

5. Planning Items

- 5.1 Report – Planning Consultant
Environmental Protection (EP) Zones
Municipality of Whitestone Zoning By-law No 07-2018 ®
- 5.2 Memo: Update on Salvatori et al, Application to Close and Purchase a section of
Road Allowance ®
- 5.3 Ambiance Fine Homes - Ontario Land Tribunal decision of March 10, 2023

Reconvene into Regular Meeting ®

Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole

Move into Public Meeting ®

6. Public Meeting

- 6.1 Memo: Greenwood Way – Road Naming

Reconvene into Regular Meeting ®

Matters Arising from Public Meeting

7. Consent Agenda ®

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. A Member of Council may request one or more items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and/or action.

- 7.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 7.1.1 Special Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday March 30, 2023
 - 7.1.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 4, 2023.
 - 7.1.3 Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

- 7.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 4)

Matters Arising from Consent Agenda

8. Accounts Payable

- 8.1 Accounts Payable ®

9. Staff Reports

- 9.1 Report PW-2023-05
Update on Municipal Boat Launches ®
- 9.2 Memo:
2020-2022 Environmental Compliance Monitoring Report Aulds Road Landfill Site ®
Link to full report: [Municipality of Whitestone - Landfill Monitoring Reports](#)
- 9.3 Report BLDG-2023-02
Building Services update and Building Permit activity – January 1 to March 31, 2023 ®

- 10. By-Laws**
 - 10.1 By-law 28-2023, being a By-law to appoint an alternate By-law Enforcement Officer ®
 - 10.2 By-law 29-2023, being a By-law to name a Private Road – Greenwood Way ®

- 11. Business Matters**
 - 11.1 Items from April 4, 2023 Council meeting**
 - 11.1.1 Town of Parry Sound letter and resolution regarding the Mega School, dated March 14, 2023. ®
 - 11.1.2 Planning Items Invoices – Discussion request per Councillor Nash

- 12. Correspondence ®**
 - 12.1 Correspondence from April 4, 2024 Council meeting
 - 12.2 New Correspondence

Matters Arising from Correspondence

- 13. Councillor Items**
- 14. Questions from the Public**
- 15. Confirming By-law ®**
- 16. Adjournment ®**

Unfinished Business

DATE	ITEM AND DESCRIPTION	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS
April 2019	Animal and Bird Control By-law	Agricultural Committee	DRAFT By-law for information and discussion presented at for the Regular Council meeting of October 4, 2022. For discussion by Council in 2023
March 15, 2021	Review of By-law 20-2014 (being a By-law for the licensing, regulating/governing of rental units in Whitestone)	Ad Hoc Committee	On June 7, 2022 Council passed a By-law to amend the Municipality's Zoning By-law in regards to a revision of the definition of Short-Term Rental Unit. The last date for filing a notice of appeal was the 11th day of July, 2022 A revised By-law for the licensing, regulating/governing of rental units and protocol is in process. Further work on this issue to be done in 2023.
Feb 22, 2022	Staff Report PW-2022-01 Churlee Road Boat Launch THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Staff Report PW-2022-01 (Churlee Road Boat launch) for information, AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby provide the following direction: Staff to investigate further requirements for boat launching on the north basin of Whitestone Lake.	Manager of Public Works	Report presented at the September 6, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Follow-up from the September 6, 2022 Council meeting – staff to consider the possibility of a boat launch adjacent to a CRA that runs off of Farley's Road. Report to Council April 18, 2023

<p>March 15, 2022</p>	<p>By-law 16-2022, being a By-law for a Zoning By-law amendment to rezone Part of Lot 39, Concession A, geographic Township of McKenzie, now in the Municipality of Whitestone from the Rural (RU) Zone to a Rural (RU) Exception Zone – ANDERSON/PATTERSON</p>	<p>Planning Staff and CBO</p>	<p>To be reviewed with the Applicant January 2024</p>
<p>July 5, 2022</p>	<p>AMBIANCE FINE HOMES INC. Proposed Zoning By-law amendment is to rezone part Lots 40 and 41, Concession A, in the geographic Township of Hagerman and fronting on Highway 124, from the Industrial Pit (M2) Zone to the Industrial (M1) Zone.</p> <p>THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives the Ambiance Fine Homes Inc. Proposed Zoning By-law amendment to rezone part of Lots 40 and 41, Concession A, in the geographic Township of Hagerman and fronting on Highway 124, from the Industrial Pit (M2) Zone to the Industrial (M1) Zone for information.</p> <p>AND THAT the following direction is hereby provided with respect to the next steps:</p> <p>A peer review to be conducted of the planning, environmental, and socio-economic issues associated with the application to address the questions raised by the public, and suggest mitigation measures, at the applicant's cost</p>	<p>CAO/Clerk and Planning Consultant</p>	<p>OLT Settlement hearing March 10, 2022</p> <p>By-law and documents now received and provided to Council and the Public in the April 18, 2023 Council meeting agenda package.</p>
<p>December 5, 2022</p>	<p>THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby approve the use of the Farley's Road boat launch parking area for non-deeded access users at no charge, for the 2022-2023 winter season;</p> <p>AND THAT Staff be requested to report back to Council by April 2023 in respect of parking capacity at the Farley's Road boat launch property and</p>	<p>Manager of Public Works</p>	<p>Report to Council April 18, 2023</p>

	options for increased access for non-deeded access users; AND THAT the title instruments on each of the 12 registry pins be obtained to verify their rights in title.	Planning Assistant	Confirmed – each of the 12 lots have rights in title to the Farley's Road Parking area
January 10, 2023	Council will invite the new Chairperson of the Belvedere Board of Management as well as Township of McKellar Councillor Debbie Zulak to speak to Council in the future about Belvedere Heights and Life Leases	Administrative Staff	April 4, 2023 date cancelled, new date to be determined
March 7, 2023	Staff update the Critical Illness Insurance Coverage from the current amount \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per Council Member	Treasurer	Under review by the Insurance Company
	Staff to work with the Magnatawan Pioneer Association to discuss options that will include boat storage to be permitted, winches will be permitted, no docks or storage boxes permitted and the Municipality assumes no liability or responsibility.	CAO and staff	Meeting to be arranged in mid-April due to availability of Magnatawan Pioneer Association representatives
March 21, 2023	Completion of Audio-Visual upgrades at the Dunchurch Community Centre THAT the Municipality engage an Audio/Visual consultant to produce a specification for purposes of tendering for the required equipment and installation to complete the Community Centre Audio/Visual system	TBD	Timing to be determined

END

Correspondence

(listed in the order they were received by the Clerks Department)

Correspondence from the Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday April 4, 2023

- A. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry letter regarding changes to *Ontario Regulation 161/17* under the *Public Lands Act* dated March 17, 2023.
- B. Town of Essex resolution regarding Short-Term Rental Units dated March 17, 2023.
- C. Municipality of Calvin resolution regarding a moratorium on pupil accommodation reviews dated March 14, 2023.
- D. Lake of Bays resolution regarding the Municipality of Trent Lakes changes to the Oath of Office dated March 14, 2023.
- E. FONOM Executive Award Call for Nominations and the Executive Award Nomination Form.
- F. Town of Essex resolution regarding the reinstatement of Legislation permitting a Municipality to retain surplus proceeds from Tax Sales dated March 22, 2023.
- G. Ministry of the Attorney General letter regarding Royal Assent of Bill 46, Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act, 2023 dated March 24, 2023.
- H. Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility letter regarding Senior of the Year dated March, 2023.
- I. Email from Sue Hicks-Green regarding a by-law for control of cats dated March 22, 2023.

New Correspondence

- J. Town of Parry Sound resolution regarding Bill 5, Stop the Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 dated April 4, 2023.
- K. Township of McKellar resolution regarding the new Mega School dated April 4, 2023.
- L. Township of Clearview resolution regarding barriers for women in politics dated April 5, 2023.
- M. Township of South Glengarry resolution regarding a request to lift the moratorium on pupil accommodation reviews (and school closure) prior to end of the 2022-2023 school year dated April 3, 2023.
- N. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing letter regarding “The Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act” dated April 6, 2023.
- O. Town of Plympton-Wyoming letter regarding Barriers for Women in Politics dated March 22, 2023.
- P. CN Rail Right-of-Way Vegetation Control letter and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) dated April 12, 2023.

PLANNING ITEMS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (EP) ZONES

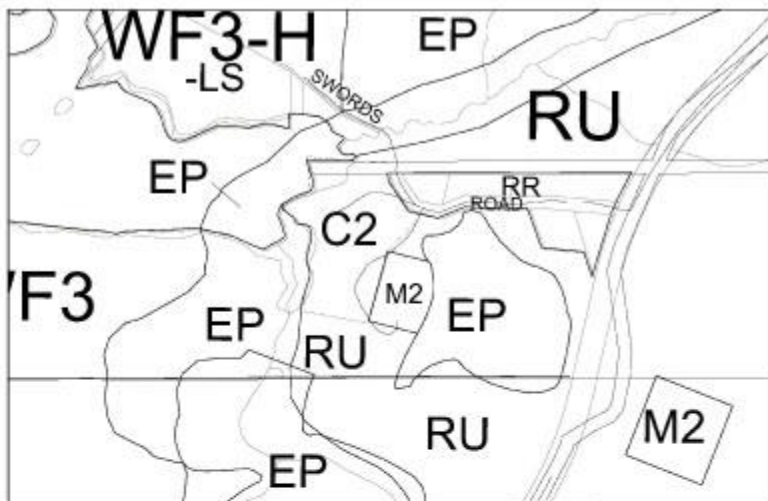
Municipality of Whitestone Zoning by-law No 07-2018.

March 15, 2023

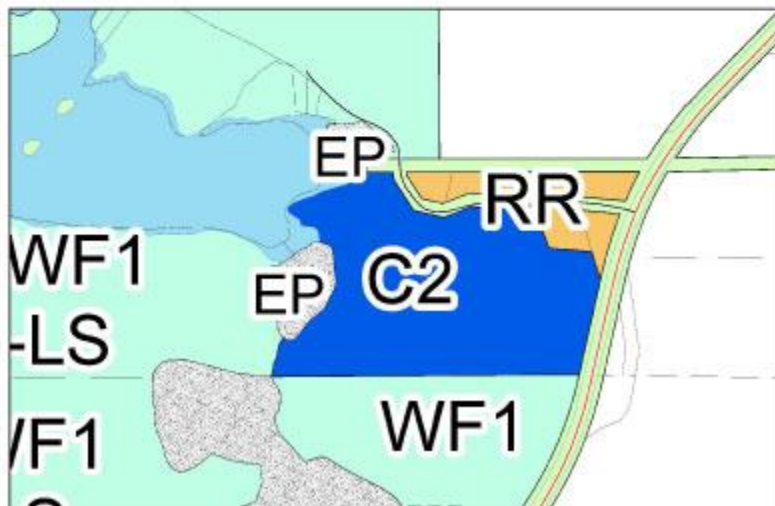
In 2022, a land owner drained an area of wetland on his property that had been created by beaver dams many years ago.

In a previous zoning By-Law (No. 10-2005). The subject beaver dam and adjacent waters were zoned Environmental Protection (EP).

ZONING BY-LAW No. 10-2005



ZONING BY-LAW No. 07-2018



The draining of the wetland created by beaver dams, caused an outcry by Lorimer Lake residents who were concerned over adverse impacts on the lake water quality, fish habitat and wetland loss.

The agencies responsible for the protection of heritage features; Natural Resources (MNR); Environmental Conservation and Parks (MECP); and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (D.F.O.), took no action in this instance although they often appear to be inconsistent in their respective enforcement approaches.

A council report was prepared in June, 2022 giving direction to the question of how council should proceed respecting local wetlands. (copy attached). It was determined that council requested the following.

- i. Report on EP Zones that were inadvertently eliminated from the zoning maps in By-Law No. 10-2005;
- ii. A sample Fill By-Law;
- iii. A sample Site Alteration By-Law;
- iv. How EP zones are managed in other municipalities.

EARLY DIRECTIONS

1. In the early to mid 1980's, we introduced Environmentally Sensitive zones, sometimes referred to as Environmental Protection (EP) Zones.

The extent of these zones reflected boundaries of marshes, wetlands or aquatic areas adjacent to waterfront properties.

These ES or EP areas were established using aerial photography and were overlain on early zoning by-laws in the region.

It needs to be understood that these EP/ES zoned lands were established by John Jackson long before there was any provincial guidelines or criteria.

The various types of wetlands or areas having high water tables were believed to be not only unsuitable for development but important for preserving important ecosystems. A publication describes the seven (7) types of wetlands that existed in the province (circa 1980).

2. In the early 1990's, the province in conjunction with federal fishery biologist devised a Fish Habitat typing protocol and a data base was created to inventory Type 1, Type 2 and Type 3 Fish Habitats.

This typing was carried out through aerial reconnaissance and plotted on the Ontario Base Mapping.

There are no PSW's identified in the Municipality, but only because none have been evaluated.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is responsible for designating PSW's.

DATA SOURCE

The data used to define EP/ES areas comes from:

1. J.J.'s air photo interpretation (localized wetlands/shoreline vegetation)
2. M.N.R. Fish Habitat mapping (data provided on OBM mapping and now on wpsgn.ca)
3. P.S.W.'s Designated by M.N.R. (none currently in Municipality).

The original zoning By-Law, No 10-2005 included ES zonings from all of the above that were transcribed manually to the wpsgn.

This fish habitat mapping was ultimately plotted on the West Parry Sound Geographic Network (WPSGN) where the Type 1 Habitat was flagged and ultimately showed up in municipal zoning by-laws as ES or EP zones.

WETLANDS

In 1983, the province created an evaluation system for wetlands in southern Ontario and further evaluation for Northern Ontario in 1993.

The evaluation system is based upon the accumulation of "points" related to heritage features found in the wetland.

The evaluation system is somewhat biased towards confirming that a wetland is "significant". Any wetland that reaches a 600 point level is considered provincially significant (PSW).

It is important to note that any wetland that is deemed to have potential habitat for an endangered species, e.g. blanding's turtles, hognose or massasauga snakes, would be automatically rated as a PSW.

Does the Municipality wish to advance more detailed restrictions on site disturbances or alteration? Sample fill and site alteration by-laws are attached. This can be a level of control that the Municipality may wish to delay given its management and enforcement

responsibilities that can require significant additional resources in terms of staff and budget.

It is worthwhile to re-instate the localized EP's from the former By-Law? If the Municipality ultimately wishes to consider a future site alteration By-Law or a fill By-Law to regulate wetlands, the old EP's need to be including in the zoning By-Law.

Is it worthwhile to replace the old EP's regardless? As an information exercise, perhaps. The task would take 2-3 days of drafting to re-instate. Does this direction get welcomed by property owners that had EP's removed and now returned? Probably not.

CONCLUSIONS

The most recent zoning By-Law replaced the manual data (tracings that were digitized from multiple sources: M.N.R.: M.P.A.C.; air photos, windshield surveys) with Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) data sets produced by M.N.R./M.P.A.C./Teranet through Land Information Ontario (L.I.O.).

Those features not contained in L.I.O. data sets (e.g. J.J.'s EP zones) did not translate in to the new By-Law.

Was this an error? Not particularly. PSW's or fish habitats or other significant features did get translated in to the new zoning By-Law. Whether a nonsignificant wetland is zoned or not, the legislation protecting heritage features either becomes triggered or it does not. More succinctly, will MECP enforce its own legislation?

The filling of a wetland or the draining of a beaver swamp (Lorimer Lake Resort) can take place either by permit or by a property owner ignoring risks.

Lands that are zoned EP, unless they are PSW's or critical fish habitats, can only be protected if the Municipality has the implementing legislation to restrict such disturbances. These types of controls are set out in site alteration or fill by-laws.

AREA MUNICIPALITIES

	FILL BY-LAW	SITE ALTERATION By-Law	EP ZONES
SEGUIN	✓	✓	1
TOWN	✓		1
CARLING			2
MCKELLAR			1
MCDUGALL			1
GEORGIAN BAY TOWNSHIP	✓	✓	1

THE ARCHIPELAGO	✓	✓ Being developed	3
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The tendency for many area municipalities is towards establishing fill and site alteration by-laws. These come at a cost.

NEXT STEPS

Council may wish to establish a committee to consider the matter and bring back a recommendation.

Respectfully,

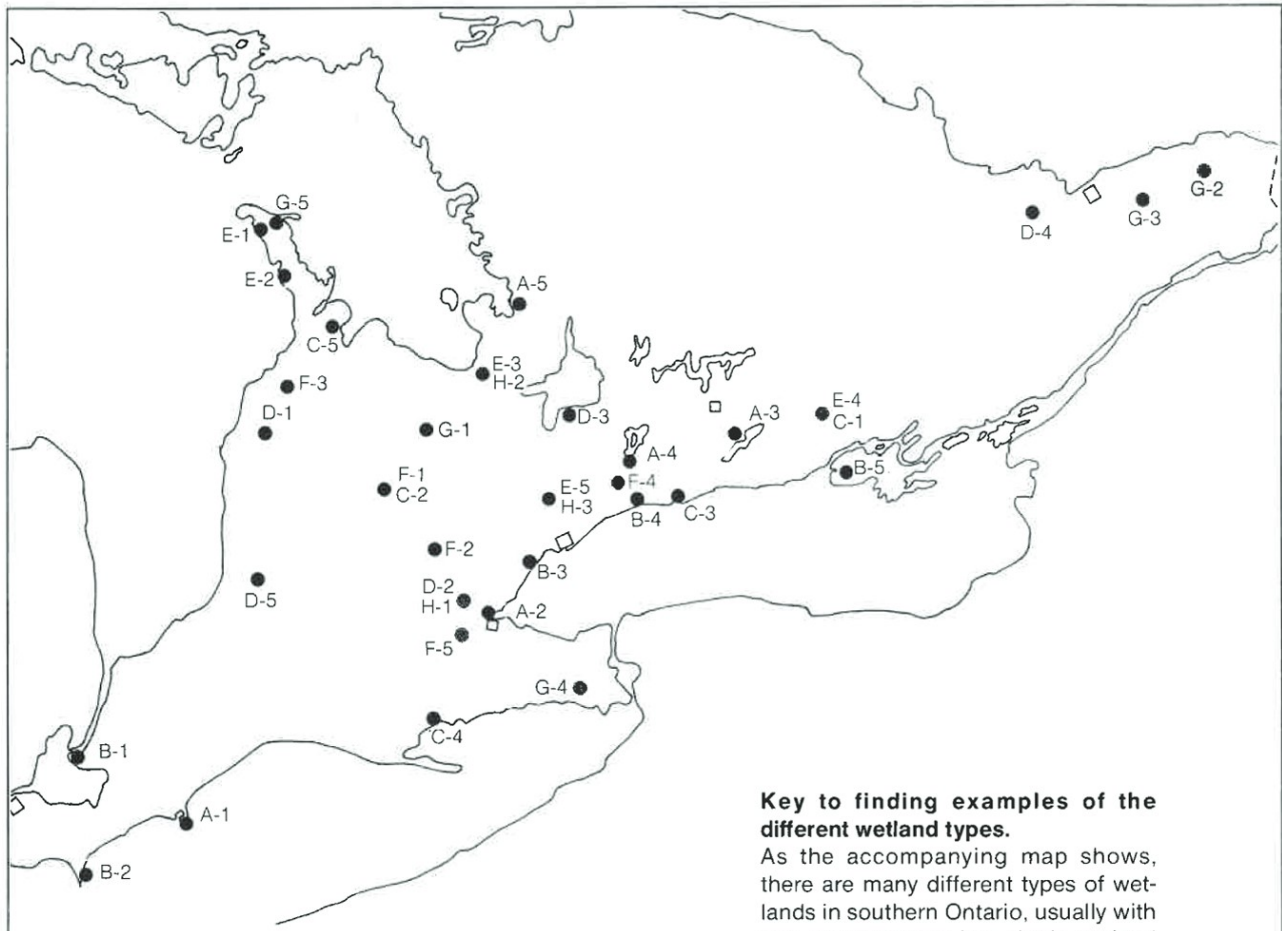


John Jackson

WETLAND PRIMER



ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO THE BASIC WETLAND TYPES



A. REEDSWAMP

- A-1 Rondeau
- A-2 Cootes Paradise
- A-3 Rice Lake
- A-4 Scugog
- A-5 Matchadash Bay

B. MARSH

- B-1 St. Clair
- B-2 Point Pelee
- B-3 Rattray
- B-4 Oshawa Second
- B-5 Prince Edward County

C. CARR

- C-1 Percy Reach
- C-2 Luther

- C-3 Levay's
- C-4 Turkey Point
- C-5 Shallow Lake

D. WOODED SWAMP

- D-1 Greenock
- D-2 Beverly
- D-3 Georgina
- D-4 Stony
- D-5 Hay

E. FEN

- E-1 Dorcas Bay
- E-2 Petrel Point
- E-3 Minesing
- E-4 Percy Reach
- E-5 Pottageville

F. POND BOG

- F-1 South Luther
- F-2 Puslinch
- F-3 Glamis
- F-4 Vandorf
- F-5 Copetown

G. RAISED BOG

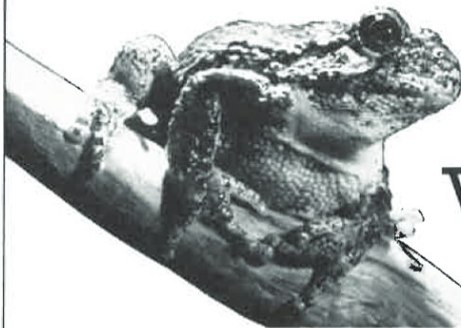
- G-1 Osprey
- G-2 Alfred
- G-3 Mer Bleu
- G-4 Wainfleet
- G-5 Blueberry

H. WOODED FEN

- H-1 Beverly
- H-2 Minesing
- H-3 Pottageville

Key to finding examples of the different wetland types.

As the accompanying map shows, there are many different types of wetlands in southern Ontario, usually with two or more types in a single wetland area. The classes shown here are not rigidly defined – for example, the raised bogs shown on the map are only partially similar to the true raised bogs found in northern Ontario. Nonetheless, by comparing your field trips to these wetlands with the photographs and descriptions on the centrespread chart, you will soon begin to recognize the essential features of each type. No longer will a wet reedy area be just another "marsh." Note that wooded fens have not been shown on the centrespread chart as their vegetation is often similar to a wooded swamp, the difference being that the fens are on organic peat soils and the swamps on mineral or silty soils.



