



**Addenda**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

In the Dunchurch Community Centre,  
Zoom Meeting (Video) and Phone Call

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**Addition of Items:**

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Municipality of Whitestone

Mr. Nigel Black

Ms. Paula Macri,

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The Corporation of the  
Municipality of Whitestone

Regarding the zoning amendment of By-law  
no. 07-2018, section 34 of the Planning Act.

The above amendment will be used to expand and  
rezone Waterfront Residential 1, limited services to  
become C2-4 zone which would permit new marine use  
and the following: marina, resort, vehicular & trailer  
parking, boat storage, outside storage, a tourist  
establishment and rental cottages. Although some  
cottages have utilized the current marina I do  
not believe any of the new additions would benefit  
current cottages.

The aforementioned docks have been extended considerably within the past 2 years.

I fail to find any benefit to the cottages but rather more congestion, more boats and more fishermen at all times of the day.

My husband, Carl and I say "no" to this new rezoning. This will also include more traffic on our existing trail which goes through the conservation reserve.

Yours truly

Marska Murphy

**Paula Macri**

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**From:** Sue Jennings on behalf of Sue Jennings  
**Sent:** December 11, 2025 1:26 PM  
**To:** Nigel Black; Paula Macri; George Comrie; Joe Lamb; Brian Woods; councillor.nash@whitestone.ca; councillor.bray@whitestone.ca  
**Subject:** Support for Rezoning Expansion of Bolger Marina (amended from earlier email)

Good morning Whitestone Staff, Mayor & Council,

Please consider this email as our support of a proposed zoning by-law amendment of 9087 Bolger Lake (Will Roberts, Bolger Marina). We received your letter this week notifying us of a Public Meeting next week, December 16, and we request this letter be included in correspondence to council on this matter.

In preparing our comments we considered the agenda, applicant planning report, and report prepared by MHBC.

1) As owners utilizing the marina for our tinner and pontoon boats, as well as services of secure parking, storage, repair and maintenance, we see first hand that the current marina is about to be out of room as more property owners and visitors request services. With 6 grown children, and 11 grandchildren, we are concerned that there be enough future space for them to park and visit our 13 acres. There is currently limited parking at both the public landing and marina and it only makes sense to plan ahead for what we see as an inevitable shortage of space as families continue to grow.

2) As an MPA Board member (Susan), I can say that we are welcoming of Will's help to maintained and repair the incoming trails - again, that equipment and expansion of equipment requires space. And as a board member, I am openly supportive of MPA members who wish to use marina services, including those facing access issues due to the removal of shore dockers. I remind council that the 15 members who lost use of dockers, who were denied a land use lease to continue this use, have been aggressively pushed to utilize the marina by every member of council.

3) We all agree, it is vital to support rural businesses, especially those that are tourist-driven. I see no negative impacts to the environment, and in fact, this could lead to less impact on the sandy EP fish habitat shoreline within the current municipal landing. As a child, I remember seeing large pike and bass in the sandy shallows as we launched off the old plank dock and it would be a shame to further impact this EP shore at the landing. I also see no valid reason to put new roadblocks before Will Roberts when his planning report pledges to follow the same

environmental remediations, setbacks and conditions as the initial rezoning. Please be extremely mindful of the pressures of political forces, and follow the mandate put before you by both the province and your own OP to support such vital ventures.

4) On a more personal note, councillors are aware that Randy and I both have long family histories in Whitestone and the larger WPS. Our families have participated in small businesses, community building, volunteering and we openly support business growth that supports the livelihoods of families so that they can prosper within our area. We support environmentally responsible tourism ventures. We support infrastructure projects that encourage young families to come here and work, both here and WPS. We have used valued marina services on Georgian Bay, French River, Byng Inlet, etc., as well as all area lakes - Healey, Go Home, Horseshoe, Harris (South Mag), Lorimer Lake, Wahwashkesh, and we also have a dock space at the marina on Whitestone. These businesses have a tough go, and need municipal and general support so that we can continue to enjoy our amazing area lakes. Entrepreneurs that have the vision and passion to build ventures need celebrated.

