



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone**

**Agenda of Special Council Meeting  
Thursday, March 25, 2021**

**Via Zoom - Meeting ID:** 893 7001 0509

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** **6:30 p.m.**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
3. **Approval of Agenda ®**
4. **Move into Committee of the Whole ®**
  - 4.1 Proposed West Parry Sound Pool and Wellness Centre Discussion  
– Public Input  
  
Protocol:
    - Ratepayers will be permitted to ask questions and Councillors will be permitted to respond;
    - Each ratepayer will be permitted to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes;
5. **Reconvene into Regular Meeting ®**
  - 5.1 Council discussion and consideration of the Proposed West Parry Sound Pool and Wellness Centre
6. **Correspondence ®** (listed on page 2)
7. **Confirming By-Law ®**
8. **Adjournment ®**

## **Correspondence**

- A. Doug Hickey email regarding Parry Sound Wellness and Pool Centre dated December 15, 2020.

## **Instructions for Joining the Council Meeting**

1. Please try to sign in between 6:00 to 6:30 if possible; you are still welcome to sign in after 6:30 if necessary.
2. Please wait to be let in the 'meeting room'; this won't take long.
3. Please have your mic on mute and your video turned off unless you are speaking; this ensures there are no distractions or background noise to disrupt the meeting.
4. When you sign in please sign in with your full name (first and last), not a company name.
5. Please respect meeting protocol and do not interrupt the meeting.

**From:** Doug Hickey <[doughickey@sympatico.ca](mailto:doughickey@sympatico.ca)>  
**Sent:** December 15, 2020 7:08 PM  
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**Subject:** Request to be added to Correspondence for the Jan 18, 2021 Council Meeting.

SUBJECT: Parry Sound Wellness and Pool Centre

I formally request the following be included as Correspondence for the next Council Meeting, scheduled for Jan 18, 2021, and be considered for discussion by Council.

Three topics:

- A) An alternative “Hybrid Funding” model for the PSound Centre (Details below.)
- B) A clear explanation of when and how the community input will be shared with the public.
- C) A clear confirmation by Council “how“ they plan to review the Community Input, and how it will be used as a basis for any Council vote to support/or decline the current funding model (or for an alternative model).

TOPIC A (detail): An alternative “Hybrid“ Support/Funding Model for the Parry Sound Wellness and Pool Centre

The public should be given an opportunity to hear and consider an alternative to the current 6.1% funding model.

#### HYBRID MODEL

I believe there is a creative way to still “support” the Wellness Centre, AND have a better way to help Whitestone Residents pay for their use. It will also have much less impact to our taxes.

1. Whitestone provides an up-front grant of \$50,000 towards the capital cost. We are still “committed” to a regional facility. We are still working with our regional partners as a “Funding Partner”.
2. Each year, Whitestone also provides \$5,000 towards their annual costs.
3. Consider a “Whitestone Resident SUBSIDY”: Whitestone could provide a subsidy to ANY Whitestone resident wishing to use the facility. This would REDUCE the amount they would have to pay towards a YMCA Membership or daily use cost. This is a DIRECT financial benefit to any Whitestone User.

4. The impact to the other Municipalities is minimal. Our 6.1% share can easily be spread out among the other (closer to Parry Sound) communities' shares. Our \$50,000 grant also reduces this extra burden.

5. If the Govt funding is approved, it is VERY unlikely that the project is at risk by Whitestone changing their financial support... the other remaining municipalities will still likely proceed. They also have our "support", both financially and as a "Community Partner".

This "Hybrid Model" is actually much better for all Whitestone Ratepayers. By providing a DIRECT subsidy (example 10%-20% of a YMCA Membership) to any Whitestone resident wanting to use the facility, it makes it less costly for them to enjoy the Centre. It also AVOIDS a major tax increase for all Ratepayers.

Thank you for considering.

Doug Hickey  
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Sent from my iPhone