WETLANDS... FOR VALUE RECEIVED

BY DOUGLAS HOFFMAN

The first settlers in Ontario believed that wetlands were of no value at all. They interfered with travel, farming and with living generally. These "swamps" were cold, wet, dirty places — uncomfortable and frightening, and to be avoided. Rapidly after settlement, clearing and draining of the land were commenced to remove this element that decreased the quality of life and also to remove more direct threats to life, real or imagined, that might have lurked within the swamp. Extensive wetlands in many areas of southern Ontario, for example, were suspected of being closely related to the high incidence of malaria-related and other diseases. Drainage was seen not just as necessary, but vital. It was undertaken on a vast scale throughout most of the broad valleylands of southeastern and southwestern Ontario.

Wetlands then, of course, occupied much more of the total land area than they do today. A recent study of forty-one southern Ontario counties concluded that more than half of the original wetlands had been cleared and drained, and much of the rest had been profoundly altered. Most of northeastern Wellington County and southwestern Dufferin County, for instance, was simply called swampland by the early land surveyors. In fact the first surveyor sent to establish the lot lines in this district got so depressed with the land that he returned to Toronto, his work incomplete. It was only the promise that he could name the townships as he wished that attracted him back to the district the following year. Consequently, in the mind of this Irish Catholic gentleman, it was only fitting that this "meanest" of land be given the names of the "meanest" of men — the leaders of the Protestant Reformation, Luther and Melancthon.

Wetlands and peatlands form a considerable resource in Ontario. A 1972 study by two wetland specialists, Ketcheson and Jeglum, revealed that there are over 100 million acres of peatlands in the province, nearly a half of Ontario's total land area. The vast majority are peatlands in northern Ontario within the Hudson Bay Lowland;

southern wetlands comprise only 1-2 percent of the total.

WETLANDS AS NATURAL AREAS:

In their natural state, wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems in the world. One way of measuring an ecosystem's productivity is to estimate its "annual net primary productivity." This term refers to the total growing of all plants in the ecosystem and is derived by digging up, drying and then weighing all the plant material in a given area. According to R. H. Whittaker, another wetlands ecologist, swamps and marshes weigh in at 2000 grams per square metre per year. This figure doesn't mean much until you compare it with lakes and streams at 500, and agricultural land at about 650.

This productivity is in part demonstrated by the wildlife dependent on wetlands for their habitat. Yes, there are millions of mosquitoes, but they, together with thousands of other insects, are important components of the wetland food chain providing the staple foods for birds, reptiles, amphibians and other wildlife. Waterfowl rely on wetlands for feeding, nesting, and migratory staging areas, and decreases in wetland habitat are being reflected in the existing numbers of these birds. Other wildlife use wetlands for all or part of their life cycle. Peter Sullivan of the National Wildlife Federation lists 19 species of small game, 7 species of big game, and 11 species of furbearing animals that depend on freshwater wetlands for their continued survival. Many species of fish, the Northern Pike among others, use wetlands as spawning and rearing areas. In the words of Andy Houser, a biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, wildlife and wetlands in southern Ontario are almost synonymous. Without wetlands, the diversity and numbers of wildlife that we have today simply could not exist.

To the botanist, wetlands are pure delight. Where else could one find a rare and strikingly beautiful orchid side-by-side with insect-eating plants, crayfish,

green snakes, tamarack and rare warblers? A bog, yes! Wetlands provide incredible opportunities for education, research and outdoor recreation through activities that include bird watching, photography, canoeing, plant identification, soil research, and water management.

Their values appear to be limitless. Certainly we cannot put a dollar figure on them. Or can we? Now there is a geographer at the University of Guelph, Reid Kreutzweiser, who says it is possible. For instance, the 10,000 annual visitors to Lake Erie's Long Point marsh placed a value of \$122,000 on the recreation derived from the marsh, and actually spent over \$160,000, of which \$76,000 was spent in the Long Point area on gas, food, lodging, and similar items. Want more dollar values? Well, researchers in the United States have come up with similar values. A study of Michigan's coastal wetlands on Lakes Michigan and Huron, containing 105,855 acres, assesses the fish, wildlife and recreation resources at almost \$52 million each year.

There are, to an extent, unmeasured costs not included in such dollar values. One is the cost of promotion — the amount spent on advertising, boardwalks, interpretation centres and staff, for example. Another is the impact of all those visitors on these fragile wetlands. Quite simply, too many people can love it to death. There is a price to pay for everything, it seems, and preserving the natural features that make wetlands good places to visit means having to limit the number of users; or protect more wetlands.

Part of the problem, of course, is getting people to understand what affect their pursuit of pleasure in the great outdoors can have on sensitive areas. And this does not exempt even the naturalist. I'm sure we all know at least one over-zealous nature lover who, unwitting or no, tramples blithely across a carpet of tiny sundews on his or her way to photograph a pitcher plant.

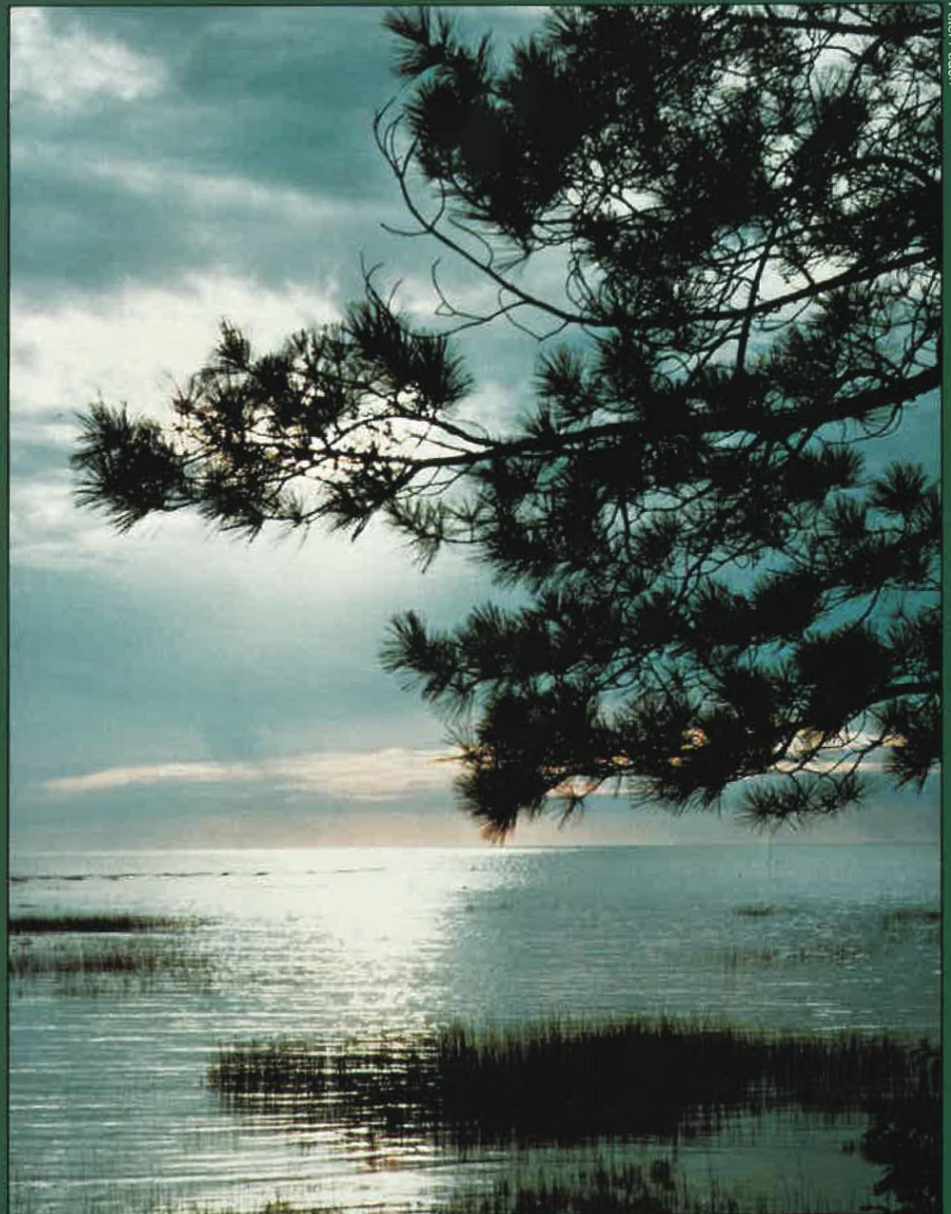
SO YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND WETLANDS...

It's not easy. There are only a handful of true wetland experts in Ontario, and even they have differing theories about how wetlands should be identified and classified. But even as an amateur, you can easily learn to spot basic wetland types, as shown in these photographs. All wetlands are not the same — the various types not only look different, but have their own distinctive wildlife, wildflowers and water levels as well. And each reacts differently to man's abuses. Wetlands all share one feature — a high water table for at least part of the year. This abundance of water affects every facet of wetland ecology — the plants that thrive there, the kind of soils that evolve, the wildlife that finds a home within wetlands.

The seven wetland types shown here are based largely on differences in vegetation, most of them discernible to even the untrained eye. But they also differ in how they were formed. Reedswamps, marshes, catts, and wooded swamps all are based on mixed organic and mineral soils, since they trap silts from periodic flooding to add to their own decomposing leaves and twigs.

Bogs and fens, on the other hand, are based on organic soils, or peatlands, that develop because perpetually wet conditions allow slowly decomposing vegetation to build up thick layers. While bogs are acidic and nutrient-poor, fens are influenced more by seeping ground water, and their grassy meadows can be rich with species.

Not all wetlands fall neatly into these seven categories — there are many transitional situations, or hybrids between the seven most distinctive communities. Usually more than one type occurs in the same wetland area. With practice, however, you can spot the basic features easily, and then know what to expect in vegetation and wildlife in each area. Before you know it, you're on your way to becoming a local expert!



Peter Peach

These areas of sedges, bullrushes, and other emergent plants often occur at the lake-shore edge of a wetland. Soils are usually silty, and the water level is normally above the soil surface. Breeding sites for grebes, coots, black terns and others.



T. R. Fitzharris

Pied-billed Grebe



REEDSWAMP



Harvey Medland



Painted Turtle

J. H. Edmonds

Here we find the greatest diversity of vegetation and wildlife. Sedges and cattails provide homes for marsh wrens, gallinules, rails and many rarer marsh birds. Soils are silty and nutrient-rich, and have a summer water table at or just below the surface.

2 MARSH



John Sparling



Chestnut-sided Warbler

Barry Hanford

These shrubby wetlands with abundant dogwoods, willows, buttonbush and alders provide a favourite spot for Yellow Warblers, Yellowthroats and flycatchers. Soils are deep, black and rich and form a stable mat for shrub and tree growth.

3 CARR



Donald Gunn



Betty Greenacre

Showy Ladies' Slipper Orchid

A rich fen, like this one at Dorcas Bay, supports a breathtaking array of wildflowers. Steady seepage of waters through the fen's organic soils is vital for these grassy areas. Orchids, Dwarf Iris, Butterworts and many rare plants grow profusely.

4 FEN



Peter Peach



Vic Critch

Willow species

Although periodically flooded, wooded swamps need drier summer conditions with lower water levels to encourage growth of Red and Silver Maple, cedar and Black Ash. Yellow-throated Vireos, Blue-grey Gnatcatchers and heronries can be found here.

5 WOODED SWAMP



Joan Gunn



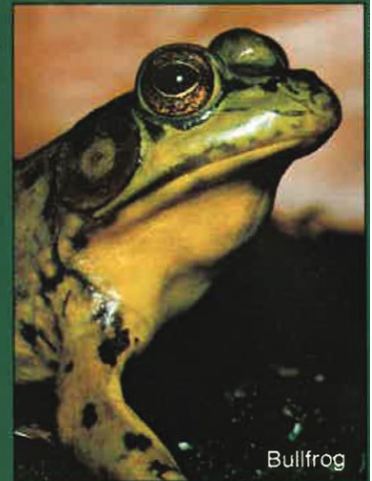
Bogbean

6 RAISED BOG

Typical of much of northern Ontario, they are also scattered through the south. These muskeg soils may receive all their nutrients from rainfall and can cover large areas. The bog surface may be domed, or patterned in a series of elongated pools dammed by intervening ridges. The latter are known as string bogs.



John Sparling



Bullfrog

7 POND BOG

As bog mosses encroach around the edges of a pond fringed with Bog aster, Iris Beaked rush and Carex species, the more typical Black Spruce, Tamarack and Bog Rosemary follow. These bogs receive all their nutrients from rainfall and the surrounding watershed and, being acidic, have low productivity.

To instill a better understanding of wetland ecology in visitors, interpretive programs are provided in some areas: at Long Point marsh on the north shore of Lake Erie; at Mer Bleue bog near Ottawa; and at Wye Marsh near Midland; as well as in some Conservation Authority parks. At Luther Swamp, in the upper reaches of the Grand River, a small lake acts both as habitat for numerous waterfowl and as an interpretive centre to explain the swamp's natural history.

Research, too, is vital to understanding wetlands. But it is seldom strongly supported politically to ensure that all options are taken into account when decisions on land use are made. Some waterfowl research has been conducted in marshes along the Lake Erie and Lake Ontario shores, and Niska Waterfowl Research Station near Guelph combines research with public viewing. With representatives of all North American waterfowl species but two within its boundaries, Niska provides a unique opportunity for study. There are many devoted wetland researchers, but many more — with the funds to support them — are needed.

A major reason for leaving wetlands in an undisturbed state is for their beneficial influence on stream water. Wetlands with a few feet of peat on top of mineral material have a high water-holding capacity, important for protecting both the quality and flow of water. By storing flood waters and detaining them for later release, wetlands can reduce a flood's damage downstream. This is beautifully illustrated by Minesing Swamp. Intelligent water management can take advantage of this characteristic by protecting these natural water reservoirs. The Grand River Conservation Authority, for example, has purchased a large part of Luther Swamp to control this primary source area for maintaining summer water flow, reducing floods, and cleaning out sediments and chemical contaminants. Dozens of swamps supply water to the Grand River, thereby influencing both the water condition and the ground water level. Similar conditions exist in watersheds across Ontario.

Perhaps one of the most important aspects of the wetland ecosystem is its ability to recycle nutrients and to produce oxygen. In the United States some 17-18 million tons of potentially harmful nitrogen-rich compounds (i.e., sewage, industrial wastes, etc.) accumulate annually as by-products of man's activities. Most wetlands, however, support a vast array of denitrifying bacteria able to remove harmful nitrous oxides in the water and convert them into the harmless gaseous form of nitrogen that constitutes about 80 percent of the atmosphere. Wetlands are able, therefore, to reduce the load of dissolved nitrogen washed into them, thereby helping to maintain a healthy environment.

Natural wetland ecosystems also produce high amounts of oxygen. This is important, particularly in light of the gradual destruction of the world's tropical rain forests. Two American researchers discovered that 512 acres of marshland produced 20 tons of oxygen daily, through photosynthesis.

With so many values, it is difficult to estimate a realistic economic figure for wetlands subject to intensive visitor use. Although wetlands give us fresh, cool water, supply us with desirable plants and animals, and offer sites for natural history education, there is no exact measure of the consequences should all or most wetlands disappear. Neither do we know the condition of wetlands before settlement; nor have we overcome the difficulty of calculating a dollar value for a plant or an animal. And how do we determine the value of the oxygen produced by natural wetlands, or the value of the nitrous oxides removed? Although dollar values can be estimated for recreational and water uses, it is infinitely more difficult to measure the returns from these other functions. It is clear, however, that there are numerous benefits to be derived from keeping wetlands in their natural state, and protection programs are essential.

WETLANDS & AGRICULTURE:

The use of wetlands for agriculture

has been comparatively recent in Canada. High costs of reclamation no doubt discouraged agricultural development in pioneer days and even today acts as a constraint to those who might wish to expand agricultural use of wetlands. There are other reasons for not using all swamplands for growing crops.

Drainage, so necessary to agriculture and housing, is the bane of wetlands. Ditches, tiles and pumps are combined to rapidly remove the surface water from swamps and marshes. By so doing, the flow of water in rivers during dry periods is reduced and the chance of flooding in the spring increased. Drainage is the beginning of the end for a wetland. The apparent need for drainage in some parts of the province can create conflict. Drainage assistance to individuals and municipalities is provided under the Municipal Drainage Act and the provincial Agricultural and Rural Development Act (ARDA). At one time the federal government also provided subsidies, but has since withdrawn them. Drainage assistance often conflicts with the policies of other ministries responsible for the prevention of flooding and pollution.

Another reason is that no market exists for all the vegetables that might be grown if a large area, say a million acres of wetland, was developed for agriculture. At present, only about 14,000 acres are used for vegetable production in Ontario, and this includes small acreages in the north near Timmins, New Liskeard and Trout Creek, as well as the better-known areas at Bradford, Erieau and Thedford in southern Ontario.

To be economic, wetlands drained for vegetable production must contain a depth of peat great enough to last for a reasonably long period (say, fifty years), and many wetlands do not meet this criterion.

Nonetheless, the reclamation of wetland for agriculture in Ontario is a fascinating story. A closer look at the

“Wildlife and wetlands are almost synonymous. Without wetlands, the diversity and numbers of wildlife that we have today simply could not exist.”

development of Holland Marsh may provide some inkling of the problems and glories of peatland farming.

Originally an uninhabited grass marsh and wooded swamp area, Holland Marsh is considered today the market garden centre of Canada. It was not until 1925 that a comprehensive drainage construction program to reclaim some of the 19,000 acres of low-lying marshlands was begun in the flood plain of the Holland River and its branch extending to Schomberg. Some 7,200 acres were incorporated in the Holland Marsh Drainage Scheme, involving 17 miles of dykes and canals. What today is referred to as Holland Marsh is a piece of drained land seven miles long and up to two miles wide. There are also reclaimed areas of marsh north and east of the Holland Marsh, making total size of the entire Bradford Marsh area about 7,800 acres. Nearly all the peat and muck soil in the flood plain region that can be used for economic production of agricultural crops is now under cultivation.

Since the land now in production was originally marsh and swamp, the threat of floods will always be present. Excess water from the dyked areas must now be drained by pumping it to drainage canals outside the dykes, which together are the mainstay against floods today. The poor natural drainage in the marsh is caused by the flat terrain and the well-decomposed and hence impermeable peat layer.

In Holland Marsh, this peat layer averages about twenty-three feet in depth, with some pockets thirty feet and more. The thickness of the peat layer, however, is shrinking — one to two inches each year. As cultivation and drainage introduce air into the peat, decomposition speeds up and the peat literally disappears. In time, little will remain to provide a medium for vegetable production.

Carrots and onions make up about two-thirds of the entire crop, with the remaining acreage devoted to lettuce, potatoes, celery, parsnips, cauliflower,

cabbage and beets. Profits from vegetable production on wetlands range from \$30 to \$120 for each \$100 of costs.

Farming is also economically feasible on other converted wetlands. With drainage, the flat plains of Essex and Kent counties produce grain corn, soybeans, winter wheat, and several other common field crops. In 1975, returns from wheat and corn were about \$60 per acre.

Thus agriculture provides one set of values to the use of wetlands. Although profits accruing to vegetable production seem large, the cost of reclamation, commonly borne by the government, is not always included in the calculation of total costs.

OTHER USES OF WETLANDS:

In general, most commercial trees do not do well on wetlands. High water tables and poor drainage often retard production, and some trees just will not grow at all. Black Spruce and Eastern White Cedar, however, are economically important species that grow on wetlands in different parts of the province.

In the south, White Cedar still provides posts and poles for fences and clotheslines. The 20-million acres of pure Black Spruce in the bogs of northern Ontario provide a mainstay for the pulp and paper industry in many northern towns.

Although peatlands do not have a particularly high forest productivity, research is being undertaken to discover the effect of various drainage and fertilizer techniques on afforestation.

Peat in wetlands is often mined on a local scale where the quality of the peat is such that it meets market requirements. For example, suitable peat for horticultural purposes is fibrous (undecomposed) in nature and comes mostly from Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Ontario has little fibric peat in accessible locations, and mining is limited to one or two sites, mainly Wainfleet (near Welland) and Alfred (near the Quebec border) bogs. On occasion, the more decomposed peat common in swamps is dug up, dried and

packaged for potting soil, but the practice is not widespread.

Sometimes people even use wetland sites for building purposes. Special care must then be taken to remove all the peat and backfill with suitable mineral material to provide stable foundations. Drainage must be provided and additional fill added to raise the building above the flood line. Even though wetland building sites are wet, unstable, and often full of mosquitoes, the original low cost of the lots seems to make them attractive to some.

COSTS, BENEFITS & VALUE JUDGMENTS:

The attitude that wetlands are uneconomic wastelands has prevailed for a long time. From the perspective of immediate value to their owner, wetlands provided little in the way of a profitable return, and drainage or conversion to another use seemed highly desirable. Governments have subsidized drainage and clearing, often without attaching controls to ensure the economic soundness of the resultant uses. In many cases, subsequent abandonment of the land, due to mismanagement or other problems, has led to severe erosion, compaction, or drying-out of the valuable organic soils, and a real wasteland is borne.

Nonetheless, millions of acres of wetlands in close to their natural state still remain, and a look at their value from a broader perspective reveals their social and economic importance. The value of wetlands — as wildlife habitat, as places for recreation and education, and as water controllers and purifiers — provides benefits to all of society. Surely the time has come for decisions on the fate of wetlands to be made on other than the basis of short-term economics alone. Only if we consider *all* the costs and *all* the benefits can the worth of a wetland truly be calculated.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Paula Macri, Planning Assistant
Date: April 18, 2023
Re: Update on Application to Close a Road Allowance
Salvatori et al

This memo is a follow-up to Council in respect of an email received from Mr. Ryan O'Hare regarding the status of the above referenced application.

Background

Daniel Salvatori, James Enslin, Brent Kaufman and Ryan O'Hare entered into an Encroachment Agreement with the Municipality of Whitestone on July 19, 2017 (By-law 33-2017). Attachment A shows the section of the unopened road allowance which the Encroachment Agreement relates to.

An application to close and purchase a road allowance was received January 29, 2022 from Daniel Salvatori, James Enslin, Brent Kaufman and Ryan O'Hare and subsequently a cheque dated February 14, 2022.

Moving forward with the application was unfortunately delayed. CAO Hendry and I spoke with Mr. Salvatori in early April and apologized for the delay in moving the request forward. A report was requested from Planner John Jackson on April 11, 2022.