Thanks for your service to the community and thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Susan Jennings & Randy Johnson  
Owners fronting on Bolger Creek & Portage Bay, Kashegaba Lake  
and residing in Dunchurch.  
Susan Jennings

## **Business Matters Addenda Items**

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**From:** FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM [mailto:[fonom.info@gmail.com](mailto:fonom.info@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** December 10, 2025 2:02 PM  
**Subject:** 2026 FONOM Conference hosted by the City of Timmins

Good morning Please share this email with our Council and Management teams.

The 2026 FONOM Conference will be held in the City of Timmins from May 11th to May 13th, 2025. Below is a link to the Delegate Registration portal for those wishing to attend.

[FONOM Conference Registration, Tue, May 12, 2026 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

The Conference is being held at the McIntyre Community Centre, and the City has arranged special accommodation rates with several hotels. The city has a conference link with the locations below;

[2026 – FONOM | The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities](#)

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Hope to see you in Timmins



Hello Wendy,

Thank you for the interest in our services and the invitation to speak to council. Unfortunately we are unable to have a representative attend the meeting on December 16th.

We have prepared the attached briefing note package for council's review.

I am happy to answer any questions, please share my contact information if requested.

With thanks,  
Naomi

## BRIEFING NOTE

**Prepared for: The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone – December 16, 2025**

**Prepared by: Naomi Wachowiak – Manager of Operations WPSHC Rural NPLC**

**Re: Overview of Services at the WPSHC NPLC – Whitestone site**

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### Purpose

To provide Council with an overview of how the Whitestone Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic delivers primary care services, the transition from the former nursing station model, and the health care access options available to Whitestone residents.

### Background:

The Whitestone clinic has a long history of serving local residents. For many years, it operated as a nursing station, offering episodic care on a walk-in basis. Since 2018, the clinic has been part of Ontario's **Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic (NPLC) model**, which provides **comprehensive, continuous primary care** to rostered patients.

Primary care is the first point of contact in the health system—providing assessment, diagnosis, chronic disease management, orders for diagnostic testing and prescriptions, preventive screening, and coordination with specialists. It is most effective when delivered through an **ongoing relationship** between patients and a primary care team.

The NPLC model does not operate as a walk-in clinic. Care is team-based, relationship-based, and designed for ongoing continuity rather than episodic visits.

### Relevant Data:

**Roster size:** 560

**Geographic distribution:** 62.4% of patients are residents of Dunchurch, Magnetawan, and McKellar.

**Rate of growth:** 2% per month

**Interdisciplinary team:** Nurse Practitioners, Registered Practical Nurse, Physiotherapist, Psychotherapist, Respiratory therapist (contract).

**Service to non-rostered patients:** Currently, 15% of all visits are for episodic care for non-rostered patients (seasonal resident, have another care provider, have no care provider). This will decrease as roster size increases.

### Provincial Direction

Ontario's [Primary Care Act](#) and the work of the [Primary Care Action Team \(PCAT\)](#) require all Ontarians to have a **“documented and ongoing relationship with a primary care clinician or team.”** This provincial

shift strengthens continuity of care and aims to move the system away from episodic, walk-in-based care models.

To align with this mandate, the Whitestone NPLC has adjusted how appointments are booked and how care is delivered.

Key reasons for the shift:

- **Quality & Safety:** Episodic visits for individuals who are not rostered can lead to fragmented care, incomplete medical histories, inappropriate or duplicated investigations, and higher clinical risk.
- **System Efficiency:** Walk-in care for unrostered patients disrupts continuity and results in downstream billing and coordination challenges for other area providers (e.g., local family physicians).
- **Equity & Attachment:** The province is working to ensure every resident becomes attached to a primary care team for ongoing and episodic care needs.
- **Sustainability:** The clinic must prioritize access for rostered patients to maintain safe panel sizes and meet Ministry reporting expectations.

## Care Pathways

To ensure appropriate and timely access, residents should follow this stepped approach:

### Step 1 – Contact *your own* family doctor (MD) or nurse practitioner (NP)

This remains the first and most efficient route for timely, coordinated care.

