



The Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone

Addenda
to the Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Regular Council Meeting Agenda

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

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12 Correspondence

Addition of items:

M	Smith	Question re. Councillors on Bolger Lake
N	McGowan	Question re. Councillors on Bolger Lake
O	Head	Follow up question re. Councillors on Bolger Lake

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From: **Simon Smith** <>

Date: Sun, Jul 13, 2025, 11:01 a.m.

Subject: Visit of Whitestone Councillors to Bolger Lake

To: mayor.comrie@whitestone.ca <mayor.comrie@whitestone.ca>

Cc: councillor.nash@whitestone.ca <councillor.nash@whitestone.ca>, councillor.woods@whitestone.ca <councillor.woods@whitestone.ca>, nigel.black@whitestone.ca <nigel.black@whitestone.ca>, <>

Dear Mayor Comrie - I am writing to you as a resident of Whitestone on Bolger Lake asking for clarification of the rationale for a visit to Bolger Lake by Councillors Nash and Woods this past week. They were on our lake using a private pontoon to tour different areas of Bolger and appeared to take photos of private residences on the lake. As elected officials I would have expected they would have spoken to our Lake Association President ahead of the visit and provided a rationale for this trip to Bolger.

It is not clear why they came and whether this was official business of the Municipality using our tax dollars to get into Bolger and tour the lake. Can I ask that you follow up and provide a response in writing.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Simon Smith

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From: **Tara McGowan** <>
Date: Tue, Jul 15, 2025, 10:42 a.m.
Subject: Bolger Lake - July 10, 2025
To: <councillor.bray@whitestone.ca>, <mayor.comrie@whitestone.ca>, <councillor.lamb@whitestone.ca>, <councillor.nash@whitestone.ca>, <councillor.woods@whitestone.ca>
Cc: Dad <>

Dear Your Worship and Members of Council,

I'm aware that on July 10, 2025 two members of council were present on Bolger Lake and proceeded to boat around the lake, stopping at various cottage properties taking pictures of private property without any notification to the constituents of this action or reason for this action.

I'm writing now to know the specifics and purpose of this and appreciate your timely reply as elected officials holding public office - meant to represent all members of the public with transparency and integrity.

I'm made aware that when some residents asked these individuals the reason for their visit they indicated they were just 'touring the lake'. In my opinion 'tour' doesn't include photographing private property without the property owners awareness or consent. This is concerning and seems intentionally disingenuous - I certainly hope this is a misunderstanding and perhaps I missed the proactive communication from Council advising of this 'tour' and the intent.

I look forward to you providing me with the purpose and intent as well as disclosing any photos that have been taken of my property as well so that I can better understand the reason for this visit.

Regards,

Tara McGowan

Sent from my iPhone

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From: **JACQUELINE HEAD** <>

Date: Tue, Jul 15, 2025, 8:04 a.m.

Subject: Re: Bolger Lake - July 10

To: <councillor.bray@whitestone.ca>, <mayor.comrie@whitestone.ca>, <councillor.lamb@whitestone.ca>, <councillor.nash@whitestone.ca>, <councillor.woods@whitestone.ca>

Good Morning,

It has become apparent that the councillors in question are now talking about this very email to people on the lake, but have yet to address the questions I pose below. As a constituent, my questions are valid and should be answered. If they are not, I have the appropriate legal avenues I will pursue. My photo was taken without my consent - multiple times, Woods and Nash were taking photos of cottages, and there appears to be no valid, legitimate reason within their scope as elected officials to be doing so.

I would like a response to this email by end of day today or I will pursue other avenues.

Sincerely,

Maggie Head

> On Jul 10, 2025, at 7:40 PM, JACQUELINE HEAD <> wrote:

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> Dear Your Worship and Councillors,

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> Today, Councillors Woods and Nash attended Bolger Lake, touring the lake on a boat owned by Will Roberts. When the Councillors were asked what they were doing on the lake (as they were driving slowly and taking photos of everyone's cottages), they replied with "just touring the lake." This seems to be disingenuous with the role of a transparent, open council. It also brings to question concerns around conflict of interest and preferential treatment to constituents who have been granted exceptions to the planning act by the same councillors. Let alone the appointment of the same constituent to a committee of which they co-chair.

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> I would like to know the reason for the visit and the photos that were taken.

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> Sincerely,

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> Maggie Head

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