The report from John Jackson was also unfortunately delayed.

On August 5, 2023 Planner John Jackson and I attended the road allowance in question (not CAO Hendry as indicated by Mr. O'Hare). We wanted to have a visual of the property in question (which is typical of similar applications) and understand the geography of the location.

At the September 20, 2022 Council meeting, the Planner's report was presented (Attachment B), and an approval in principle was provided by resolution, with a number of conditions. One of the typical conditions was as follows:

That all practices, polices and procedures of the Municipality of Whitestone be followed for closing of Municipal Road Allowances, including notification of adjoining property owners.

After receiving approval in principle from Council, notifications were sent to adjoining property owners who have lands next to the road allowance. This is done after the planner's report has been presented to Council to ensure approval in principle

One of the abutting property owners approached the Municipality with concerns that selling the section of road allowance would essentially cut off access along the road allowance. This owner indicated an interest in purchasing half of the road allowance abutting their property (this is an option Council typically offers to abutting property owners).

There is a uniqueness to the application and the situation which is illustrated in Attachment C, whereby, if the abutting property owner(s) petition Council and were approved to purchase half of the road allowance contemplated to be sold, Salvatori et al would essentially be cut off from access to their property.

Abutting property owner(s) indicated interest in purchasing part of the road allowance. At Council's request, staff and the Municipal Planner were asked to work with the interested parties and attempt to find a solution. However, we were unable to do so.

Due to the length of time this application took, not only to be presented to Council, but also to consider and discuss the issue with the abutting property owner(s) who had an interest in purchasing half the road allowance, consideration was given to a partial refund. This is not the normal practice; however, CAO Hendry felt it was fair under the circumstances. A refund of \$500 was provided from the \$1000 administration fee.

The Municipality will write a formal letter to Salvatori et al confirming that there is no longer a need for them to carry insurance and that they may cross the road allowance as any member of the public is entitled to. We understand no further upgrades to the road allowance are contemplated by Salvatori et al (which was the original reason for having an encroachment agreement and insurance in place.)

Attachments

Attachment A - illustration of the section of the unopened road allowance per By-law 33-2017

Attachment B – John Jackson, Planner's report dated September 14, 2022

Attachment C – illustration of the purchase of half of the road allowance contemplated to be sold to adjoining property owner(s)

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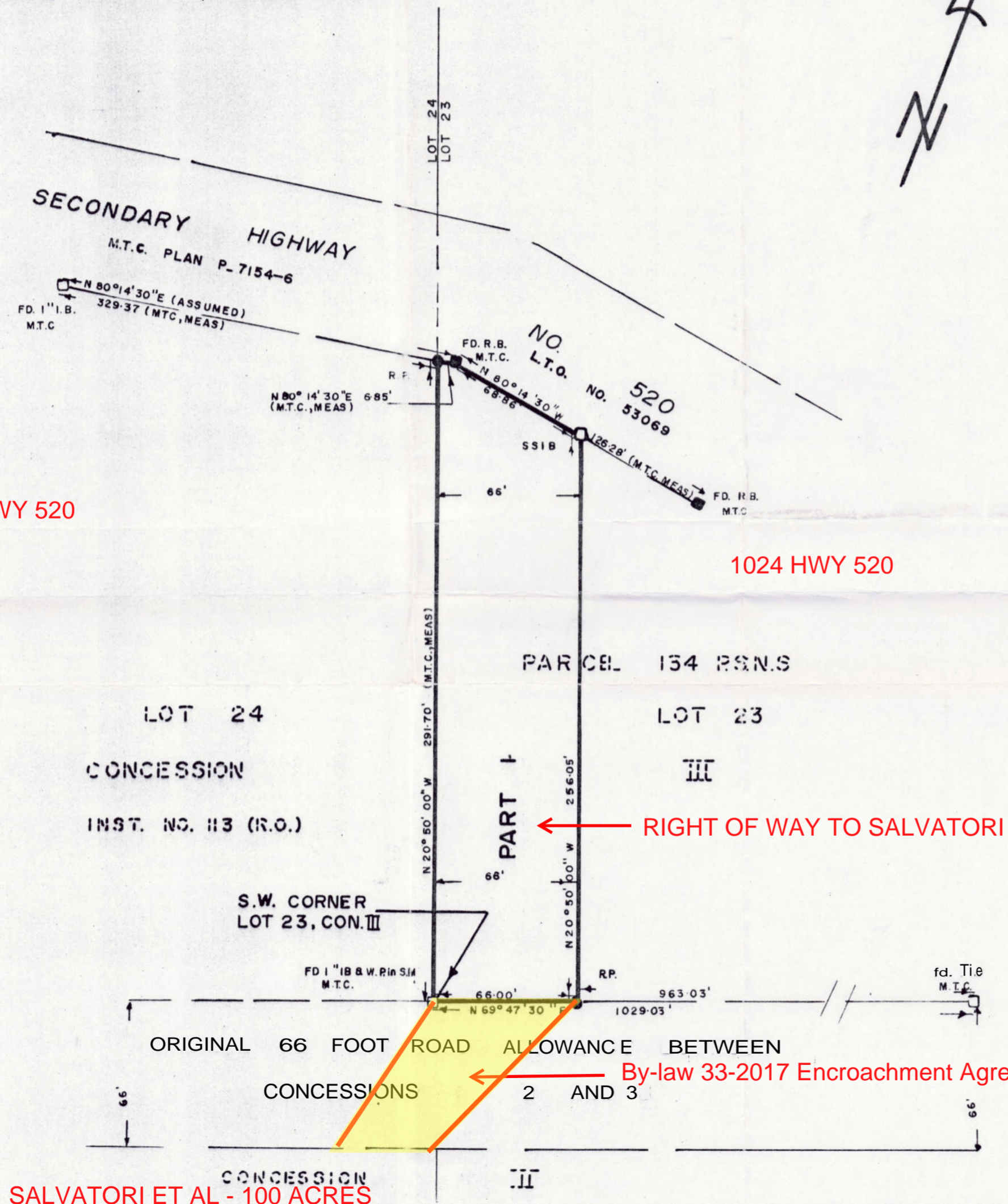
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SALVATORI ET AL - 100 ACRES

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ATTACHMENT A

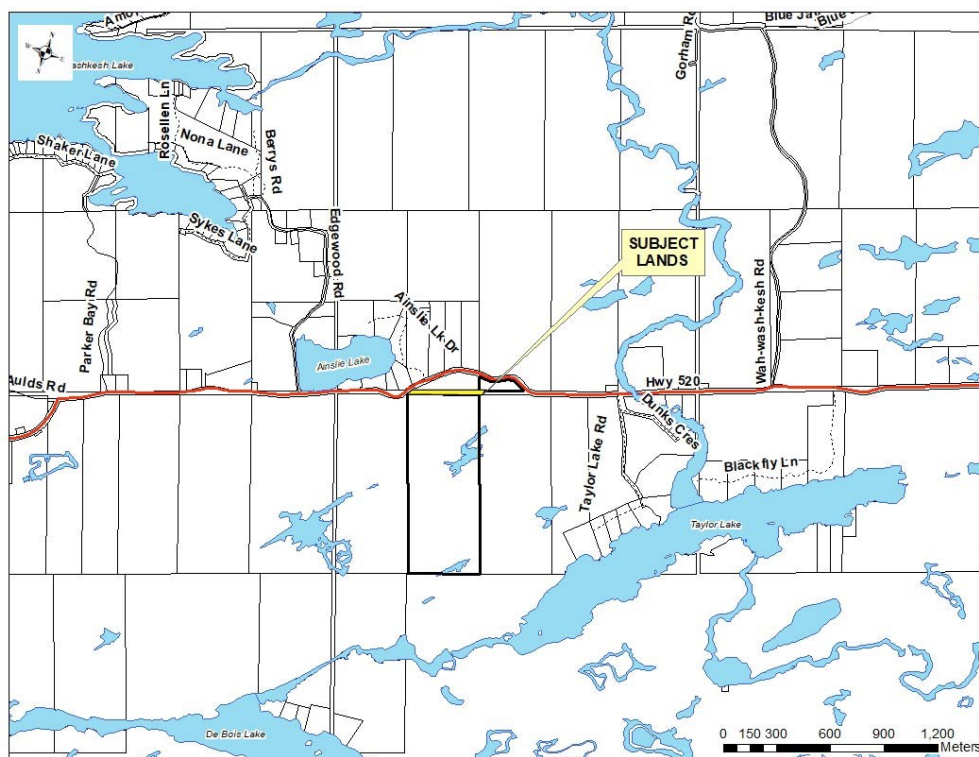
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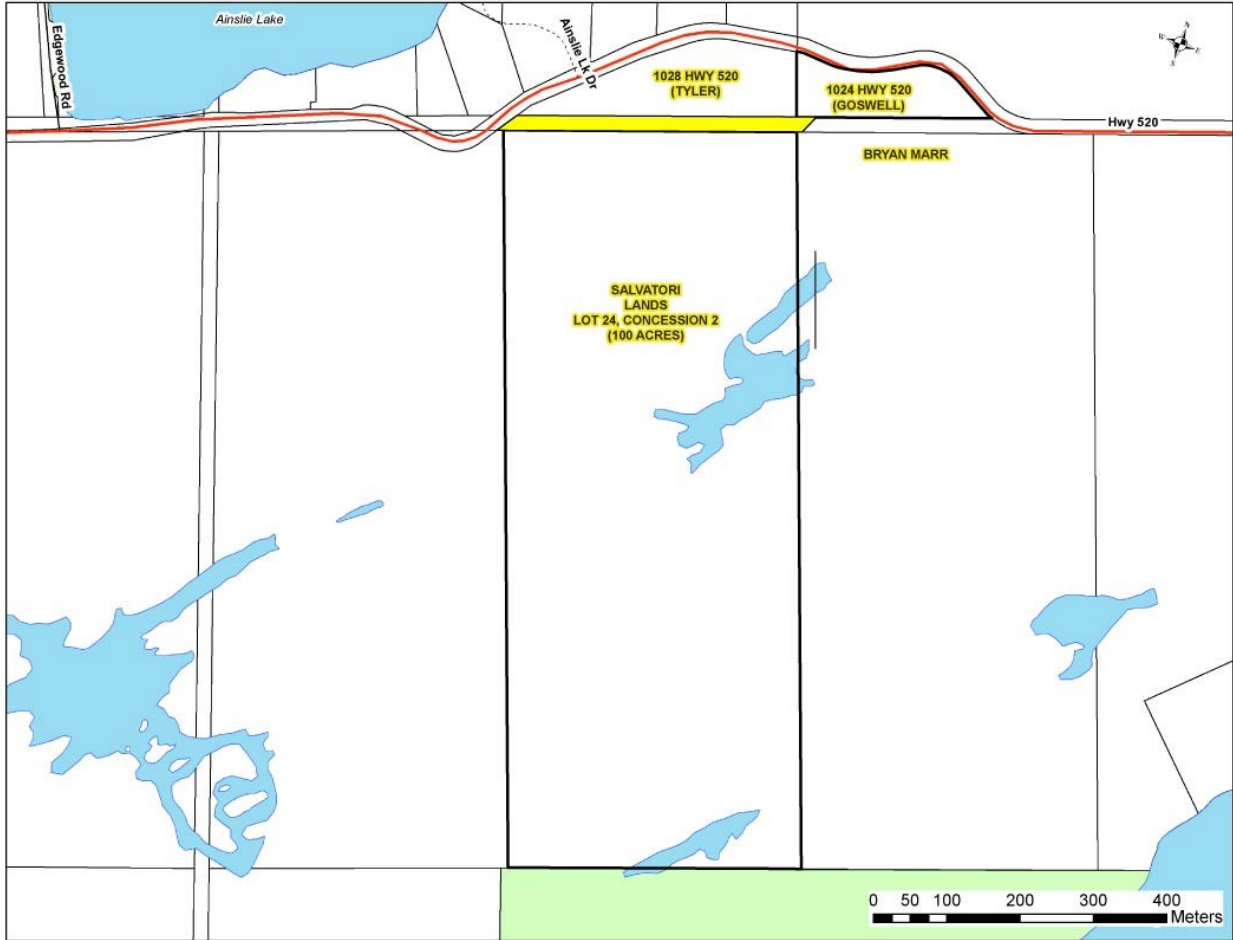
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September 14, 2022

APPLICATION PURPOSE

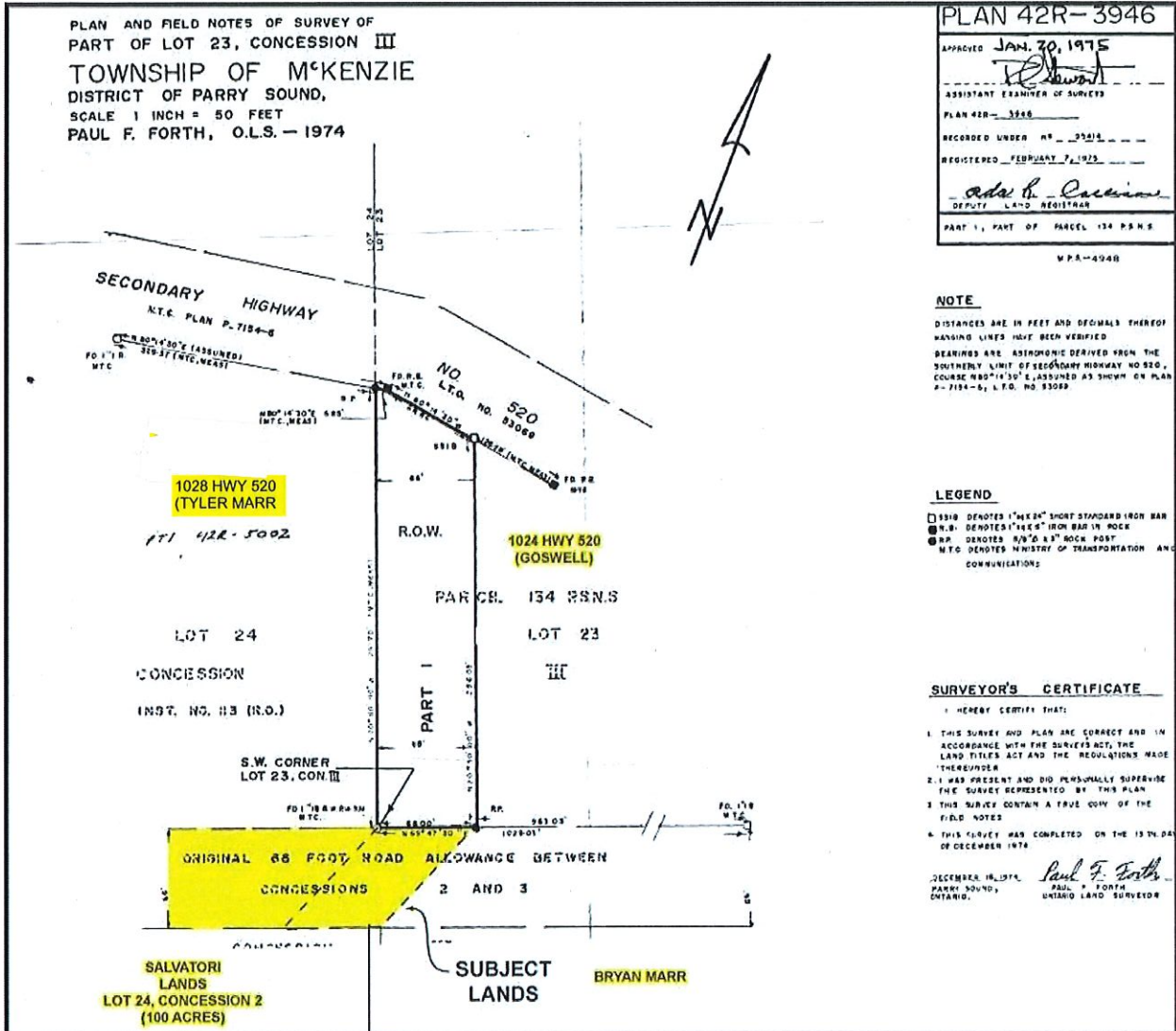
Salvatori et al owns Lot 24, Concession 2 in the geographic Township of McKenzie. The land is presently "land locked" and the owners wish to purchase the Municipal Concession Road Allowance.





The owners are requesting to acquire the road allowance that comes across the right-of-way being Part 1 on plan 42R-3946.

The subject lands proposed to be acquired are illustrated on Part 1 of Reference Plan 42R-3946.



PREVIOUS AGREEMENT

Five years ago, the same owners applied for and received approval to use the same concession road allowance that is currently being proposed to be stopped up and sold.

OFFICIAL PLAN POLICY

The following policies apply to municipal road allowance.

9.04 Municipal Road Allowance

Improvements to municipal road allowances that are not maintained are not permitted unless the following occurs:

9.04.1 *the Municipality declares the road allowance surplus and the municipal road allowance is stopped up and sold in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act; or*

9.04.2 *the road is brought up to a municipal standard and assumed by the Municipality for maintenance purposes; or*

9.04.3 *the proponents of the road allowance improvements enter into legal agreement with the Municipality that includes provisions for indemnification of liability, signage and liability insurance; and*

9.04.4 *it has been demonstrated that the proposal conforms with Section 12.0 - Natural Heritage of the official plan. Prior to approval, the Municipality shall require an assessment by a qualified professional to demonstrate that there are no adverse environmental impacts.*

9.04.5 *The above policy applies to any crossing of an unopened road allowance.*

9.04.6 *Where an abutting owner requests to use or authorize a historical use of a portion of a road allowance for any use permitted by this Plan, the municipality may consider the request subject to the following:*

- (i) there is no immediate access use for the road allowance;***
- (ii) the use is authorized by the municipality, that may include an agreement;***
- (iii) the land owner is aware of the potential removal of any buildings or structures on short term notice;***
- (iv) circulation of the request to adjacent owners that may have an interest; and***
- (v) compliance with the zoning by-law.***

Any permission to authorize the use of or occupation of an unassumed road allowance is not to be interpreted to confer any road frontage compliance as otherwise required by this Plan.

In accordance with the above policies, there is general support for stopping up road allowance that will have no future purpose for public access.

It is understood that the applicants wish to own the land in contrast to have an authority agreement to cross for insurance purposes.

There has been a neighbour express a concern over a drainage issue. The road way has been constructed and some water has been dammed by the failure to place a culvert across the drainage area.

CONCLUSION

Council may consider the proposed stopping up, closing and selling of the subject concession allowance as applied for by Daniel Salvatori et al in principle, subject to the following conditions:

1. Preparation of a draft survey;
2. Obtaining an appraisal of the value of the land proposed to be sold;
3. Placement of the appropriately sized culvert to eliminate any drainage issue;
4. Subject to the rules and procedures including costs for the sales of municipal road allowance;
5. That closure of the part of the municipal road allowance requested does not remove access from any adjoining lands;
6. That the applicant pays all associated costs and fees; and
7. That all practises, policies and procedures of the Municipality be followed for closing of Municipal Road Allowances, including notification of adjoining property owners.

Respectfully Submitted



John Jackson M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
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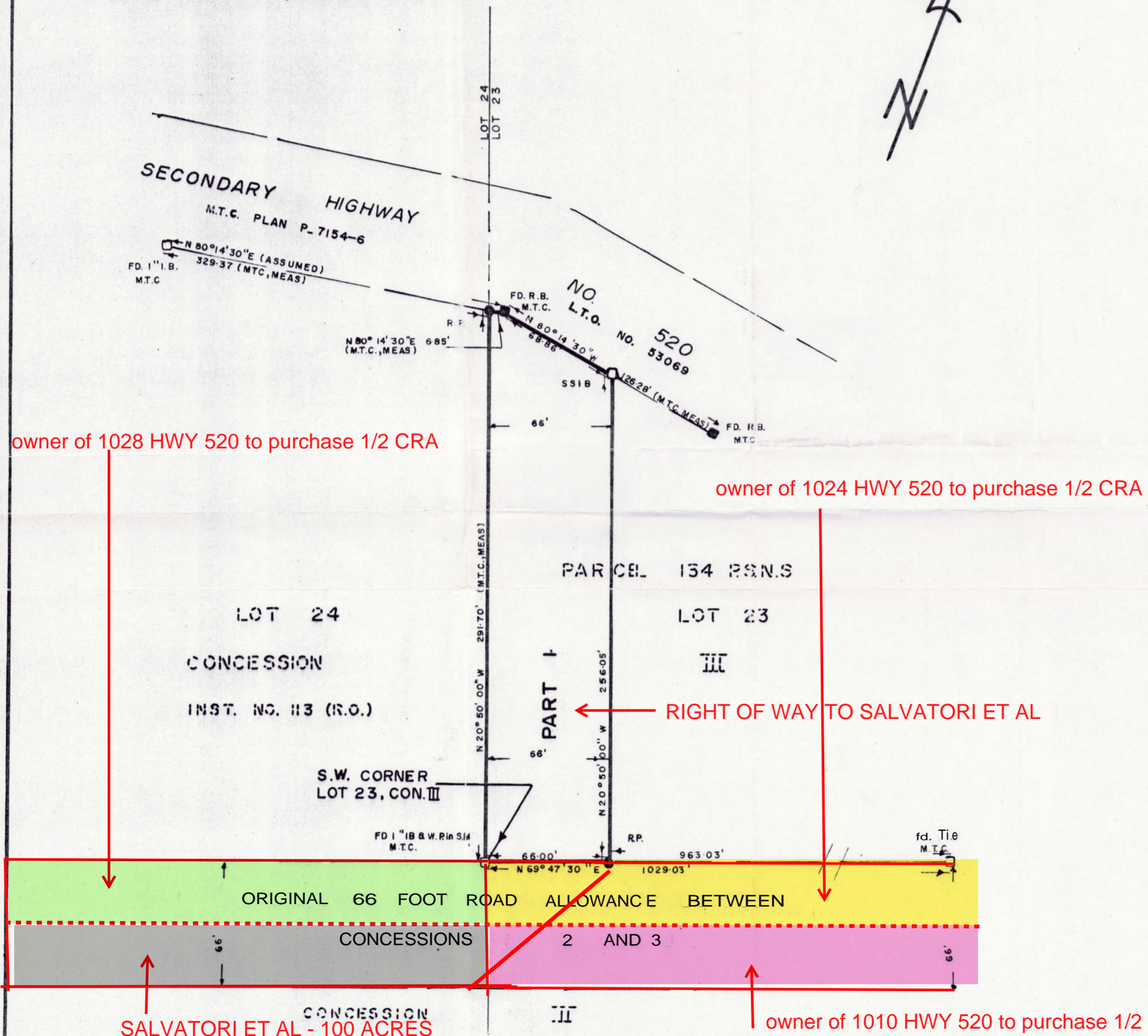
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ATTACHMENT C



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Paula Macri, Planning Assistant

Date: April 18, 2023

Re: AMBIANCE FINE HOMES INC.
Re-zone a portion of lands fronting 1524 Highway 124, Dunchurch from Industrial Pit (M2) Zone to General Industrial (M1) Exception No. 1 Holding (M1-1-H) Zone

A decision was made by the Ontario Land Tribunal on March 10, 2023 regarding the re-zoning of a portion of lands adjacent to 1524 Highway 124, Dunchurch. By-law 21-2023 reflects the decision of the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) on March 10, 2023. Signatures on Schedules 1 and 2 of By-law 21-2023 are not required pursuant to sections 34(11) and (26) of the Planning Act, as follows:

Appeal to Tribunal

(11) Subject to subsection (11.0.0.0.1), where an application to the council for an amendment to a by-law passed under this section or a predecessor of this section is refused or the council fails to make a decision on it within 90 days after the receipt by the clerk of the application, any of the following may appeal to the Tribunal by filing with the clerk of the municipality a notice of appeal, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal:

1. The applicant.
2. The Minister. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 10 (1); 2019, c. 9, Sched. 12, s. 6 (1); 2021, c. 4, Sched. 6, s. 80 (1).