### Step 2 – If your MD/NP cannot see you in time

Residents may use:

- Local pharmacies for [minor ailments](#) (e.g., infections, rashes, prescription renewals).
- The [North East Virtual Care Clinic](#), open **7 days a week, 1–9 p.m.**, staffed by Nurse Practitioners for non-urgent concerns.

### Step 3 – If you do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner

Residents should [register with our regional supported attachment clinic](#) – CareBridge.

## Next Steps:

The Whitestone NPLC remains committed to providing excellent, comprehensive primary care to its rostered patients and contributing to regional efforts to attach every resident to a primary care provider.

We will continue to:

- Participate in the [West Parry Sound Ontario Health Team](#) initiatives to improve access
- Support CareBridge in attaching unattached residents
- Maintain partnerships with municipal leadership
- Offer patient education on appropriate access pathways

## Reference Information:

CareBridge Supported Attachment Clinic (attached)

North East Virtual Care Clinic (attached)

# What is an NP?

Nurse Practitioners (NPs), also known as Registered Nurses in the Extended Class, begin their nursing career as Registered Nurses and become NPs with an advanced graduate education degree (i.e. Masters degree) as well as additional nursing experience and exam requirements. They work independently but are most often found working as key members with an integrated health care team. Nurse Practitioners have the competence to provide comprehensive health assessment, to diagnose health/ illness conditions, and to treat and manage acute and chronic illness within a holistic model of care.

At a time when there is a shortage of primary care providers, Nurse Practitioners present an opportunity for Government to close the many gaps in our health care system.



## As a Member of Your Health Care Team NPs Can:

- ✓ Diagnose Conditions
- ✓ Perform Comprehensive Assessments
- ✓ Order Tests
- ✓ Prescribe Medications
- ✓ Provide Specialist Referrals
- ✓ Develop Treatment Plans
- ✓ Provide for Most of Your Health Care Needs

We use the term 'nurses' to describe all nursing categories, when in reality Ontario has three categories of regulated nurses with different capabilities including Nurse Practitioners (NPs), Registered Nurses (RNs) and Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs)

Each nursing category contributes high value to our daily health care needs and work in a variety of clinical settings. The primary differences between the nursing categories are the level of education and the regulated scope of practice.

More & more, the health care system is recognizing the unique promise that NPs present to the quality of care in Ontario,

## Nurse Practitioner Outcomes

- ✓ Improved Health Care Access
- ✓ Effective Patient Outcomes
- ✓ Decreased ER Visits
- ✓ Reduced Hospital Re-admissions
- ✓ High Client Satisfaction
- ✓ Cost Effective
- ✓ Improved Interprofessional Collaboration
- ✓ Reduce Wait Times
- ✓ Alleviate Pressures on Health Care System

## Nurse Practitioners Work In:

- ✓ Hospitals
- ✓ Nurse Practitioners Led Clinics
- ✓ Community Health Centres
- ✓ Family Health Teams
- ✓ Long Term Care
- ✓ Correction Facilities
- ✓ Mental Health & Addiction Centres
- ✓ Virtual Care
- ✓ Walk-in Clinics
- ✓ Independent Clinics

## NP Areas of Speciality

NP-Primary  
NP-Adult  
NP-Paediatrics

## Quick Facts:

- There are 27 Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics in Ontario serving over 100,000 clients
- NPs are part of 296 interprofessional Primary Care Teams helping over 4,000,000 clients
- 5,156 NPs (as of 2024) serving 13.6 million Ontarians across health care systems
- NPs have 8 plus years of academic and clinical preparation
- NPs have been the fastest growing nursing category across Canada every year since 2015
- Between 2015-2019, NPs working in mental health & addictions grew 65% in Canada
- In Ontario, NP employment in the Long Term Care sector grew 131% between 2013-2018



Use the QR code to learn more

Nurse Practitioners represent the future of effective and efficient health care and are ideally positioned to enable the transformation of health care in Ontario. They are the perfect combination of nursing care and compassion with the additional capabilities to provide comprehensive assessment and treatments!