Powers of Tribunal

(26) The Tribunal may,

- (a) on an appeal under subsection (11) or (19), dismiss the appeal;
- (b) on an appeal under subsection (11) or (19), amend the by-law in such manner as the Tribunal may determine or direct the council of the municipality to amend the by-law in accordance with the Tribunal's order; or

(c) on an appeal under subsection (19), repeal the by-law in whole or in part or direct the council of the municipality to repeal the by-law in whole or in part in accordance with the Tribunal's order. 2019, c. 9, Sched. 12, s. 6 (10).

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Ontario Land Tribunal decision made on March 10, 2023

Ontario Land Tribunal
Tribunal ontarien de l'aménagement
du territoire



ISSUE DATE: April 11, 2023

CASE NO(S): OLT-22-004402

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER subsection 34(11) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Applicant and Appellant: Ambiance Fine Homes Inc.
Subject: Application to amend Zoning By-law - Refusal or neglect to make a decision
Purpose: To permit a textile manufacturing, processing, and machining business
Property Address: 1524 Highway 124
Municipality: Municipality of Whitestone
OLT Case No.: OLT-22-004402
OLT Lead Case No.: OLT-22-004402
OLT Case Name: Ambiance Fine Homes Inc. v. Whitestone (Municipality)

Heard: March 10, 2023 by Video Hearing

APPEARANCES:

Parties

Counsel

Ambiance Fire Homes Inc.	Andy Margaritis
Municipality of Whitestone	Mark Kemerer
Dr. Fiona Hunter and Dr. Michael Bidochka	Matthew Di Vona

MEMORANDUM OF ORAL DECISION DELIVERED BY S. deBOER AND S. MASTORAS ON MARCH 10, 2023 AND ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL

INTRODUCTION

[1] This Decision results from a Settlement Hearing that was conducted with respect to the appeal by Ambiance Fire Homes Inc. (the “Applicant”) for the failure of the Municipality of Whitestone (the “Municipality”) to make a decision within the statutory timeframe of 90 days for the application to amend Zoning By-law No. 07-2018 (the “ZBL”) pursuant to s. 34(11) of the *Planning Act* (the “Act”).

[2] The Subject Property is municipally known as 1524 Highway 124, Municipality of Whitestone. The Subject Property is located approximately 40 kilometres east of the Town of Parry Sound. The legal description of the property is Part of Lots 40 and 41, Concession A, Municipality of Whitestone. The total area of the property is approximately 102 hectares and is currently zoned as “M2 – Industrial Pit”. The Applicant proposed to rezone a portion of the Subject Property fronting onto Highway 124 as “M1 – Industrial” to permit the operation of an office, textile manufacturing, processing and machining business.

[3] The Subject Property is surrounded by largely undeveloped lands with a minimal amount of small industrial and agricultural operations to the north. To the east are wetlands and a Class “B” sand and gravel pit is in operation on the abutting property to the west of the Subject Lands.

APPLICATION HISTORY

[4] The original application was received by the Municipality in April 2022. The application was seeking a zoning by-law amendment to have approximately 4.45 hectares fronting onto Highway 124 rezoned from the aforementioned M2 – Industrial Pit to M1 – Industrial. The permitted uses in the M1 zone include:

- a) Residential Uses
 - a dwelling unit or units permitted under the provisions of this By-law;
 - converted dwelling;
 - a garden suite.

b) Commercial Uses

- a building supply outlet;
- a parking garage, structure or lot;
- a bulk fuel storage establishment;
- a service station or public garage;
- a farm implement dealer;
- a restaurant, licensed or unlicensed;
- a marina;
- a business or professional office;
- a laundromat;
- a motor vehicle sales and service establishment; or
- kennel

c) Industrial Uses

- a car wash;
- an airport;
- a fabricating, processing or manufacturing establishment;
- an assembly plant;
- a saw mill;
- a contractor or tradesman shop or yard;
- commercial composting facilities;
- a seed cleaning plant;
- a farm produce storage area;
- a slaughter house;
- a feed mill, open storage of goods and materials;
- a fertilizer mixing plant;
- a truck or bus storage terminal;
- a machine or welding shop;
- a warehouse;
- a salvage yard; or
- a municipal garage.

[5] Previous to the submittal of the application, the Applicant undertook a preliminary environmental review which was completed and submitted to the Municipality in January 2022. The results of the study were that there were a few areas on the Subject Property that would need some minor remediation, however, the report stated that the rezoning request could proceed.

[6] In May 2022, the Applicant submitted more detail to the Municipality as to the intent of the rezoning, that included a light industrial use, which could potentially employ up to 50 people.

[7] Based on the totality of the application, John S. Jackson, from John Jackson Planner Inc., a professional planner for the Municipality, submitted a report on the

matter which stated that there were no Provincial or Official Plan conflicts, and that the application should proceed to a public meeting. Following the public meeting of July 5, 2022, it was recommended by Council resolution that a peer review be conducted of the “planning and socio-economic issues associate with the application”.

[8] On September 2, 2022, the Applicant filed an appeal to the Tribunal for the failure of council to make a decision on the application within the statutory timelines. A Case Management Conference (“CMC”) was held on January 10, 2023. Prior to the CMC, the Tribunal was informed that the parties had reached a settlement, and a request for a settlement hearing before the Tribunal was then scheduled to consider the Settlement Proposal.

PLANNING EVIDENCE

[9] On the day of the hearing, the Tribunal heard testimony from a single planning witness. The witness presented was John S. Jackson, the Planner who had carriage of the application for the Municipality. The Applicant’s planning witness, Mr. Wayne Simpson was unable to attend the hearing, but did submit an Affidavit in support of the settlement on behalf of the Applicant on March 6, 2023. Mr. Simpson’s Affidavit included an Acknowledgement of Expert’s Duty and a Curriculum Vitae. This evidence in support of the settlement was acknowledged by the Tribunal. Mr. Jackson was affirmed and qualified without refute to give expert opinion evidence in land use planning.

Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (the “PPS”)

[10] Mr. Simpson’s affidavit gave testimony and opinion that the Settlement Proposal is consistent with the PPS as it meets the following policies:

- Section 1.1.1 Healthy, liveable and safe communities are sustained by:
 - a) promoting efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities over the long term;
 - c) avoiding development and land use patterns which may cause environmental or public health and safety concerns;
- Section 1.1.4.1 Healthy, integrated and viable rural areas should be supported by:
 - a) building upon rural character, and leveraging rural amenities and assets;
 - f) promoting diversification of the economic base and employment opportunities through goods and services, including value-added products and the sustainable management or use of resources
- Section 1.1.5.2 On *rural lands* located in municipalities, permitted uses are:
 - a) the management or use of resources
- Section 1.1.5.4 Development that is compatible with the rural landscape and can be sustained by rural service levels should be promoted.
- Section 1.1.5.7 Opportunities to support a diversified rural economy should be promoted by protecting agricultural and other resource-related uses and directing non-related development to areas where it will minimize constraints on these uses.
- Section 1.3.1 Planning authorities shall promote economic development and competitiveness by:
 - b) providing opportunities for a diversified economic base, including maintaining a range and choice of suitable sites for employment uses which support a wide range of economic activities and ancillary uses, and take into account the needs of existing and future businesses;
 - c) facilitating the conditions for economic investment by identifying strategic sites for investment, monitoring the availability and suitability of employment sites, including market-ready sites, and seeking to address potential barriers to investment;

[11] Regarding Section 2.0 of the PPS concerning management of resources, Mr. Simpson's affidavit relied on the Azimuth Environmental Consulting Inc. report which was submitted to the Municipality on January 19, 2002. The report concluded that the "Suggested Development Envelope" was in a "Low Development Constraint" and

recommended that the proposed rezoned area maintain a 30-metre setback for any wetlands and watercourses in the surrounding area.

[12] Mr. Simpson's affidavit gave opinion that the proposal as presented will maintain the recommended setbacks and as such, is consistent with the PPS. Mr. Jackson agreed with the opinion of Mr. Simpson's affidavit that the proposal is consistent with the PPS.

Growth Plan for Northern Ontario 2011 (the "GPNO")

[13] The GPNO is a part of the Places to Grow Act. The Purpose of this Act is to:

- a. to enable decisions about growth to be made in ways that sustain a robust economy, build strong communities and promote a healthy environment and a culture of conservation;
- b. to promote a rational and balanced approach to decisions about growth that builds on community priorities, strengths and opportunities and makes efficient use of infrastructure.

[14] Section 2.2.2 of the GPNO states that the Province of Ontario will focus economic development strategies on the existing and emerging priority economic sectors and the distinct competitive advantages that Northern Ontario can offer within sectors that include:

- a) advanced manufacturing
- g) minerals sector and mining supply and services

[15] In Mr. Simpson's opinion, the proposed rezoning does conform to the GPNO and the rezoning will help contribute to the success of the Plan. Mr. Jackson agreed with the opinion of Mr. Simpson concerning the GPNO.

Official Plan of the Municipality of Whitestone (the “OP”)

[16] Mr. Simpson stated through his Affidavit that the Subject Property is designated “Rural”. Permitted uses of this designation include “resource extraction – pits and quarries by rezoning” and “commercial/industrial by rezoning”. The proposal before the Tribunal is compatible with both categories. This was also affirmed in Mr. Simpson’s submission in that the proposal meets both zoning provisions. As such, the proposed rezoning of the specific area can be permitted. The settlement does limit the activities that can be performed in the newly designated commercial/industrial zoning to:

- a. a business or professional office
- b. a fabricating, processing or manufacturing establishment excluding a textile/weaving manufacturing establishment that requires the application of water, solutions or dyes in the manufacturing process;
- c. a machine or welding shop; and
- d. a warehouse.

[17] The settlement will also have a “holding” or “H” designation on the new commercial/industrial zoning until the Municipality has received and is satisfied with a planning justification report and an engineering report. The engineering report will contain mitigation measures that will need to be satisfied before the holding symbol can be lifted. In Mr. Simpson’s opinion, the proposal satisfies the criteria as requested by the Municipality and will conform with the OP. Mr. Jackson was in agreement with Mr. Simpson that the rezoning and conditions agreed upon will allow the Proposal to conform to the OP.

Conclusionary Opinion

[18] In Mr. Simpson’s opinion through his Affidavit, the Proposal is consistent with the PPS, the GPNO and the OP. The rezoning will allow for the continued operation of the

aggregate pit. The rezoning area that is being requested is less than 5% of the total area of the Subject Property. The “exception” to limit the proposed uses is appropriate and reasonable for the Subject Property. In Mr. Simpson’s opinion, the proposal represents good land use planning.

[19] In Mr. Jackson’s opinion, the proposed rezoning is consistent with the PPS and conforms to the GPNO. The limited size of the rezoning is appropriate as the rezoning area is next to a highway and is isolated from neighbours. The proposed light industrial use will create a much-needed employment opportunity. The agreed upon site plan control and holding symbol satisfies the Municipality’s concerns with natural heritage matters. In his opinion, the proposal represents good land use planning, and he recommends the approval of the proposal.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

[20] The Tribunal accepts the uncontested expert planning evidence and opinions of both Mr. Simpson through his Affidavit and the expert opinion evidence of Mr. Jackson. The Tribunal finds that the proposal as presented, has regard to matters of Provincial interest, is consistent with the PPS and conforms to the GPNO.

[21] The Tribunal finds that the Proposal does not impede the current aggregate operation and the rezoned area’s site plan control measures satisfy the Municipality’s natural heritage priorities. Therefore, the Tribunal is satisfied that the Proposal conforms with the OP and will also act to provide much needed employment opportunities.

[22] The Tribunal finds that the holding designation, in the proposed amendment to the ZBL, satisfies the Municipality’s concerns and is in the public interest. Therefore, it is appropriate to issue the final Order.

ORDER

[23] **THE TRIBUNAL ORDERS** that the appeal is allowed, in part, and that By-law 07-2018 of the Municipality of Whitestone is hereby amended as set out in Attachment 1 to this Order.

“S. deBoer”

S. DEBOER
MEMBER

“Steven T. Mastoras”

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Attachment 1

**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE
BY-LAW NO. 21-2023**

**A By-Law to amend By-Law No. 07-2018 (the "Zoning By-Law")
For Part of Lots 40 and 41, Concession A (1524 Highway 124)
Geographic Township of Hagerman (Ambiance Fine Homes Inc.)**

WHEREAS the owners of Lots 40 and 41 in Concession A in the geographic Township of Hagerman with a civic address of 1524 Highway 124 have applied to rezone a portion of said lands from the Industrial Pit (M2) Zone to the General Industrial (M1) Zone;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone deem it appropriate to rezone the lands to allow for an industrial use subject to the application of an 'H' holding symbol;

AND WHEREAS section 34 of the Planning Act authorizes municipalities to enact zoning by-laws,

NOWHEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF MUNICIPALITY ENACTS AS A BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. Schedule 'A' Sheet No.19 of zoning By-Law No. 07-2018, as amended, is hereby further amended by rezoning Part of Lots 40 and 41 in Concession A in the Geographic Township of Hagerman from the Industrial Pit (M2) Zone to the Industrial (M1) Exception No. 1 Holding (M1-1-H) Zone as shown on a copy of Part of Schedule 'A', Sheet No. 19 attached to this By-Law as Schedule '1' and more particularly shown on a sketch attached to this By-Law as Schedule '2'.

2. Industrial (M1) Exception No.1

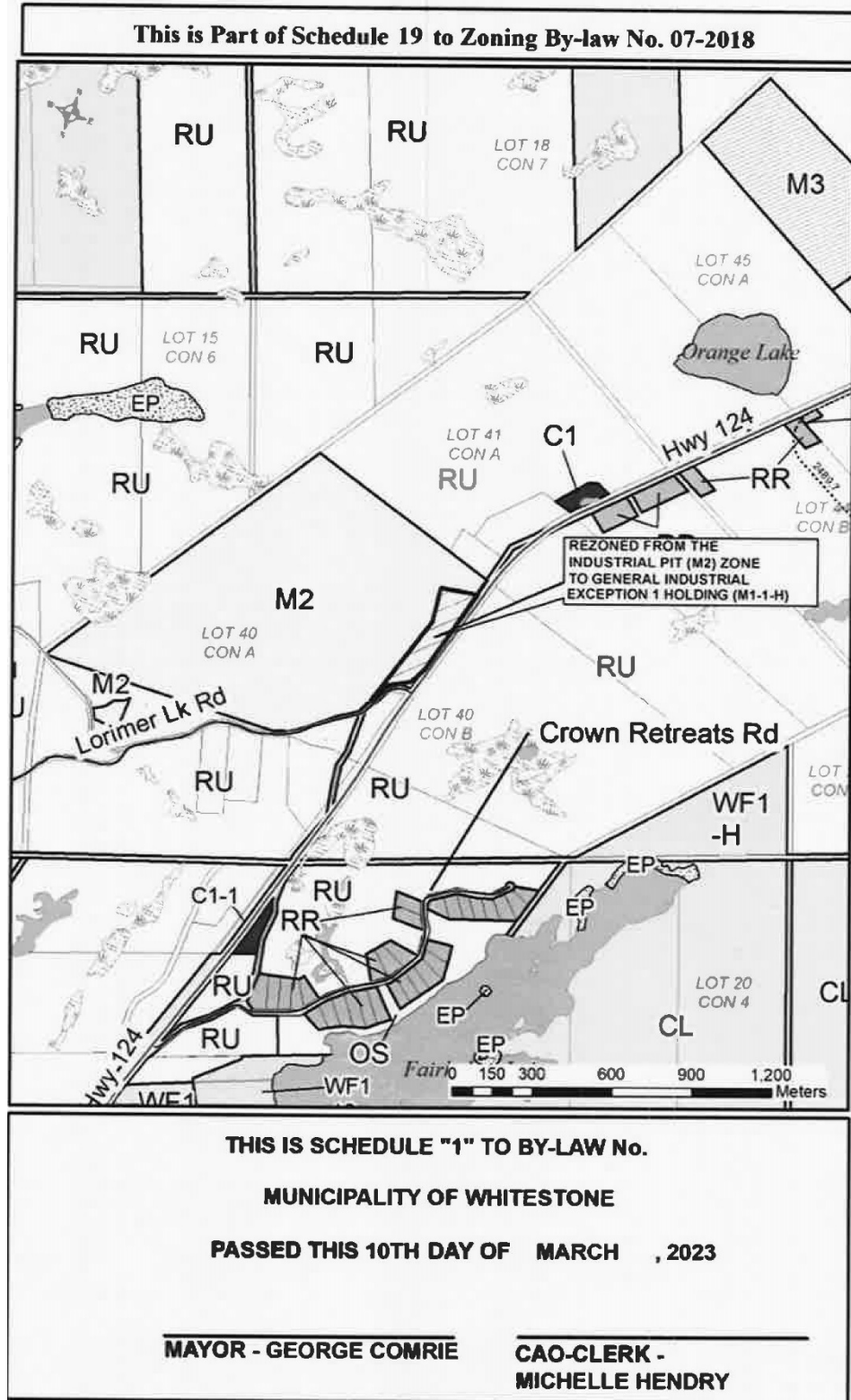
Notwithstanding Sections 10.01 b) and c) of zoning By-law No. 07-2018 only the following uses are permitted:

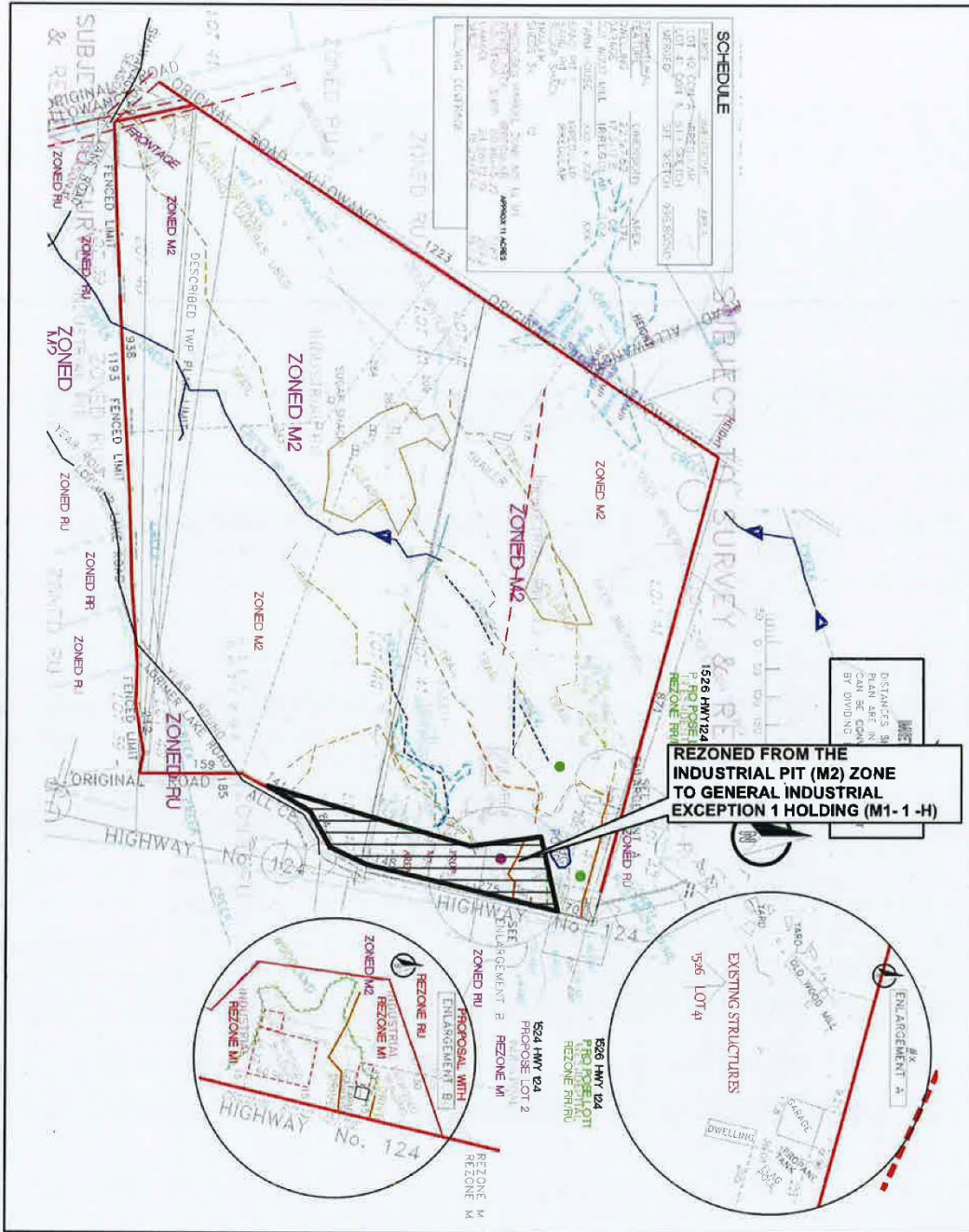
- a. a business or professional office
- b. a fabricating, processing or manufacturing establishment excluding a textile/weaving manufacturing establishment that requires the application of water, solutions or dyes in the manufacturing process;
- c. a machine or welding shop; and
- d. a warehouse.

3. The 'H' holding symbol assigned to the herein described lands shall be removed upon the completion of a planning justification report and an engineering report (including the implementation of mitigation measures, if any) prepared to the satisfaction of the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone, acting reasonably.

4. This by-law will take effect upon approval by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

ENACTED this 10th day of March, 2023





THIS IS SCHEDULE "2" TO BY-LAW No.

MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE

PASSED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH , 2023

MAYOR - GEORGE COMRIE

CAO-CLERK - MICHELLE HENDRY

PUBLIC MEETING



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Paula Macri, Planning Assistant
Date: April 18, 2023
Re: Ted Greenwood – Road Naming – “GREENWOOD WAY”

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting of April 5, 2022, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 2022-113

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

8.1 Planning Items

8.1.1 Consent Application B05/2022(W) – GREENWOOD

- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated March 17, 2022

WHEREAS John Jackson, Planner Inc., has prepared a **Revised** report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application B05/2022(W) – GREENWOOD, Ted and Karen and provided a copy to the Municipality of Whitestone;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives this **Revised** report as information;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recommends this Consent Application for the creation of three new lots, two lot additions, together with rights-of-way to the proposed Lots 1 and 2 for approval in principle, subject to the following conditions:

1. That payment of a parkland dedication fee be made in accordance with the current Municipal Fees and Charges By-law;
2. That the new lots receive 911 addressing from the Municipality;

3. That the applicants enter into a Section 51(26) Consent Agreement with the Municipality of Whitestone to be registered on title, to the effect that the access to the proposed Lots 1 and 2 is by a private right-of-way;
4. That proposed lot No.1 be evaluated by a qualified fishery biologist to confirm that an area for a dock is available for the lot; and
5. That payment of all applicable planning fees be made to the Municipality of Whitestone.

Recorded Vote:	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Councillor, Beth Gorham-Matthews	X		
Councillor, Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor, Joe McEwen	X		
Councillor, Brian Woods	X		
Mayor, George Comrie	X		

Carried

Ted Greenwood submitted a letter to the Municipality with respect to naming a road “Greenwood Way” together with the applicable fee.

The private road proposed to be named “Greenwood Way” is legally described as Parts 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17, & 27, Plan 42R-21935, Township of Hagerman, now in the Municipality of Whitestone.

The purpose of the proposed road naming is to assist with emergency response and to provide civic addressing to three recently created waterfront lots per the above reference referenced consent application. This private road is accessed from Karbehuwe Lane, Dunchurch.

The advertisement for the Public Notice, Naming of a Public Road was placed in the Parry Sound Northstar newspaper on March 16, 2023. It was also posted on the municipality’s website and bulletin board on March 6, 2023.

Since Ted Greenwood owns the right of way (the proposed road to be named) for the three new lots no notification of the Public Notice was sent out to any property owners.

RECOMMENDATION

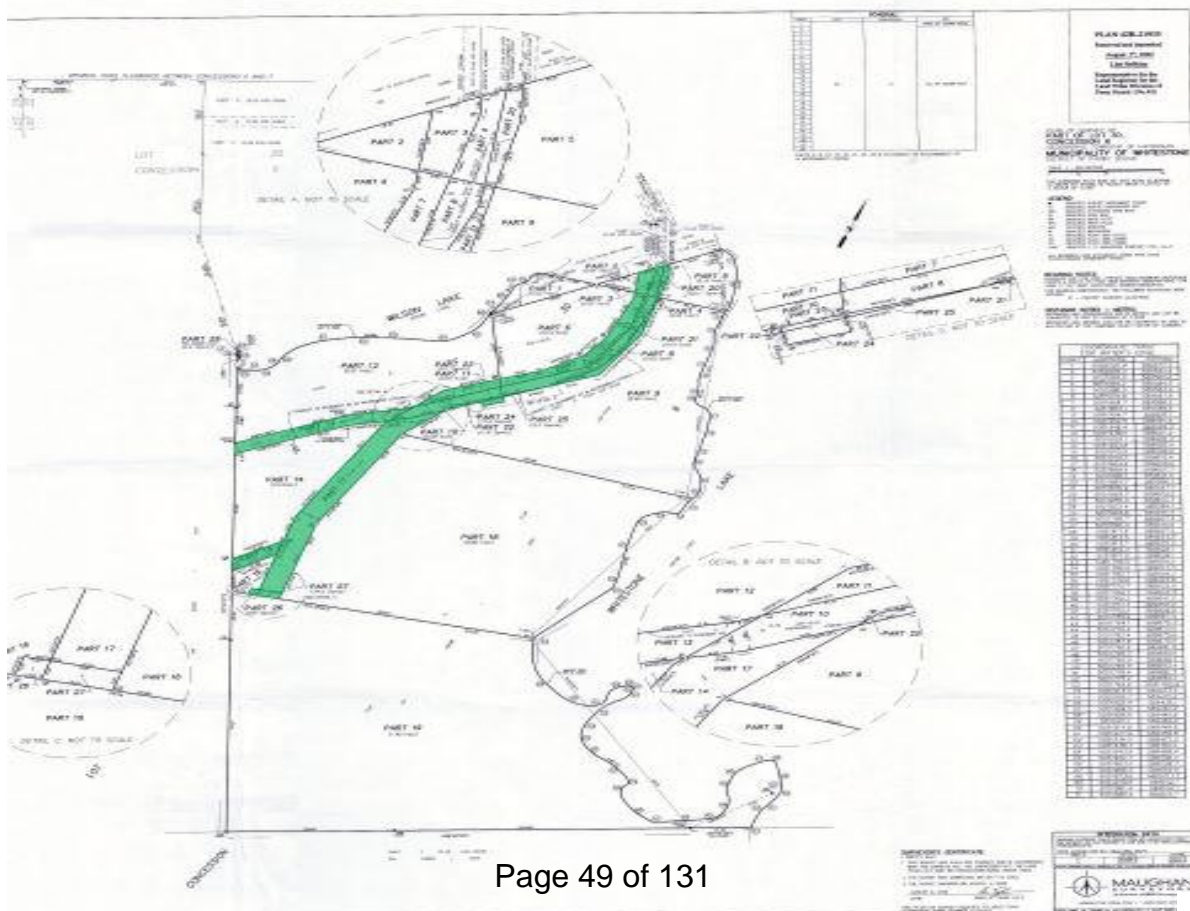
That Council approves the amendment to By-law 34-2002 (being a By-law to name and rename roads within the corporate limits of the Municipality of Whitestone) with the addition of Greenwood Way.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A - West Parry Sound Geography Network Map and Plan 42R-21935
- Attachment B - Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk memo dated April 15, 2019



Greenwood Way legally described as Parts 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17, & 27, Plan 42R-21935, geographic Township of Hagerman, now in the Municipality of Whitestone





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MEMO

To: Mayor and Council
From: Michelle Hendry, CAO / Clerk
Date: April 15, 2019
Re: Naming/Renaming Existing Roads Protocol

At the Regular Council meeting on April 1, 2019 Council requested that staff research the following questions.

1. The Municipality of Whitestone 'Naming/Renaming Existing Roads' Protocol references Section 48 of the Municipal Act. How does this Section of the Act apply? Section 48 of the Act reads as follows:

Naming private roads

48 A local municipality may name or change the name of a private road after giving public notice of its intention to pass the by-law. 2001, c. 25, s. 48.

2. Are private roads required to be named?

The Municipality of Whitestone does not have a policy that specifically requires private roads to be named and the above referenced protocol is silent on the matter.

3. How does the 911 numbering protocol (By-Law 55-2004, Being a By-Law for providing a civic address on properties in the Municipality of Whitestone in connection with the implementation of the 9-1-1 emergency system) link to the Road Naming policy.

By-Law 55-2004 does not address road names or road naming.
 (Note By-Law 55-2004 is repealed by By-Law 05-2020)

M Hendry
 CAO / Clerk

Attachments:

- Naming/Renaming Existing Roads Protocol

POLICY: NAMING / RENAMING EXISTING ROADS

COVERAGE: Procedure and processes for assigning and changing Road names.

PROCEDURE:

Naming

1. Requests for naming existing unnamed Roads must be made in writing to the Municipality.
2. Property Owners affected by the Road naming will be notified and asked for written suggestions for a name. Suggestions will be checked against the area Road name registry to identify any conflicting name. All suggestions will be presented to Council for a decision on the new Road name. Notification will be made according to Schedule "3" to By-Law No. 04-2003. There will be a Public Meeting of Council for a final decision.
3. This Policy along with the 911 Civic Address Policy being By-Law No. 55-2004 shall be followed.

Renaming

1. Property Owners directly affected by the Road name change would be notified and a deadline would be given for written comments in favor or against the proposal.
2. The granting of a Road name change would occur if there was unanimous support for such a change. Unanimous would be defined as not receiving any negative written comments regarding the proposed name changes following the direct notification.
3. Following the direct notification process of the renaming of the Roads, the proposed name changes would be advertised for four (4) weeks as per the Procedures for Notice – Naming Highways By-Law No. 04-2003 before being implemented at a Public Meeting of Council.

Fees

Out of pocket expenses – Advertising

CONSENT AGENDA



DRAFT Special Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 30, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
Zoom Video/Telephone Conferencing

Present: George Comrie, Mayor
Janice Bray, Councillor
Joe Lamb, Councillor
Scott Nash, Councillor
Brian Woods, Councillor

Staff: None

Guests: Laura Dean, Aird & Berlis LLP, with delegated authority to act as Clerk
Debbie Zulak, Belvedere Heights Board of Management (present for item 4.2)
Art Coles, Belvedere Heights Board of Management (present for item 4.2)
Don Carmichael, Belvedere Heights Board of Management (present for item 4.2)
Thomas Agnew, Hicks, Morley (present for items 4.3.1, 4.3.2 and 4.3.6)

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

The Chair commenced roll call and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Comrie requested that any pecuniary interest be declared for the record.
None declared.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2023-154

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for this meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented

Carried

4. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2023-155

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

Adjourn to Closed Session

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act* Section 239 (2) states that a meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered meets certain exceptions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Meeting be adjourned at 3:44 p.m. and that a Closed Meeting be convened subject to Section 239 (2) for the following matters:

- 4.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes for the Special Council meetings of February 7, 2023 and March 13, 2023
- 4.2 A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (i)
 - Belvedere Heights Board of Management - confidential and financial information regarding Life Leases
- 4.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239 (2) (b)
 - Human Resources Matters
- 4.4 A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239 (2) (k)
 - Lease update
- 4.5 Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239 (2) (e)
 - Legal matter

Open Session 7:37 p.m.

Clerks Notes:

During the Closed Session Meeting, Council, by resolution extended the meeting by one half hour and further extended the meeting by fifteen minutes.

The first four to five minutes of the return to open session were accidentally not recorded.

Matters Arising from Closed Session - None

5. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2023-156

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

THAT By-law 23-2023 Being the Confirmatory By-law for the Special Council meeting of Thursday, March 30, 2023, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2023-157

Moved by: Councillor Janice Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:41 p.m. until the Regular Council meeting of April 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

George Comrie

Mayor

Laura Dean

Acting Clerk



DRAFT Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Dunchurch Community Centre and Zoom Video Conferencing

- Present:** George Comrie, Mayor
Janice Bray, Councillor
Joe Lamb, Councillor
Scott Nash, Councillor
Brian Woods, Councillor
- Staff:** Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk
David Creasor, Manager Public Works
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief
- Guests:** 3 - In person
13 - via Zoom video or telephone

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

The Chair commenced roll call and called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

National Anthem

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Municipality of Whitestone recognizes all of Canada resides on traditional, unceded and/or treaty lands of the Indigenous People of Turtle Island.

We recognize our Municipality on The Robinson Huron Treaty territory is home to many past, present and future Indigenous families.

This acknowledgment of the land is a declaration of our commitment and collective responsibility to reconcile the past, and to honour and value the culture, history and relationships we have with one another.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Comrie requested that any pecuniary interest be declared for the record.
None was declared.

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, Section 6(2) states:

Every declaration of interest made under section 5, but not the general nature of that interest, shall, where the meeting is not open to the public, be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting that is open to the public.

Councillor Janice Bray declared a Conflict of Interest at the March 30, 2023 Special Council meeting in Closed Session in respect of Closed Agenda Item 4.3.1.

Resolution No. 2023-158

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone postpone the meeting due to technical difficulties.

Recorded Vote:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Councillor, Janice Bray		X	
Mayor, George Comrie		X	
Councillor, Scott Nash	X		
Councillor, Brian Woods	X		
Deputy Mayor, Joe Lamb		X	

Defeated

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2023-159

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for this meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Presentations and Delegations

- 4.1 Whitestone McKellar Lions Club
- 4.2 Belvedere Heights Board of Management (Cancelled)

Matters Arising

Resolution No. 2023-160

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

- 4.1 Whitestone McKellar Lions Club

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the presentation from Joyce Campbell on the Whitestone McKellar Lions Club.

Carried

Clerk’s Note: Council requested staff consider alternate locations for the Service Clubs sign currently installed adjacent to the Grange.

5. Planning Items – None

6. Public Meeting

6.1 Memo - Update to Fees and Charges By-law

Resolution No. 2023-161

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone defer the Public Meeting regarding the Fees and Chares By-law to another meeting and also consideration of the By-law on the April 4, 2024 Agenda as item 10.1

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-162

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

7. Consent Agenda

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of:

7.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes

- 7.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 21, 2023.
- 7.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 22, 2023
- 7.3 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2023
- 7.4 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2023
- 7.5 Whitestone Library and Technology Centre Minutes for February 22, 2023
- 7.6 Environmental Stewardship Committee DRAFT meeting minutes for March 21, 2023
- 7.7 Belvedere Heights Board of Management Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023
- 7.8 Belvedere Heights Board of Management Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2023

8.1 Unfinished Business (listed on page 4)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby approve the following:

The Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023; and the Special Council Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2023; and

THAT Council receives for information the Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2023 and February 23, 2023, the Whitestone Public Library and Technology Centre Board Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2023; the Environmental Stewardship Committee DRAFT meeting minutes for March 21, 2023; and the Belvedere Heights Board of Management Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023 and February 22, 2023; and

THAT Council receives for information Unfinished Business listing contained in the Consent Agenda dated April 4, 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-163

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

Matters Arising from Consent Agenda

7.1.6 Environmental Stewardship Committee DRAFT meeting minutes for March 21, 2023

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby approve the recommended revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee as follows:

2. Key Duties and Responsibilities

Remove: 2.4 Train Volunteers

3. Constituency & Qualifications of Committee /Task Force Members

Remove: 1 (i)

Amend: (iii) remove nine (9) and insert twelve (12).

Add:

3.3 Encourage representation from the following:

lake associations, conservation associations, road associations, community organization, First Nations, members of the public and others.

4. Chair, Vice Chair and Recording Secretary

Add: Duties of the Secretary

- Record Committee meetings
- Submit draft meeting minutes to Municipal Staff in advance of the next meeting.

6. Quorum

Amend: 5 members to 50% +1 member

Carried

8. Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2023-164

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

8.1 Accounts Payable

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$390,534.05 for the period ending March 31, 2023.

Carried

9. Staff Reports

Resolution No. 2023-165

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

9.1 Report PW-2023-04
Award of Calcium Tender

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Report PW-2023-04 (Tender Award for the supply, delivery and application of 140,000 litres of Calcium Chloride or alternate that meets OPSS 2501) for information; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby award the contract for the supply, delivery and application of 140,000 litres of Calcium Chloride, Pollard Highway Products Limited in the amount of \$51,446.55 plus HST

Recorded Vote:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Councillor, Janice Bray	X		
Councillor, Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor, Scott Nash	X		
Councillor, Brian Woods	X		
Mayor, George Comrie		X	

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-166

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

- 9.2 Memo: Fire Department requirements for Public Works to burn brush at Municipal Landfills
- 9.3 Memo: Public Works discussion on grinding and landfill cover at Aulds Road Landfill site

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the Memo: Fire Department requirements for Public Works to burn brush at Municipal Landfills and the Memo: Public Works discussion on grinding and landfill cover at Aulds Road Landfill Site.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-167

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

9.4 Memo: CBO services sharing Agreement with Township of McKellar

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby agree to enter into a five (5) year agreement with the Township of McKellar for shared Chief Building Official services substantially in the form presented at the April 4, 2023 Council meeting.

Carried

10 By-Laws

10.1 By-law 23-2022, Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 09-2022, Being a By-law to Establish Fees and Charges for Services provided by the Municipality of Whitestone

No motion

11 Business Matters

11.1 WahWashKesh Landings Task Force Report

Resolution No. 2023-168

Moved by: Councillor Janice Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

11.1a

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the report of the WahWashKesh Landings Task Force dated April 4, 2023 and consider its recommendations

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-169

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

11.1b

THAT Council approve implementation of the system of enforced permit parking at the WahWashKesh Landings effective May 1st, 2023 as detailed in the above referenced report.

Recorded Vote: Requested by Councillor Scott Nash

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Councillor, Janice Bray		X	
Councillor, Joe Lamb		X	
Councillor, Scott Nash		X	
Councillor, Brian Woods		X	
Mayor, George Comrie	X		

Defeated

11.1c

THAT the schedule of parking fees be incorporated in the Municipality's Fees and Charges By-Law for 2023 as set out in this report.

No motion

Resolution No. 2023-170
Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

11.1d

THAT the revised Traffic Control (Parking) By-Law be brought forward for Council approval upon completion of its legal review.

Recorded Vote: Requested by Mayor Comrie

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Councillor, Janice Bray	X		
Councillor, Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor, Scott Nash	X		
Councillor, Brian Woods	X		
Mayor, George Comrie	X		

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-171
Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

11.1e

THAT the following items be included in the Municipality's 2023 budgets:

- \$5,000. to cover the costs of the work programs to be assumed from the Lake WahWashKesh Conservation Association (operating, recurring)

Withdrawn

Resolution No. 2023-172
Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby request staff to arrange on a go-forward basis for the maintenance of the public docks at the WahWashKesh Landings; and

THAT THE Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby request staff arrange on a go-forward basis the maintenance and seasonal installation and remove of the safety boom at the Andy Vurma Memorial WahWashKesh dam.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-173
Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

11.1f

THAT the following items be deferred to the April 11, 2023 Budget meeting

- \$5,000. for pylons and signage to increase efficiency of main upper parking area (one-time capital)
- \$15,000. for additional dock at Bennett's Bay Landing (capital)
- \$40,000. to expand upper parking area within existing LUP (one-time, capital)
- An amount to be determined to discharge the Municipality's obligations to the on-line permitting system vendor if that system will not be used.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-174

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Curfew

THAT Council hereby continues the Council meeting past the allotted time of three and a half (3 ½) hours for an additional one-half (1/2) hour.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-175

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

11.2 Memo: Regular Council Meeting Schedule review

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves the suggested addition of Regular Closed Session Meetings to the 2023 Regular Schedule of Council Meetings as amended in discussion.

Regular Closed Session meetings (to be held by Zoom video conferencing) added to the schedule:

Thursday April 13, 2023	4:00 pm
Monday May 1, 2023	4:00 pm
Thursday June 8, 2023	4:00 pm
Thursday July 6, 2023	4:00 pm
Thursday August 3, 2023	4:00 pm
Thursday September 7, 2023	4:00 pm
Thursday October 5, 2023	4:00 pm
Thursday November 9, 2023	4:00 pm
Thursday December 14, 2023	4:00 pm

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-176

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby amend the Regular Council meeting Schedule for 2023 such that the first meeting of each month shall commence at 4:00 pm.

Recorded Vote: Requested by Mayor Comrie

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Councillor, Janice Bray	X		
Councillor, Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor, Scott Nash	X		
Councillor, Brian Woods	X		
Mayor, George Comrie		X	

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-177

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

- 11.3 Magnetawan - Dunchurch Royal Canadian Legion Branch 394 – request for Council support for a Grant “Creating a more inclusive Ontario: Age-friendly community planning for municipalities and community organizations”.

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone supports the Magnetawan – Dunchurch Royal Canadian Legion Branch 394 in their submission for grant funding from the Creating a more inclusive Ontario Grant; and

THAT the Council requests Staff to prepare a letter showing the support from Council for the grant application.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-178

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

- 11.4 FONOM Conference, May 8, 9 and 10, 2023. Draft Agenda and registration form

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby authorize the following members to attend the FONOM Conference being held in the Town of Parry Sound on May 8, 9 and 10, 2023.

- Councillor Bray
- Councillor Lamb (subject to availability)
- Councillor Woods (subject to availability)
- Mayor Comrie

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-179

Moved by: Councillor Janice Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

11.5 Matters arising from correspondence at the March 21, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council:

11.5.1 Attendance for the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Meeting scheduled for Friday May 5, 2023.

THAT the following members of Council and staff be approved to attend the Spring Meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association to be held on Friday, May 5, 2023, hosted by the Township of McMurrich/Monteith.

- Councillor Lamb
- Councillor Woods
- CAO/Clerk Hendry
- Mayor Comrie

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-180

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

11.5.2 Municipality of Magnetawan resolution regarding Magnetawan River Watershed dated March 8, 2023

WHEREAS the Magnetawan River Watershed is an environmental and economic resource of considerable magnitude, and has a dynamic impact on the economic welfare and recreational opportunities of our collective communities;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recognizes the environmental and economic value to the tourism industry of a viable walleye population in our waters and appreciates that walleye is the number one sought after species;

AND WHEREAS over the past years, the lakes and rivers of the area have suffered a reduction in the walleye fish stocks;

AND WHEREAS the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program (ACHP) has for decades been incubating and releasing walleye fry back into the Magnetawan River Watershed to attempt to rehabilitate the resident walleye populations;

AND WHEREAS this program has also benefited the students in the surrounding areas in educating them on the importance of being involved with sustainable management of our fish and walleye resources teaching them responsible stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) current FMZ15 Draft Management Plan for Fish Stocks, do not include any plans within the zone for walleye and although the plan is under review and will not be

completed until 2025 or 2026, the decision is totally under the purview of the MNMNR personnel within Zone 15;

AND WHEREAS the ACHP has the technology, the equipment, the experience and the desire to rehabilitate the walleye fishing opportunities within the Almaguin Highlands;

AND WHEREAS the new ACHP hatchery trailer has the ability to produce up to 6 million high-quality fry properly prepared for successful stocking, and it would be advantageous to this strategy for local municipalities, resorts and associations to support this initiative as well as to enhance future walleye stocks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone respectfully requests that the Almaguin Community Hatchery program be permitted to continue its invaluable work in restocking walleye and educating students about stewardship in the Almaguin Area, and that Staff is directed to forward this resolution to the Magnetawan River Watershed Communities, as well as the Hon. Graydon Smith seeking support.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-181

Moved by: Councillor Janice Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

11.5.3 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board resolution regarding homelessness dated March 9, 2023

WHEREAS the drastic recent increase in homelessness and the concurrent increase in the reliance of Canadians on food banks is evidence of the widening of the gap in income disparity due to current economic conditions; and

WHEREAS the CAEH has presented data illustrating the majority of Canadians believe that homelessness is a problem and it is getting worse; and

WHEREAS the data also shows that the majority of Canadians believe resources should be allocated to improving the situation; and

WHEREAS CAEH has presented the benefits of creating a Homelessness Prevention Housing Benefit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone supports the CAEH in requesting that the Federal government create a Housing Benefit as outlined in the CAEH report and proposal.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to all West Parry Sound Clerks, AMO, OMSSA and Parry Sound – Muskoka MP, Scott Aitchison; Prime Minister of Canada and leaders of the opposition parties.