# About NPAO

The Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario (NPAO) is a not-for-profit organization and is widely respected and recognized as the professional voice of over 5,000 Nurse Practitioners in Ontario, including Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics (NPLCs). Our goal is to ensure NPs are a key part of the health care system so they can deliver upon the promise of compassionate, patient-centered care



## Advocacy Initiatives:

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to learn more



- ✓ Enrollment & Data Capture
- ✓ Professional Liability Protection
- ✓ New Funding Models
- ✓ Long Term Care
- ✓ Medical Assistance in Dying
- ✓ COVID-19 Compensation Inequity

## Nurse Practitioners. Solutions for a Stronger & Healthier Ontario



## History

The Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario (NPAO) was founded in 1973 by a group of Nurse Practitioner (NP) graduates from the two newly established NP education programs in Ontario at that time: McMaster University and the University of Toronto. NPAO was founded to represent Nurse Practitioners primarily functioning in primary care in Ontario.

This group of pioneers worked hard at raising the visibility of the role of the NP by promoting the role through media interviews. They also lobbied elected officials and the leaders of other disciplines to create an awareness of the real contribution that nursing could make in the health care system. NPs even influenced nursing leaders who were still unfamiliar with the potential for this role.

In 1998 it changed its mandate to include NPs in all levels of health care: primary, secondary and tertiary care.

**Questions?** Contact us at [info@npao.org](mailto:info@npao.org)

## MISSION

NPAO is Exclusively Dedicated to the Empowerment & Integration of NPs Across Ontario  
NPs Speaking For NPs

## VALUES

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion  
Leadership  
Integrity  
Innovation & Collaboration

## VISION

Exceptional Health  
Care For All

NPAO Sponsors Annual Conferences,  
Publishes E-Newsletters, Facilitates Regular  
Continuing Education Programs and Offers  
Bursaries & Awards to Members

**NPAO Annual  
Conference**  
September



## Working Towards an Effective & Efficient Health Care System

NPAO is Reducing Barriers to Ensure Full NP Scope of Practice & Role Stability by Ongoing Lobbying with Government & Health Care Decision Makers

## Advocating for Better Standards in NP Practice

Working to achieve full role integration & career satisfaction in our changing health care system. We provide educational & professional development opportunities to support all NPs.





**CareBridge**  
Primary Care  
Attachment Clinic

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# Need a family doctor or nurse practitioner?

CareBridge can help.

CareBridge is a temporary clinic in West Parry Sound for people who do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner.

CareBridge staff can help people get a permanent family doctor or nurse practitioner and provide short-term medical care.

CareBridge is located at the West Parry Sound Health Centre.  
It is not a walk-in clinic. Appointments are required.



**Want to sign up?**

Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/carebridge](https://bit.ly/carebridge)



**Want more information?**

Call 705-773-9265



**West Parry Sound**  
Ontario Health Team

**WPSHC**  
**CARES**



West Parry Sound Health Centre

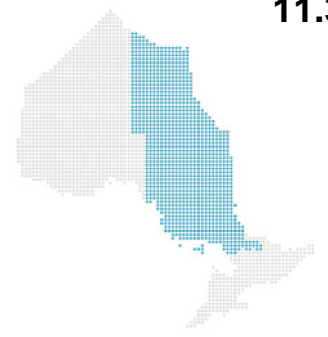
*Rural Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic*

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# North East Region VIRTUAL CARE CLINIC



The North East Region Virtual Care Clinic is a Nurse Practitioner-led virtual care clinic that serves patients throughout the Ontario Health North East region who are experiencing an urgent medical condition and need access to timely care.

## How to Register

Phone

**1.888.684.1999**

Online

**nevirtualcare.ca**



## Available

Open

**7 days a week**

From

**1–9 PM ET**

The clinic serves patients who require timely medical care, such as:

- New or persistent cough, fever, rash or other similar symptoms
- Imminent concerns that are not life or limb threatening

The clinic serves patients with or without a primary care provider.