Carried

Clerk's Note: Items 11.5.4, 11.6, 12, 13, and 14 were not dealt with and will be addressed at the April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council

15. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2023-182

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

THAT By-law 24-2023 Being the Confirmatory By-law for the Council meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2023, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2023-183

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 10:37 p.m. until the Special Council meeting of Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

Carried

George Comrie

Mayor

Michelle Hendry

CAO/ Clerk



DRAFT Special Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Video/Telephone Conferencing

Present: George Comrie, Mayor
Janice Bray, Councillor
Joe Lamb, Councillor
Scott Nash, Councillor (left meeting 5:20 pm, returned 5:35 pm)
Brian Woods, Councillor

Staff: Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk
Maneesh Kulal, Treasurer
Barb Cribbett
Dave Creasor, Manager of Public Works
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief

Guest: 0 - In person
1 - Via Zoom or Telephone

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

The Chair commenced roll call and called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Comrie requested that any pecuniary interest be declared for the record.

Councillor Nash declared a pecuniary interest in respect of Line Item 16-440-4 Road Grant, Budget discussion.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2023-184

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for this meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented

Carried

4. Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2023-185

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

Adjourn to Committee of the Whole

THAT this meeting move into Committee of the Whole at 3:08 p.m.

Carried

- 4.1 Memo:
Draft 2023 Operating and Capital / Special Projects Budget

Resolution No. 2023-186

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

THAT this meeting be reconvened to a Regular Meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-187

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

5. Confirming By-law

THAT By-law 26-2023 Being the Confirmatory By-law for the Special Council meeting of Tuesday, April 11, 2023, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-188

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

6. Adjournment

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:38 p.m. until the Council meeting of April 13, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

George Comrie

Mayor

Michelle Hendry

CAO/ Clerk

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

**Municipality of Whitestone
List of Accounts for Approval (Detailed)**

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Payment # Invoice #	Date	Vendor Name GL Account	GL Transaction Description	Detail Amount	Payment Amount
1 Mar 2023 PW	2023-03-31	Bell Canada 16-322 - Cell Phone	Public Works	19.54	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	2.16	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non	HST Tax Code	2.50 NL	21.70
2 Mar 2023 MO	2023-03-28	Bell Canada 16-109 - Admin - Telephone	Office Phone	244.34	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	26.98	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non	HST Tax Code	31.21 NL	271.32
3 Mar 2023 MI	2023-03-27	Bell Canada 16-720 - Maple Is. Hall - Teleph	Maple Island	60.53	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	6.68	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non	HST Tax Code	7.73 NL	67.21
4 Mar 2023 Fire2	2023-03-27	Bell Canada 16-257 - Station 2 - Telephone	Fire 2	74.82	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	8.27	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non	HST Tax Code	9.56 NL	83.09
5 Mar 2023 DCC	2023-03-27	Bell Canada 16-706 - Dunchurch Hall - Telep	Dunchurch Community Cen	50.35	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	5.56	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non	HST Tax Code	6.43 NL	55.91
6 Mar 2023 Fire 1	2023-03-27	Bell Canada 16-237 - Station 1 - Telephone	Fire 2	70.70	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	7.81	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non	HST Tax Code	9.03 NL	78.51
7 Mar 2023 Remit	2023-03-31	Receiver General 12-331 - Payroll Deductions	March 2023 Remittance	27,010.04	27,010.04
8 Mar 2023	2023-03-28	Workplace Safety Insurance Bd. 12-310 - A/P Trade	March 2023 Remittance	3,232.77	3,232.77
9 Mar 2023	2023-03-28	Minister Of Finance 12-332 - Employer Health Tax	March 2023 Remittance	1,829.53	1,829.53
10 March 25/23	2023-03-27	Bell Canada 16-162 - High Speed Internet	Bell Internet	158.75	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	17.53	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non	HST Tax Code	20.28 NL	176.28
				Total Other:	32,826.36

Report prepared for Council



Judith Meyntz, AOMC, Deputy Clerk

Total AP: 32,826.36

STAFF REPORTS



Municipality of Whitestone

Report to Council

Prepared for: Council

Department: Public Works

Agenda Date: April 18, 2023

Report No: PW-2023-05

Subject: Update on Municipal boat launches

Recommendation:

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Report PW-2023-05 (Update on boat launches) for information.

Background:

See ATTACHMENT A

Council resolutions and Council direction in respect of boat launches and Lake access points

Analysis:

Overview

The boat launches and lake access facilities in the Municipality of Whitestone are important assets for both residents and visitors. In the past few years the Public Works Department has provided attention to these assets with improvements and regular maintenance.

These assets will be integrated into the Asset Management Plan (AMP) with the planned AMP update in 2024. Bob Hughes from RHH Engineering will be undertaking structure related inspections in 2023 on the landings including the WahWashKesh dam. Once this is complete, service levels should be reviewed.

This will help keep a focus on asset management and future planning.

Needs and upgrades

Needs and upgrades were considered based on inspections of each site and the condition of the launch, (structures if any), parking area and access road. Consideration was given to usage and public input received in respect of requests for service or improvements.

1. Beach Road Boat Launch - Shawanaga Lake

Access: Located on the East side of Shawanaga Lake on Beach Road which off Lorimer Lake Road North

The site provides a modest boat launch (no dock) with a gravel launch leading into the lake. There is a loop in the road before the water's edge allowing for boats to turn and access launch with trailers. This loop includes a steep gradient on the south side of the loop.

Parking is located on an upper parking lot on the loop and along the side of Beach Road. Parking at this location is suitable for approximately twelve (12) vehicles. Significant work was completed in 2020 to increase this parking area to where it is now.

Maintenance activities 2023 include grading and roadside brushing.

Recommend improvements in future years: widening the access road and moving ditch line

2. Clear Lake Boat Launch – Clear Lake

Access: Located off of Clear Lake Road (end of Highway #520)

Located near the seasonal portion of Clear Lake Road, a simple boat launch with a modest grade and a small turn around suitable for small boat access to the lake. There is no parking at the launch, however, there is suitable parking along Clear Lake Road where annual average daily traffic volume is low.

Maintenance activities 2023: Brushing and grading

3. Gooseneck Lake Boat Launch – Gooseneck Lake

Access: Located off of Highway 520 and Boat Launch Road

Access is suitable for small to moderate size boats. A new dock on site in 2022 for short term boat parking. Moderate size parking lot is in good condition. Recent work (2022) has improved service levels at the boat launch. Public feedback has been positive. Parking is suitable for up to twenty (20) vehicles

Maintenance activities 2023: Update signage, grading, review swim ladder request

4. Indian Narrows Boat Launch – WahWashKesh Lake

Access: Located off of WahWashKesh Road

It is noted that the water level fluctuates seasonally between six and nine feet on WahWashKesh Lake.

There is a concrete landing with a well-seasoned wood dock and several launch areas at water's edge, one on either side of landing and one at a storage area. There are four accessible parking spots, with a large parking area. The shoreline is strewn with boats waiting to service water access properties. There is an elevated boat storage area for

small boats located further to the east of the dock. Long weekends this parking area overflows with vehicles. Significant work has been completed over the last few years including additional accessible parking, improvement to launch areas, storm water management and signage.

Maintenance activities 2023: Grading and general maintenance to maintain existing service levels

5. Manson Lake Boat Launch – Manson Lake

Access: Located at the end of Lauchs Road – boundary between Hagerman and McKellar accessed from Balsam Road

In its current condition, this location is not suitable to be described as a boat launch. There is a low-level area of mud at water's edge. There is no connection from the road to the water's edge as it is full of low vegetation. There has been no record of recent requests for improvements at this location. This location has been used in the past by Hydro One and locals.

No work planned for this location at this time.

6. Labrash Lake Boat Launch – LaBrash Lake

Access: Located off of LaBrash Road

There is a steep grade change from Labrash Road to the boat launch at water's edge with a modest parking lot with overgrown vegetation which needs fresh gravel. Parking area is suitable for eight (8) vehicles. Work was completed in 2021 to improve storm water management and to the boat launch itself.

Maintenance activities 2023: Place granular A, grading and brushing to parking area

7. Bennett's Landing Boat Launch – WahWashKesh Lake

Access: Located at the end of WahWashKesh Road

It is noted that the water level fluctuates seasonally between six (6) and nine (9) feet on WahWashKesh Lake. There is a concrete landing with a well-seasoned floating wood dock. There is a moderate to steep grade from the upper parking area to the launch at water's edge. The property at the boat launch (below Macey Drive) and the area used as a boat launch encroaches the neighbouring property owner on the north side. The north side drainage ditch from Macey Lane to the water at the boat launch straddles the property line. The Municipality has limited frontage on WahWashKesh Lake at this location.

There are four signed handicap parking spots located on the hill above Macey Drive. The parking spots signed for accessible parking do not meet the accessibility standards (due

to the grade difference from the parking area to the water's edge) but is the best available option at this location.

The large upper parking area is suitable for vehicles and trailers. Trailer storage area is well used. On long weekends the parking area overflows with vehicles.

Maintenance activities 2023: maintenance gravel at the upper parking lot and the overflow area to resolve some grade issues to resolve access to parking and some signage is required

8. Bolger Lake Boat Launch, Bolger Lake

Access: This boat launch is located about forty-five (45) minutes to an hour from Ardbeg, travelling by truck. This rough trail begins at the end of Clear Lake Road and crosses Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Lands.

There is a concrete landing with a wood floating dock at the boat launch with a parking area managed by the Magnatawan Pioneers Association. The Municipality does not provide maintenance in this location.

There is Conservation Land which abuts the parking area. The access trail crosses this land near the landing.

Official Plan Reference

17.01.2 "Access to Kashegaba and Bolger Lakes is increasing at the access facility adjacent to the hydro line at the west end of the lakes. This access point is limited in terms of space for both vehicular and boat parking. The trail or roadway in to the access point is in poor condition and can often be impassable. The municipality recognizes the efforts of lake residents to maintain this access arrangement and it supports this facility so long as the province continues to allow the access so long as it is recognized that the Municipality has no liability or responsibility for this facility.

Local cottagers have indicated there is an overflow of parking on long weekends at this location.

No work is planned for this location at this time.

Numerous boats are pulled up on the shore road allowance and stored (some of the winter months as well), adjacent to the landing.

Pre the March 7, 2022 Council meeting, staff were asked to work with the Magnatawan Pioneer Association to discuss the following options: boat storage to be permitted, winches will be permitted, no docks or storage boxes permitted and the Municipality assumes no liability or responsibility.

9. Farley's Road Boat Launch

Access: Located on the south west side of Lost Bay on the north side of Whitestone Lake

being a long narrow shaped property owned by the Municipality, orientated in the north south direction

The property is attached to the title of a number of water access only properties on Whitestone Lake and is permit use only at this time. There is a gravel boat launch with no dock. Remnants of an old docking crib remain well in the water.

In the north east corner of the property near the water's edge, there remains five (5) aluminum boats stored in the long grass. These boats appear to be in service.

To the west rises a granite out crop with a drainage ditch running from the south end if the property draining to the north into the lake.

To the east there is a drainage ditch receiving surface water from the properties to the south of the parking lot, and draining in the northern direction to the lake.

Parking has been limited to the north side of the parking lot primarily on the east side of the parking areas the land on to the south east has been too soft to park on. Boats and trailers have parked along the west side.

2022 work completed: gravel placed, grading and drainage works completed And brushing operations completed around parking area

New in 2022, winter parking opened up to public as demand is low during winter months. The lot was never viewed beyond half capacity during the winter of 2022-2023 when open to the public. The winter parking operation appears to well received by residents. The public feedback has been positive. From an operational perspective, this has also been a success. Public Works communicated with the residents to park on the left side of the parking lot and this was done to accommodate the plow which has a one-way plow (pushing snow only to the right). From an operational point of view, the residents' vehicles were respectful and parked on the left side which facilitated winter maintenance operations.

Capital Works Plan 2023: to increase parking area and install signage

Parking rights for the water access properties, which are on title, will retain their parking rights through the existing permit procedure.

On a temporary trial basis the public will have access to the remaining parking area. This will be reviewed throughout the season. Staff will provide a memo to update the progress of this trial to include updated parking capacity achieved, operation and maintenance.

Current parking available: approximately fourteen (14) vehicles

Proposed parking after improvements: approximately twenty-four (24) vehicles

Official Plan Reference:

17.09.3 "There is only one good public access located on Whitestone Lake in the village of Dunchurch. Council will attempt to secure additional access points for the public on Whitestone Lake."

Farley's Road Review, Possible New Boat Launch:

Location: Between Five Finger Lane and Spring Road on the south side of Farley's Road, there is a concession line running both east and west, touching Whitestone Lake both directions. Access to this concession line comes from a 40m long gravel road on the south side of Farley's Road.

From the access road travelling east on the concession line to the lake is 70 meters in length. Roughly 30 meters from the access road towards where the water begins, there is a steep incline to the water. The steep incline to the water would not be suitable for a boat launch.

From the access road travelling west on the concession line to the lake is 200 meters.

Along these 200 meters in length, along the low side slope and to the south side is a surface water drainage ditch and low-lying area. The concession line has mature trees and meets the drainage ditch at the water's edge. The topography of this concession line in slope from the access road to the water is generally moderate. The shoreline is a moderate slope with what appears to be a soft mucky bottom. The drop off appears suitable for smaller to small-medium boats.

There is a private dock located at the water's edge from the neighbour to the north. This dock runs perpendicular to where the launch would be located and would need to be moved to accommodate access and to accommodate a launch. The dock would block the proposed boat launch. A realignment of the local natural surface water ditch would be required. Stripping of mature trees with stumps, grading the area and placing gravel for an access road with a parking area would be required if this location was developed.

Estimate for a twenty (20) vehicle parking area with a modest new boat launch and environmental protections in place would be \$82,000 with Public Works staff and equipment completing the work (three weeks of full crew staff time). A permit would be required for a new boat launch from Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries (for in water work). Cost of a floating dock would be additional \$20,000.

10. Church Street Boat Launch – Whitestone Lake

Access: Located in the heart of Dunchurch on Whitestone Lake at the end of Church Street

The boat launch has a concrete pier and floating dock near the public beach and swim area and floating docks to the east for short term docking for four (4) boats.

There is limited parking for trailers along Church Street as boat trailers have to compete with other vehicles using Municipal services in Dunchurch. The boat launch creates challenges for Whitestone's Fire Response due to its proximity.

Recommendation: Additional parking is required. There is an option for adding parking at the property to the east of the Community Centre.

Private Launches of Note:

11. Churlee Boat Launch:

The Four Seasons Road Association owns a waterfront property on Churlee Road.

Located on the north side of Hamilton Bay on the north side of Whitestone Lake, this boat launch is available to public for a small fee. There is a sign located at the entrance with contact information regarding the use of this boat launch.

12. Lorimer Lake Boat Launch:

Location: On Swords Road on the east side of Lorimer Lake and owned by Lorimer Lake Resort

From Lorimer Lake Resort website "We offer cabin rentals, plus facilities to launch and dock your boat. In the marina we provide seasonal boat slips as well as summer and winter boat storage."

See ATTACHMENT B – *Excerpt* from Report PW-2022-09, for further discussion on the Lorimer Lake/Swords Road boat launch option

Financial Considerations:

Maintenance activities for 2023 as noted above to be completed through the operating budget funds. Improvements to Farley's boat launch will be completed through the capital budget item (estimate \$4,000).

Link to Strategic Plan:

5. Maintenance of our Infrastructure:

To maintain and preserve the Municipality's infrastructure to established standards within our financial capability

Respectfully submitted by:



David Creasor
Manager of Public Works

Reviewed by:



Michelle Hendry
CAO/Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DIRECTION IN RESPECT OF BOAT LAUNCHES AND LAKE ACCESS POINTS

February 22, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-63

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Report PW-2022-01
Churlee Road Boat Launch

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Staff Report PW-2022-01 (Churlee Road Boat launch) for information,

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby provide the following direction:

- Staff to investigate further requirements for boat launching on the north basin of Whitestone Lake.

September 6, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-304

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Report PW-2022-09
Boat Launches and future options for Whitestone Lake and Lorimer Lake

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Report PW-2022-09 for (Boat Launches and future options for Whitestone Lake and Lorimer Lake) for information.

Resolution No. 2022-305

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Report PW-2022-10
A review of current boat launches in the Municipality of Whitestone

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Report PW-2022-10 (A review of current boat launches in the Municipality of Whitestone) for information.

Follow-up from the September 6, 2022 Council meeting – staff to consider the possibility of a boat launch adjacent to a CRA that runs off of Farley's Road.

December 5, 2023

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby approve the use of the Farley's Road boat launch parking area for non-deeded access users at no charge, for the 2022-2023 winter season;

AND THAT Staff be requested to report back to Council by April 2023 in respect of parking capacity at the Farley's Road boat launch property and options for increased access for non-deeded access users;

AND THAT the title instruments on each of the 12 registry pins be obtained to verify their rights in title. (CONFIRMED)

March 7, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-117

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

Report ADMIN-2023-07

Use of Shore Road Allowance adjacent to Bolger Landing for boat storage

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive report ADMIN-2023-07 (Use of Shore Road Allowance adjacent to Bolger Landing for boat storage) for information and discussion, and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby provide the following direction.

Deferred

Clerks Note:

Staff to work with the Magnatawan Pioneer Association to discuss options that will include boat storage to be permitted, winches will be permitted, no docks or storage boxes permitted and the Municipality assumes no liability or responsibility.

ATTACHMENT B

A petition was received in July 2021 and presented to Council, requesting to have a Public Access (boat launch, docking) provided for rate payers on Lorimer Lake.

The location proposed was Swords Road immediately north of Lorimer Lake Resort on an un-opened road allowance. The request was to provide a launch, day use parking as well as dedicated long-term parking which would be located on the east side of Swords Road. The request was also that a portion of the parking be maintained through the winter months to allow access for those who are located on seasonally maintained roads as well as water access properties.

The request indicated concern that the Resort has been purchased and the new owners have made their intentions to re-develop known. The ability for cottagers to continue to depend on the current services (i.e. docking, parking and launching boats) has come into question.

EXCERPT FROM PW-2022-09

Lorimer Lake

Per Resolution No. 2022-64 in respect of Lorimer Lake, options for a public boat launch were investigated.

The result of investigations and discussion with the Municipality of McDougall:

All properties owned by either Whitestone, McDougall, or Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDNRF) were jointly investigated by Municipality of McDougall and Whitestone staff.

None of the McDougall or MNDNRF properties are deemed suitable to pursue as potential boat launch locations. All these properties have limited size with unsuitable grades for boat launches. The only viable location is the Swords road allowance located beside Lorimer Lake Lodge (information provided to Council on February 22, 2022 - Lorimer Lake Boat Launch Feasibility Review)

The subject Swords road allowance has a rock outcrop near the water's edge. There is a gradual grade from shore leading out into the bay. This is not ideal for launching boats needing greater drafts to float off a trailer, a long dock would be required to overcome the shallow water.

The road allowance on the opposite side of Swords Road would be suitable to provide a modest amount of short-term public parking. There is a small cottage on stilts (owned by Lorimer Lake Lodge) encroaching on the road allowance leading to the water which should be moved to accommodate boat launching

There is also an old 'rickety' 60-foot-long wooden dock, modest in stature which is supported by stilts. This dock and one parking space used by property owners who own the island to the west of the Swords Road, road allowance. It appears that they have been using this dock and parking area for many years.

The following Hagerman Township resolution from June 13, 1966 was brought to our attention by one of the property owners on the above referenced island.

That we grant Mr. E. C. Rivett permission to open Road Allows between Lots 33 and 34, Concession A, from Sword's Road to shore of Lorimer Lake, without any cost to the Township.

Additionally, a letter was sent to Mr. Ed Rivett and Mr. David Meadows on July 20, 1989

Arising from the minutes (July 17, 1989) that we ask Mr. Ed Rivett and Dave Meadows to post a sign on the Concession line between Lot 33 & 34, Con. B. "this road allows is not maintained by the Township of Hagerman. Use at own risk."

We would ask that this sign be posted immediately and in a prominent position.

Lorimer Lake Lodge is located adjacent to this road allowance. They provide daily, monthly and seasonal parking, boat slips, and launching services. They also are fully booked with their new dock system which has the same number of dock slips at the previous dock system. The owner has informed the Municipality that Lorimer Lake Lodge is looking to add more boat slips, increase parking and intend to be in the marina service business for the long term.

Oceans and Fisheries have approved an application from the Municipality for the installation of a boat launch at Swords Road, granting permission to complete the in-water work required to install a boat launch projecting approximately twenty-five (25) feet into the water.

An investigation determined that there is forty-six (46) inches of water depth at sixty (60) feet out of the shore line in the spring time and the water has fluctuations of about a foot seasonally. A new 50-foot dock would be needed to accommodate the shallow nature of the launch area.

Current Boat launches located on Lorimer Lake:

1. Lorimer Lake Lodge on Swords Road, Municipality of Whitestone - pay per use with parking on private property
2. Grey Owl Road Launch, Township of McKellar - private property, no parking
3. Lorimer Lake Road (Seasonal Portion), Municipality of McDougall Canoe Launch (permit required for parking, stairs leading to water) - Not a boat launch, access to water includes stairs.

Financial Considerations:

Should a decision be made to develop the Swords Road location, a budget allowance of \$55,000 is estimated to be required for the boat launch and \$15,000 for a parking area on the other side (east) of Swords Road, an estimated budget of \$25,000 would be required to install a 50-foot dock.

Permission and execution for dredging if deemed necessary, has not been established (or estimated for costs).



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Dave Creasor, Manager of Public Work

Date: April 18, 2023

Re: 2020-2022 Environment Compliance Monitoring Report Aulds Road Landfill Site
 Link to full Report prepared by Azimuth Environmental Consulting, Inc.
[Municipality of Whitestone - Landfill Monitoring Reports](#)

Background:

The Municipality of Whitestone is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Aulds Road Landfill Site in accordance with the original Provisional Certificate of Approval (CofA) No.: A7101392 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks in January 1980. In addition to the CofA, a Design and Operations Plan was developed in 2018 (and filed with MOECC) to provide guidance for the continued operation of the Aulds Road Landfill Site.

Residents self-haul waste and recyclables to the Site which has controlled access during operational hours set by the Municipality of Whitestone. Few details are available with respect to the history of the Site however, it is understood that the Site has been in operation for over 45 years. The Site is owned by the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF), although is operated by the Municipality under a Land Use Permit (LUP) issued every five (5) years (next renewal date is January 1, 2025)

Notwithstanding the age of the Site, due to limited population and regular burning in the early years, the growth of the waste volume has been kept quite minimal.

Analysis:

The 2020-2022 report provides a summary and analysis of the results obtained from the performance monitoring program completed at the Site over the past three years. It provides a comparison to previous years monitoring programs which have been completed at the Site since 2009. As part of this evaluation, a detailed description of the site hydrology / hydrogeology has been completed. This is crucial in determining current as well as potential future impacts to the surrounding environment.

The report indicates that the landfill is not causing unacceptable impacts on the surrounding lands. While the landfill does not pose an environmental concern, its effect on the environment is measurable. Continued semi-annual (Spring / Fall) monitoring is recommended such that any impacts that may arise from the continued landfill operations can be monitored. Reporting frequency was previously established at every three years, such that the next scheduled monitoring report is to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) March 31, 2026.

The Public Works Staff will be working on adding a material berm to the north east corner of the site with ditching material and grinning material. This will help retain migration of materials.

Of note there has been a trend for volume of material received in the waste footprint with a dramatic increase in 2020-2021. The increase was due to the changes to brush being received only at Aulds Landfill and no longer at York Street Landfill. The opposite happened at York as volume declined about the same amount that year from approximately 1,000m³ down to 500m³.

Grinding began at the end of 2021 and is reflected in the 2022 volumes. Bringing the volume down to 324m³ down from 1,000m³.

Table 1: Annual Waste Volumes

Year	Waste Volume (m³)
2015	400
2016	400
2017	461
2018	460
2019	540
2020	330
2021	1,100
2022	324

* - includes waste an interim cover material

End



Municipality of Whitestone

Report to Council

Prepared for: Council

Department: Building

Agenda Date: April 18, 2023

Report No: BLDG-2023-02

Subject:

Building Services update and Building Permit activity – January 1 to March 31, 2023.

Recommendation:

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive report BLDG-2023-02 (Building Services update and Building Permit activity – January 1 to March 31, 2023) for information.

Background:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on matters such as:

- Building Permit activity within the Municipality (January 1 to March 31, 2023),
- The general activities of the Building Department.

Analysis:

From January 1st to March 31st, 2023, the Municipality received a total of eighteen (18) building permit applications which is down fourteen (14) for the same period last year.

The number of permits for new construction issued from January 1st to March 31st is eleven (11) which is equal to the number of permits for the same period last year. Additionally, one (1) demolition permit was issued. See Schedule "A" for Q1 month-to-month statistics.

General Building Department activities included:

- Monthly updates to Tarion, MPAC, Statistics Canada.
- Civic Address numbers assigned; data base updated.
- Building Permit applications reviewed.
- Researched and responded to general inquiries concerning zoning and building related questions, met with members of the public to discuss questions involving current and potential projects.
- Minor Variance & Re-Zoning reports and pre-consultations.
- Conducted inspections, prepared reports and researched findings
- Continued to work on non-complying projects; issued orders and followed up on orders. Since January 1st a total of two (2) Orders have been rescinded.

- Continued the implementation of Cloud permitting software.
- Records management – creating digital property roll files indicating all Building Permit activity/history.

From January 1st to March 31st sixty-five (65) building permit files have been closed. Additionally, three (3) occupancy permits were issued.

Financial Considerations

Construction value to date (January 1 – March 31) is \$1,075,275.00

Link to Strategic Plan:


In support of the high- level objectives of the Strategic Plan: Communication, Fiscal responsibility.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jamie Osborne
CBO

Reviewed by:



Michelle Hendry
CAO/Clerk

Attachments:

Schedule A: Month to month statistics, Q1.

SCHEDULE A

2023 Month to Month Statistical Review		# of Permits	Construction Value	# of Permits	Construction Value	# of Permits	Construction Value
Residential:		JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
Single Family Dwelling (SFD)				1	\$200,000.00		
Seasonal Dwelling (Cottage)	1	\$280,825.00				1	\$43,450.00
Renovation/Addition				1	\$320,000.00	2	\$165,000.00
Garage/Shed	1	\$14,000.00				1	\$8,000.00
Deck/Porch	1	\$10,000.00		1	\$32,000.00		
Docks	1	\$2,000.00					
Demolition				1	N/A		
Commercial							
TOTAL		4	\$306,825.00	4	\$552,000.00	4	\$216,450.00
							\$1,075,275.00

Comparable Statistics 2023-2020

End of Q1 Totals:	# of Permits	Construction Value
2023	12	\$1,075,275.00
2022	11	\$911,480.00
2021	23	\$1,001,450.00
2020	8	\$392,500.00

BY-LAWS

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE

By-Law No. 28-2023

Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of an Agreement for an Alternate By-Law Enforcement Officer for The Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone

WHEREAS, pursuant to *The Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.15, Section 15, and amendments thereto, the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone may appoint such officers and servants as may be necessary for the enforcement of the By-Laws of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS, Council of the Municipality of Whitestone deems it appropriate to enter into a Contract for Services with **Caitlin Deevey** for the provision of services as a By-law Enforcement Officer to provide a variety of enforcement services pertaining to the By-laws of the Municipality of Whitestone and applicable Provincial and Federal Legislation.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby appoint **Caitlin Deevey** as a By-law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality of Whitestone until the end of the Term of the Contract for Services or until the appointment is revoked, whichever occurs first.
2. **THAT** Council does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor and Clerk to execute, under Seal of the Corporation, the Agreement for the By-law Enforcement Officer between **Caitlin Deevey** and the Municipality of Whitestone attached hereto as Schedule "A" and forming part of this By-law.
3. **THAT** the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to give effect to this By-law.
4. **AND THAT** this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon passage thereof.

READ a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time this 18th day of April, 2023.

Mayor

George Comrie

CAO/Clerk

Michelle Hendry

READ a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and **PASSED**, this 18th day of April, 2023.

Mayor

George Comrie

CAO/Clerk

Michelle Hendry

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE
By-Law No. 29-2023

**Being a By-law to name a Private Road within the
 Corporation of Municipality of Whitestone and to Amend By-Law No. 34-2002**

WHEREAS Section 48 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. c.25 as amended, authorizes the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone to name or change the name of a private road after giving public notice of its intention to pass the by-law;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 61(2) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, if a local municipality has passed a by-law under Section 48 to name or change the name of a private road, the municipality may, at any reasonable time, enter upon land lying along the private road to install and maintain a sign setting out the name of the road;

AND WHEREAS notice of Council's intention to pass the by-law has been sent in accordance with the Procedures for Notices By-Law 04-2003;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to pass a by-law under Section 48 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to name a private road;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone enacts as follows:

1. That the private road legally described as Parts 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17, & 27, Plan 42R-21935, geographic Township of Hagerman, now in the Municipality of Whitestone, is hereby named **Greenwood Way**;
2. **THAT** By-law No. 34-2002 is hereby amended by adding **Greenwood Way** to the list of roads within the municipality;
3. **AND THAT** this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon passage thereof.

READ a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time this 18th day of April, 2023.

Mayor George Comrie

CAO/Clerk Michelle Hendry

READ a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and **PASSED**, this 18th day of April, 2023.

Mayor George Comrie

CAO/Clerk Michelle Hendry

BUSINESS MATTERS



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March 14, 2023

Near North District School Board
 963 Airport Road, P.O. Box 3110
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 Via e-mail: Krista.Messenger@nearnorthschools.ca

ATTN: Chair Erika Lougheed

Dear Chair Lougheed,

Congratulations on your election to the Near North District School Board and appointment to the position of Chair.

You are no doubt aware of the planned construction of the Mega School serving grades JK-12 in West Parry Sound. On behalf of Town of Parry Sound Council, I am sending you Resolution 2023-014 passed at a Council Meeting last month relevant to this issue. The resolution has several requests including the following: that the Board provide an analysis comparing space per capital and spending per capita for students in West Parry Sound and North Bay, as well as consider refurbishing the McDougall School for grades JK to 6, and use the new Mega School for grades 7 to 12.

The Town would appreciate receiving a progress report from the School Board at its earliest convenience and on a monthly basis thereafter.

Sincerely,

Jamie McGarvey
 Mayor

Encl.

c.c. Premier Doug Ford
 Minister of Education Stephen Lecce
 Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Steve Clark
 Parry Sound Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith
 Township of The Archipelago Reeve Bert Liverance
 Township of Carling Mayor Susan Murphy
 Municipality of McDougall Mayor Dale Robinson
 Township of McKellar Mayor David Moore
 Township of Seguin Mayor Ann MacDiarmid
 Municipality of Whitestone Mayor George Comrie



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 – 01A

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: February 7, 2023

- Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
- Councillor **C. McDONALD**
- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

MOVED BY:

 G.A.

SECONDED BY:



CARRIED: DEFEATED: Postponed to: _____

Whereas the West Parry Sound community continues to have concerns regarding the under sizing of the new Mega School;

Whereas the incorporation of portables or "Pods" into the design heightens these concerns;

Whereas parity for students across the school district in addition to population growth are factors that should be utilized when determining school sizes;

Whereas schools are an integral part of supporting more growth and the Province's priority to build more homes;

Whereas the August 2022 Smart Prosperity Institute's report projects a need for 1.5m homes across the province over the next 10 years, 3,200 of which will be required in the Parry Sound District;

Whereas parity in terms of space per student and spending per student should be equitable for all students across the Near North school district;

Whereas, for example, the existing high school and the schools in Nobel and McDougall have a total of five (5) gymnasiums, including four (4) standard and one (1) full size gymnasium; and

Whereas the new Mega School is planned to only have one gymnasium;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound requests the Board provide an analysis comparing space per capita and spending per capita for students in West Parry Sound and North Bay;

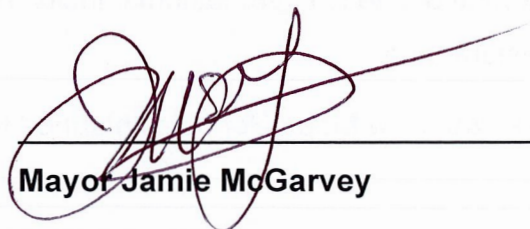
That the Board consider refurbishing the McDougall school for grades JK to 6;

That the new Mega School be used for grades 7 to 12; and

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Steve Clark, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Graydon Smith, Heads of Council of the municipalities of The Archipelago, Carling, McDougall, McKellar, Seguin and Whitestone and the Near North District School Board.

AMENDED

AND THAT A ~~PROGRESS~~ Report is provided by the School Board MONTHLY.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey

CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Policy Division

Director's Office
Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
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Division de la politique

Bureau du directeur
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March 17, 2023

Hello,

We are writing to let you know that on March 16, 2023, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry made an update to the proposal to make amendments to [Ontario Regulation 161/17](#) under the [Public Lands Act](#) regarding the use of floating accommodations.

The changes to the proposal are described in the updated proposal notice on Ontario's Regulatory Registry and the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) (ERO number [019-6590](#)), which was first published on February 24, 2023 and updated on March 16, 2023.

In the updated proposal, we are still proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to clarify the structures or things that cannot be placed and used for overnight accommodation on water over public land.

The following changes proposed in the original posting have been removed through the update:

- reducing the number of days that a person can camp on water over public land (per location, per calendar year) from 21 days to 7 days
- increasing the distance that a person camping on water must move their camping unit to be occupying a different location from 100 metres to 1 kilometre
- adding a new condition to prohibit camping on water within 300 metres of a developed shoreline, including any waterfront structure, dock, boathouse, erosion control structure, altered shoreline, boat launch and/or fill
- harmonizing the conditions for camping on public land so that residents and non-residents are required to follow the same conditions when camping on water over public lands or on public lands
- specifying conditions for swim rafts, jumps, ramps for water sports, heat loops and water intake pipes
- clarifying that camping on a road, trail, parking lot or boat launch is prohibited
- amending the regulation to add the following to the list of excluded public lands to which section 21.1 of the *Public Lands Act* and Ontario Regulation 161/17 do not apply:

- lands subject to an agreement authorizing the use of those lands
- lands subject to an authorization under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

We encourage you to review the updated proposal notice (ERO number [019-6590](#)) and provide feedback through the ERO. The comment period for the proposal closes on **April 11, 2023**.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Henry, R.P.F.
Director, Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Pauline Desroches, Manager, Crown Lands Policy Section



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Honourable Steve Clark

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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March 17, 2023

RE: Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Councillor Hammond brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the current tax classification of Short-Term Rental Units. In particular, Council discussed the implications of having Short-Term Rental Units operate as a business within a residential community. Council noted that allowing Short-Term Rental Unit Operators to pay residential property taxes is inequitable to those business owners who must pay commercial property taxes, solely due to the location of their business.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-082

Moved by: Councillor Hammond

Seconded by: Councillor Matyi

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC"), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and any other relevant bodies, to investigate the tax classification of short-term rental units and consider taxing them as commercial as opposed to residential.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Shelley Brown

Acting Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services
sbrown@essex.ca

c.c. Tracy Pringle, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Tracy.Pringle@mpac.ca



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Motion by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Grant

WHEAREAS an announcement in the media was made that the English Public School Boards Association, the largest school association in the Province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews;

AND WHEREAS this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;

AND WHEREAS access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;

AND WHEREAS schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;

AND WHEREAS schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community and is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;

AND WHEREAS demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting the needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council is requesting the provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighbourhoods and subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closures due to low enrollments that could quickly change.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Victor Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities. **Resolution Number: 2023: 054 Carried**



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March 14, 2023

Via email: clerk@trentlakes.ca

Municipality of Trent Lakes
 Attn: Jessie Clark/Clerk
 760 Peterborough County Road 36
 Trent Lakes ON K0M 1A0

RE: Resolution of Support for Municipality of Trent Lakes – re: Resolutions regarding an Oath of Office, dated February 28, 2023

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 14, 2023, and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-68-2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays receives and supports the attached resolution from the Municipality of Trent Lakes requesting changes to the municipal Oath of Office, dated February 28, 2023

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table (MAILT), MPP Graydon Smith, MP Scott Aitchison, and the Premier of Ontario.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
 Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
 CS/lv

Copy to: Premier of Ontario
 Local members of the Provincial Parliament
 Municipalities in Ontario
 Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table

Encl: Municipality of Trent Lakes Resolution R2023-119



760 Peterborough County Road 36, Trent Lakes, ON K0M 1A0 Tel 705-738-3800 Fax 705-738-3801

February 28, 2023

Via email only

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha
dave.smithco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Michelle Ferreri, MP Peterborough-Kawartha
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Curve Lake First Nation
audreyp@curvelake.ca
The Association of Municipalities Ontario
amo@amo.on.ca

Re: Oath of Office

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor
Armstrong

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend The Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities

FONOM

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Executive Award

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted from municipalities and individuals in Northeastern Ontario for the FONOM Executive Award to be presented at the upcoming Virtual FONOM Conference, hosted by the Town of Parry Sound.

Following is a description of the purpose of the award and eligibility requirements.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to honour an individual member of FONOM who has contributed in a special and meaningful way toward the enrichment and betterment of the lives of the residents of Northeastern Ontario and who has exerted tireless efforts over a period of years in promoting the objectives of FONOM regionally and provincially.

Who is eligible? To qualify for the Executive Award, recipients must have served in an elected office in one of the municipalities within the FONOM membership district.

When are the awards presented?

The award is presented concurrent with the annual FONOM Conference. The recipient and their nominator will be notified in advance of the awards ceremony.

When is the deadline for nominations?

Any person or organization can nominate an individual by completing the following nomination form and sending the signed form to the address below, no later than **April 7th, 2023**.

Previous recipients of the FONOM Executive Award are:

1997 Joe Mavrinac, Kirkland Lake
1998 John Hodder, Manitoulin
1999 Marcel Noel, West Nipissing
2000 Fred Poulin, Smooth Rock Falls
2001 Vic Power, City of Timmins
2002 Austin Hunt, Manitoulin
2003 Jim Gordon, Sudbury
2004 Richard Adams, Parry Sound
2005 Phyllis Floyd, Former Executive Director, Sudbury
2006 Henry (Chick) Goertzen, Township of Laird
2008 Ellwood McKinnon, Township of Johnson
2009 George Farkouh, City of Elliot Lake
2010 John Rowswell, Sault Ste. Marie
2011 Michael "J.J." Doody, Timmins
2012 Frank Gillis, Espanola
2013 Austin Hunt, Billings
2014 Stephen Butland, Sault Ste. Marie
2015 Vyrn Peterson, Blind River
2016 Tom Laughren, Timmins
2017 Alan Spacek, Kapuskasing
2018 Jamie McGarvey, Parry Sound
2019 Mac Bain, North Bay
2020 Merrill Bond, Charlton and Dack
2021 Georges Bilodeau, Huron Shores
2022 Lynn Watson, Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional

Need more information?

Further information and nomination forms may be obtained from:

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Mail:

FONOM

615 Hardy Street

North Bay, Ontario P1B 8S2

Email:

fonom.info@gmail.com

Nominations must be submitted by April 7th so please submit your nomination forms as soon as possible. Thank you!

FONOM Executive Award Nomination Form

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY AND COMPLETE IN FULL.

Individual Being Nominated

Title	First Name	Last Name
Name of Organization	Position	
Address		
City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Telephone No. (9:00am – 5:00pm)	Fax No.	Email Address

Nomination Submitted By:

Title	First Name	Last Name
Name of Organization	Position	
Address		
City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Telephone No. (9:00am – 5:00pm)	Fax No.	Email Address

Is nominee aware of this nomination Yes No

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

In addition to completing the form, please see the following page for additional material to be included in your submission.

Please provide a brief description of your nominee's activities and the contribution he or she has made. Please note that the selection of award recipients is based solely on information provided in the nomination package. It is therefore important that all materials in the package be complete.

Please include the following in your submission:

1. Description of achievement:

- a) Describe the achievement in detail, including any background or historical information related to the achievement.
- b) Describe what made this an outstanding achievement for your nominee, including any extraordinary circumstances or challenges the nominee faced.
- c) Describe how this achievement has touched the lives of others or the life of the person being nominated.
- d) Indicate how long you have known the nominee.
- e) Indicate the timeframe that this achievement took place.

2. Two Written Testimonials

Testimonials should be current and from persons who can attest to the value and impact of the achievements of the nominee.

3. Additional Material (optional)

List any additional material provided to support this nomination. For example, additional testimonial letters, publications, media stories, etc.

NOTE: Please do not send originals of important or official documents, as they will not be returned.

Please submit signed nomination form and supporting materials to:

Mail:

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North Bay, Ontario P1B 8S2

Email: fonom.info@gmail.com

DEADLINE Completed forms must be received by April 7th.


CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

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Honourable Steve Clark

 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 College Park 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
 Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

March 22, 2023

 RE: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Mayor Bondy brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales. It was discussed that, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction. It was further noted that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-081

Moved by: Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Allard

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Shelley Brown

Acting Clerk

sbrown@essex.ca



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Our Reference #: M-2023-2275

March 24, 2023

Dear Heads of Council, Municipal Chief Administrative Officers, and Clerks:

I am pleased to write to you today to provide an update on modernization initiatives in Ontario's *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) courts.

On November 23, 2022, proposed amendments to the POA aimed at modernizing and streamlining processes in POA courts were introduced in the Ontario Legislature as Schedule 8 under Bill 46, the *Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act, 2023*. I am happy to advise that Bill 46 received Royal Assent on March 22, 2023.

As a result, the following changes to the POA have been approved:

Implementation of Amendments to Allow for Clerk Review of Reopening Applications

Currently, the POA allows a defendant convicted of either failing to respond to a charge laid by certificate of offence or of failing to appear for a hearing or early resolution meeting, to apply to have the conviction struck and the matter reopened. Such applications are currently reviewed by a justice of the peace and may be granted if the justice of the peace is satisfied that, through no fault of their own, the defendant was unable to appear for a hearing or an early resolution meeting or did not receive a notice or document relating to the offence.

Effective September 22, 2023, clerks of the court will grant, but not deny, applications to strike a conviction on a ticket, if satisfied that the defendant, through no fault of their own, missed a notice or was unable to attend a meeting or hearing related to the ticket. If the clerk is not able to grant the application and strike the conviction, the clerk must forward the application to a justice of the peace to make the determination whether to grant or deny the request for a reopening.

These amendments will assist municipalities in recovering from the disruption of court operations created by the pandemic by freeing up judicial time and allowing municipal court staff to address the backlog of cases more quickly.

Repeal of the Bill 177 Early Resolution Reforms

Effective March 22, 2023, amendments to section 5.1 of the POA, together with previously proposed sections 5.2 to 5.5 are repealed, although they had not yet come into force. These previously proposed amendments would have changed the "early resolution" process in ways that are no longer desired by stakeholders.

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The Ministry of the Attorney General looks forward to continuing engagement with partners and stakeholders on new opportunities for modernizing the early resolution process.

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information about these initiatives, please contact Ms. Wendy Chen, Manager of the POA Unit, either by email at JUS.G.MAG.POASupport@ontario.ca or by telephone at (437) 244-8733.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the administration of justice and for supporting access to justice services for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Downey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end of the name.

Doug Downey
Attorney General

c: Wendy Chen, Manager, POA Unit, Court Services Division, Ministry of the Attorney General

**Ministry for Seniors
and Accessibility**

**Ministère des Services aux
aînés et de l'Accessibilité**



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March 2023

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

I am writing to invite you to submit a nomination for the 2023 [Ontario Senior of the Year Award](#).

This award gives each municipality the opportunity to honour one of their outstanding local seniors for the contributions they've made to enrich the social, cultural, and civic life of their community.

The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2023.

For more information on how to submit a nomination online, please visit the [Senior of the Year](#) webpage. Once you submit a nomination, a personalized certificate with your nominee's name will be sent to you. I encourage you to present it to your nominee in June in conjunction with Seniors Month.

The Ontario government is always delighted to celebrate Seniors Month with municipalities across the province. Seniors have generously given their time, knowledge and expertise to help build this great province that we all enjoy today. It is important that we take the time to celebrate our older population and their valuable contributions.

If you have any questions about the upcoming 2023 Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please contact Ontario Honours and Awards at OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca.

Thank you in advance for your support of local seniors and Seniors Month.

Sincerely,

Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

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From: [JohnandSue Green](#)
To: mayor.comrie@whitestone.ca; councillor.bray@whitestone.ca; councillor.lamb@whitestone.ca; councillor.nash@whitestone.ca; councillor.woods@whitestone.ca
Cc: "Michelle Hendry"
Subject: Request to adopt a bylaw.
Date: March 22, 2023 10:35:30 AM

Dear Mayor and Council.

My name is Sue Hicks-Green and I am reaching out to you all today because I have a concern regarding our lack of a bylaw for cats.

Those of you who know me, know that I am an avid animal lover. However, my patience is wearing thin with some owners of cats.

We have a great dog bylaw in this municipality but we have nothing to cover cats. Why? I presently own 3 cats - 2 females and a male. All of my cats have been spayed or neutered since they were only a few months old. They have also been heavily trained to not go near the road and to never leave the property. Since they are indoor cats mostly, we do let them out during the day for fresh air BUT we are watching them every minute they are out. They go out, they play, they look around and they come back inside. Never have we had a problem with them.

Now comes the problem.

My own cats are pretty much being held hostage in the house, unable to go out because of other cats that are roaming around the farm here. We have numerous outbuildings, which these stray cats keep checking out. They come to my windows, my patio doors, and it has my cats very upset. Upset to the point I worry about what would happen if they were outside and the strays show up. One thing I won't do is get in between cats that may get into a fight. Right now I am contending with 2 cats that my neighbor owns. I have called our bylaw officer over this and as he explained to me - we don't have a cat bylaw so there's nothing he can do to help me. I understand that. He did however suggest I call around to the shelters, etc. Well, I did. Not one shelter or rescue could I find that would accept cats that are not spayed or neutered. I'm sorry but I'm not about to pay for someone else's animal to be fixed.

I have contacted the neighbor on more than one occasion to tell them their cats are here and all I hear is - Oh yes, they got out when I opened the door to let the dog out or to take the kids in and out. ...

I'm sorry, I don't care how they got out -- I care about them staying at their own home. They do not come and get their cats and therefore, here they sit - wandering around my property, tormenting my cats and have even sprayed on my patio doors.

Enough is enough.

I implore you to please consider bringing in a cat bylaw. I know I can't be the only person having this problem as I have had calls in the past about people seeing if I know who owns a stray that has shown up at their places.

Since I live on a highway - I don't want to physically chase these cats away for fear they'll run out onto the highway and get hit. That would devastate me.

So please, consider a bylaw for cats - not only to protect the residents of this municipality, but

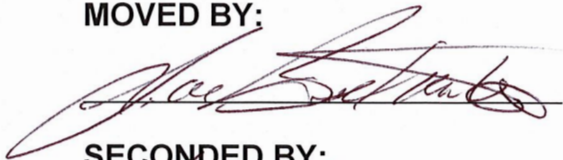
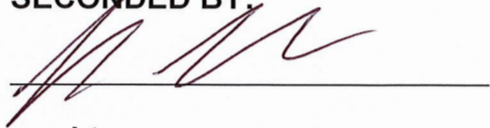
to protect the animals also.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sue Hicks- Green.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 – 049

DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: April 4, 2023
Councillor G. ASHFORD	_____	_____	MOVED BY:
Councillor J. BELESKEY	_____	_____	
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____	SECONDED BY:
Councillor B. KEITH	_____	_____	
Councillor D. McCANN	_____	_____	_____
Councillor C. McDONALD	_____	_____	_____
Mayor J. McGARVEY	_____	_____	_____
CARRIED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED: <input type="checkbox"/>	Postponed to: _____	

WHEREAS Council for the Town of Parry Sound received a request from the organization *The Women of Ontario Say No*, to support Bill 5, Stop the Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports Bill 5, Stop the Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, which will require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement for those Councillors and members to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and West Parry Sound Municipalities.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

DATE: April 4, 2023

RESOLUTION No. 23-271
AGENDA ITEM No. 20.5.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS the West Parry Sound community continues to have concerns regarding the under sizing of the new Mega School;

WHEREAS the incorporation of portables or "Pods" into the design heightens these concerns;

WHEREAS parity for students across the school district in addition to population growth are factors that should be utilized when determining school sizes;

WHEREAS schools are an integral part of supporting more growth and the Province's priority to build more homes;

WHEREAS the August 2022 Smart Prosperity Institute's report projects a need for 1.5m homes across the province over the next 10 years, 3,200 of which will be required in the Parry Sound District;

WHEREAS parity in terms of space per student and spending per student should be equitable for all students across the Near North school district;

WHEREAS for example, the existing high school and the schools in Nobel and McDougall have a total of five (5) gymnasiums, including four (4) standard and one (1) full size gymnasium; and

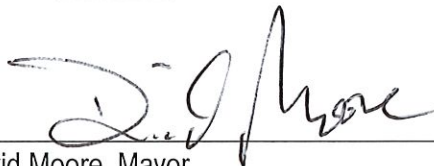
WHEREAS the new Mega School is planned to only have one gymnasium;



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby support Town of Parry Sound Resolution No. 2023-014 requesting the Board to provide an analysis comparing space per capita and spending per capita for students in West Parry Sound and North Bay; That the Board consider refurbishing the McDougall school for grades JK to 6; That the new Mega School be used for grades 7 to 12; That a progress report is provided by the School Board monthly; and That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Steve Clark, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Graydon Smith, Heads of Council of the municipalities of The Archipelago, Carling, McDougall, Parry Sound, Seguin and Whitestone and the Near North District School Board.

Carried Defeated Deferred



David Moore, Mayor

DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councillor Morley Haskim	___	___	___	___
Councillor Mike Kekkonen	___	___	___	___
Councillor Nick Ryeland	___	___	___	___
Councillor Debbie Zulak	___	___	___	___
Mayor David Moore	___	___	___	___



CLEARVIEW

April 5, 2023

C00.2023

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

Re: Barriers for Women in Politics

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on April 3, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from the Township of Lucan Biddulph regarding Barriers for Women in Politics:

Whereas, the Township of Clearview values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;

Whereas, women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

Whereas, misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

Whereas, the Township of Clearview believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Township of Clearview expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Township of Clearview commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Township of Clearview encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement and the Premier of Ontario, to express the Township of Clearview's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.



CLEARVIEW

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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Sasha HelmKay, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Stephanie Jaworski

RESOLUTION NO 119-2023

SECONDED BY Martin Lang

DATE April 3, 2023

WHEREAS an announcement was recently made by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association asking for the Government of Ontario to lift the moratorium on pupil accommodation reviews (and school closures) prior to the end of the 2022-2023 school year;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of South Glengarry passed a resolution on June 20, 2022 in support of the Community Schools Alliance's Three Point Action Plan designed to improve access to public education in rural and norther communities; namely:

THAT the Province of Ontario increase the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) to \$50 million;

THAT should the moratorium be lifted, that the moratorium remain in place for schools that qualify for the RNEF until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed;

THAT before templates required by the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline are developed, there be consultation with school boards and community groups including the Community Schools Alliance;


AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Minister of Education, has acknowledged the negative social and economic impact school closures have on Rural and Northern Ontario communities, and committed to a review of the process to better reflect the needs of Rural and Northern Ontario prior to the lifting of the moratorium,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Minister of Education, provide an update on the status of any review ^{of} ~~to~~ rural education funding, including the RNEF and the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review guidelines.



AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Education, MPP Nolan Quinn, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED DEFEATED POSTPONED



Mayor Lachlan McDonald

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor McDonald	___	___
Deputy Lang	___	___
Councillor Jaworski	___	___
Councillor McDonell	___	___
Councillor Bougie	___	___

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234-2023-1754

April 6, 2023

Good afternoon,

Today, our government announced further action to tackle the housing supply crisis and reach our goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031. The *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act* is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can actually afford.

Despite external economic challenges that are slowing down new home construction, including inflation and soaring interest rates, Ontario's plan to build more homes faster is working – with the highest number of housing starts in more than 30 years in 2021 and 2022, and the highest number of rental housing starts on record last year.

Details about the range of measures in our plan can be found in the [news release here](#).

As part of the plan, our government is introducing a new province-wide planning policy document that would provide municipalities with more flexibility, reduce duplication, create more homes in urban and rural communities, support local economies and create jobs while continuing to protect the environment (including existing Greenbelt protections), and public safety. It would also require coordination between municipalities and school boards to consider school and childcare needs earlier in the planning process, so that families moving to new housing can expect that local schools will be available for their children.

Ontario is undertaking a 60-day consultation on the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement until June 6, 2023 <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6813>.

In addition, the plan contains numerous actions to further tackle Ontario's housing crisis, including:

- A \$6.5 million investment to appoint an additional 40 adjudicators and hire five staff to improve service standards and continue to reduce active applications and decision timeframes at the Landlord and Tenant Board. This increase more than doubles of the number of full-time adjudicators at the Landlord Tenant Board.

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- Proposed changes to make life easier for renters, with changes that would, if passed, clarify and enhance tenants' rights to install air conditioners. We are proposing to further strengthen protections against evictions due to renovations, demolitions and conversions, as well as those for landlord's own use.
- Proposed changes to the *Planning Act*, *City of Toronto Act*, and *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act* to support the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement as well as other housing supply priorities.
- Doing more to protect first-time home buyers and their savings by expanding deposit insurance for First Home Savings Accounts held at Ontario credit unions.
- We are exploring a cooling-off/cancellation period on purchases of new freehold homes, and a requirement that purchasers of all new homes receive legal advice on their purchase agreements when they make one of the biggest purchases of their lives – a new home.

These and other related consultations can be found through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry](#).

Our plan was informed by AMO's 2022 A Blueprint for Action and ROMA's 2022 Task Force Report on Attainable Housing and Purpose-Built Rentals. These changes build on our continued work to provide a solid foundation to address Ontario's housing supply crisis over the long term and will be supplemented by continued action in the future.

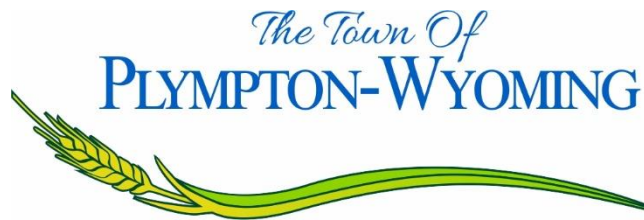
The housing supply action plan is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can afford. We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners to create the homes that Ontarians need today, tomorrow and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c. Chief Administrative Officer



The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

March 22nd 2023

Re: Barriers for Women in Politics

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 8th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Grimsby regarding *Barriers for Women in Politics*.

Motion 19

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor Bob Woolvett

That Council support item 'I' of correspondence from the Town of Grimsby regarding Barriers for Women in Politics.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Bob Bailey, MPP – Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 12, 2023

RE: CN RIGHT-OF-WAY VEGETATION CONTROL

Dear Mayor,

CN remains committed to running its railway sustainably, as well as building a level of trust and collaboration with the communities in which we operate.

To that end, we are reaching out to advise you of our vegetation control activities in your area between April and October 2023. A regularly updated schedule is available at: [CN.ca/vegetation](https://www.cn.ca/vegetation)

If not managed properly, trees, brush or other vegetation can severely compromise rail and public safety. Vegetation can impede the view motorists have of oncoming trains and increase the risk of crossing accidents. Unwanted vegetation can damage the integrity of the railbed, interfere with signals and switches, contribute to track side fires, compromise employee and citizens safety, reduce visibility for train crews at road crossings/train control signals and track side warning devices, to name a few of the potential risks.

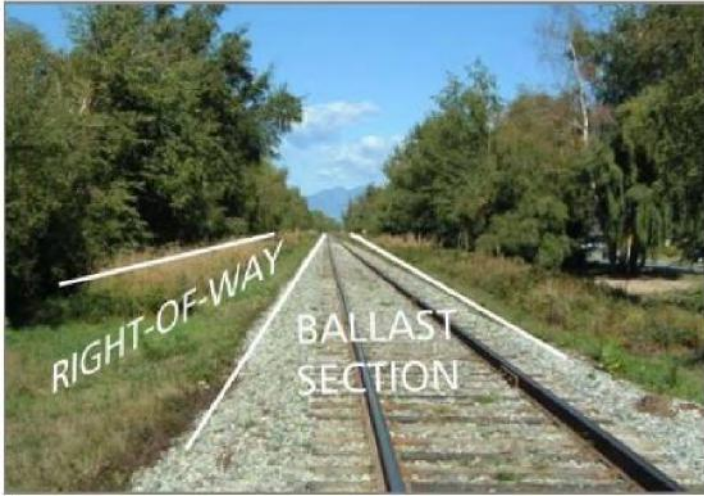
CN's annual vegetation control program is designed to mitigate these risks by managing brush, weeds, and other undesirable vegetation. This program is critical to ensure safe operations and contributes to the overall safety of your community.

Control Measures

CN manages vegetation using both chemical and mechanical methods. We are sensitive to concerns your community may have regarding chemical vegetation control and I would like to assure you that at CN, we strive to safeguard our neighbouring communities and the environment.

The track infrastructure is composed of two main sections, the ballast section typically ranging from 16-24 feet (which is primarily gravel and supports the track structure) and the right of way portion (which is the area outside of the ballast section to the CN property boundary).

The 16–24-foot ballast section and the areas around signals and communications equipment that are critical for safe railway operations will be managed using chemical methods. Application in these safety critical areas is done by spray trucks or spray trains with downcast nozzles that spray a short distance above the ground surface with shrouded booms, specially designed to limit the chemicals from drifting. The right-of-way section is maintained using mechanical control methods such as mowing, or brush cutting and may be chemically treated to control noxious or invasive weeds or brush.



CN will use chemical control techniques on the ballast section and specific locations of the right of way throughout the network for safety reasons. Furthermore, when chemicals are applied via spray train or truck, as outlined in the photo below, additives called surfactants are included to make the chemical work better.



CN has retained professional contractors qualified to undertake this work. They are required to comply with all laws and regulations applicable to CN. In addition, the contractors will ensure that vegetation control is performed with consideration of the environment and in accordance with the highest industry standards.

Inquiries

Should your community have any noxious weed removal requests, we ask that you contact CN's Public Inquiry Line at contact@cn.ca or fill out the form at [CN.ca/vegetation](https://www.cn.ca/vegetation) before June 1, 2023 with the specific information and location. CN will make every effort to include those locations as part of our 2023 Vegetation Management Program. All notices sent after the above-mentioned date will be included in the 2024 Vegetation Management Plan.

We look forward to working with you and answering any questions you may have regarding our vegetation control activities in your community.

Please find attached the notices CN is publishing in local papers to advise the public. We would kindly ask that you post copies on your community's website and at City Hall or other central locations for a wider distribution.

For any questions or more information, please contact the CN Public Inquiry Line by telephone at 1888-888-5909, or by email at contact@cn.ca.

Please also find attached a list of FAQs regarding the program that may be of further assistance.
Best regards,

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Luanne Patterson



Annual Vegetation Management Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

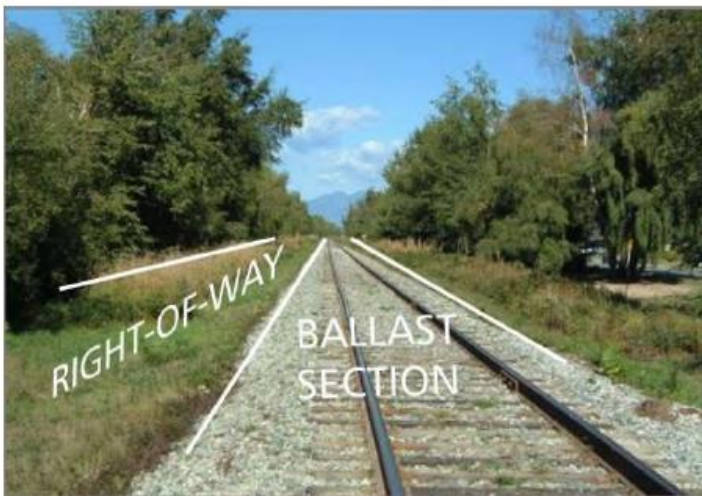
Where can I get more information about CN's Vegetation Management Program?
For more details, please visit our website at [CN.ca/vegetation](https://www.cn.ca/vegetation)

Why does CN need to remove vegetation along its train tracks annually?

At CN, safety is a core value. Part of maintaining and operating a safe railway is ensuring vegetation is managed along our corridors. CN also has an obligation, pursuant to the *Rules Respecting Track Safety*, adopted under the *Railway Safety Act*, to ensure that vegetation on or immediately adjacent to the railway roadbed is controlled. More specifically, the rules require federal railways to ensure the track is free of vegetation that could create fire hazards, affect the track integrity, or obstruct visibility of operations and inspections. Separate regulations also require removal of vegetation to ensure every grade crossing meets sightline requirements.

Where does CN remove vegetation?

For the purposes of vegetation control, CN divides its rail lines into two components: the ballast section and the right-of-way. The ballast section (gravelled area) covers a 16 to 24ft width (4.9 to 7.3m). The right-of-way section covers a 42ft width (13m) on each side of the ballast section.





Vegetation in the right-of-way section needs to be controlled to protect sight lines for train crews to see signal systems and at road crossings, prevent trees from fouling the track during storms, reduce fuel loading to prevent fires, minimize wildlife mortality, ensure good drainage along ditches and culverts, amongst other safety requirements and is primarily controlled mechanically, by mowing and cutting of vegetation. Certain herbicide products are used (excluding glyphosate) to encourage grass rather than shrubs and trees.

The ballast section, on the other hand, is the most critical area as it supports the track infrastructure that supports the movement of freight and passengers and provides an area for train crew to safely inspect their train. Given the crucial role it plays in ensuring the safety and integrity of rail operations, this section must be clear of all vegetation. The only proven way to effectively completely remove vegetation in the ballast section is through chemical application.



How will you manage dry plants that remain once the spraying is completed?

Ensuring vegetation is controlled on an annual basis is the best method to reduce larger volumes of dead and dry plants. This is because it eradicates vegetation before it grows, reducing the amount of dead plant material. CN's program has been developed specifically with this in mind. Most vegetation, once dead, will naturally decay leaving little debris. As for the right-of-way, the herbicides used are selective and the grass cover will remain intact while shrubs or noxious weeds will be controlled.



What herbicides will CN be using?

The choice of chemicals used depends on the specific plants targeted. All pesticides used in Canada are approved for use in Canada and the province in which they are applied. The chemicals for 2023 may include:

Name	Ingredient(s)	PCP #
Aspect	Picloram & 2,4-D	31641
Clearview	Aminopyralid & Metsulfuron-Methyl	29752
Credit Xtreme	Glyphosate	29888
Esplanade	Indaziflam 200g/l	31333
Milestone	Aminopyralid	28517
Navius Flex	Metsulfuron-Methyl & Aminocyclopyrachlor	3092228840 31333 32773 30203 30922 31470 31760 27736
Round Up Weather Pro	Glyphosate	27487
Hasten	Adjuvant	N/A
Gateway	Adjuvant	N/A

Will you be using Glyphosate. If so, is it dangerous for us or my pets?

All pesticides CN uses in Canada are registered by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) and have been approved for use in the province in which they are applied. Protection of human health and the environment is Health Canada's primary objective in the regulation of pesticides and all pesticides must undergo rigorous science-based assessments before being approved for sale in Canada. The PMRA also re-evaluates registered pesticides on a cyclical basis to ensure they continue to meet modern health and environmental standards. The PMRA re-evaluated glyphosate in 2017 and reconfirmed that products containing glyphosate do not present risks to human health or the environment when used in accordance with revised label directions. CN's vegetation control contractor uses glyphosate in accordance with label directions.



Has CN tried any non-chemical weed control options in the past, such as weed whacking? Have they worked?

CN has used weed cutting in the past to control vegetation, but this does not remove the roots, and actually encourages more growth. It is not an effective long-term solution for vegetation removal along railway tracks. The application of steam injection has also been investigated; however, it has proven ineffective in killing the roots, which, if left to continue growing, could compromise the integrity of the rail bed, causing unsafe operating conditions.

CN has also explored other options, such as high concentrate vinegar (acetic acid). However, this was deemed not to be a viable option as the acid reacts negatively with steel and the sensitive electronic monitoring equipment used to regulate the safe movement and operation of our trains.

I am an organic farmer adjacent to your tracks, should I be worried?

Most of the vegetation control focuses on the ballast section (gravelled area) which is 16 – 24 feet (4.9 to 7.3 meters) wide, leaving about 42 feet (13 meters) of right-of-way on each side of the ballast. The equipment used for application is a shrouded boom which focuses the spray downward to reduce potential drift. Application must also be done during appropriate weather conditions, including low wind levels.

Many properties back onto the railway. Are Aspect, Clearview, Credit Xtreme, Esplanade, Milestone, Navius Flex, Round Up Weather Pro, Hasten, and Gateway safe to use in close proximity to people and pets?

All pesticides used in Canada must be registered by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), which has one of the toughest regulatory requirements in the world for approving products for safe use. CN only uses pesticides that have been approved for use in Canada and the province in which they are applied. When used according to label directions, PMRA has evaluated them to be safe.

Can I request my area not be sprayed?

At CN, safety is a core value. CN is governed by the Railway Safety Act and must comply with the laws and regulations. Vegetation control is a key component of keeping our employees and the communities in which we operate safe. Ensuring vegetation is kept clear of our infrastructure, signals, road crossing sight lines and enabling our teams to inspect and maintain the track is critically important. As a result, all areas of the CN ballast section will be treated to control vegetation.