



**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Via Teleconference**

Present: George Comrie, Mayor
Beth Gorham-Matthews, Councillor
Joe Lamb, Councillor
Joe McEwen, Councillor
Brian Woods, Councillor

Staff: Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk
Patricia Allen, Treasurer
Judith Meyntz, Deputy Clerk
David Creasor, Manager of Public Works
Tyler Irwin, CBO (Joined at 7:00 pm)
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief
Paula Macri, Planning Assistant

Invited Guests: John Jackson, Planner

Other guests: 40

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

Mayor Comrie commenced roll call and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2021-024

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

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 with the following items added to Correspondence

- H. Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the launch of the Municipal Modernization Program dated January 26, 2021.
- I. Letter from the Parry Sound Area Community Business & Development Centre Inc. regarding a request for donation dated January 25, 2021.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

4. Presentations and Delegations

4.1 M.P. Scott Aitchison

MP Aitchison provided Council with a brief update on his work in Ottawa and let Council know that he will endeavour to keep Council update on a regular basis.

4.2 James Cox – Economic Development Officer for West Parry Sound Economic Development Collaborative

Mr. James Cox provided a brief introduction to his work and work plan in his new role as Economic Development Officer for West Parry Sound and let Council know he would be provided updates twice yearly to Council.

5. Move into the Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2021-025

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 7:07 p.m.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

6. Planning Items

- 6.1 Application to Close and Convey a Shore Road Allowance, BRAY
Part Lots 29 & 30, Con. 4 geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound
- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated January 26, 2021
- 6.2 Application to Close and Convey a Shore Road Allowance, KIRBY
Part Lot 19, Con. 6 geographic Township of Burton, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound ®
- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated February 8, 2021
- 6.3 Consent Application B01/2021(W) – PRENTICE
- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated January 29, 2021
- 6.4 Consent Application B02/2021(W) – MEIN
- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated February 3, 2021

- 6.5 Consent Application B04/2021(W) – CHURCHILL
 - Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated February 5, 2021
- 6.6 Proposed Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendments
 - Updated Report from John Jackson, Planner dated February 9, 2021

7. Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2021-026

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into Regular Council at 8:00 p.m.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2021-027

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

- 6.1 Application to Close and Convey a Shore Road Allowance, BRAY Part Lots 29 & 30, Con. 4 geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound
 - Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated January 26, 2021

WHEREAS an application has been filed by Jeff and Nancy Bray for the closing and acquisition of the shore road allowance fronting Part Lots 29 & 30, Con. 4 geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound;

AND WHEREAS there are no Official Plan conflicts, environmental concerns or planning issues with respect to this application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has no objection to the closure and acquisition of the shore road allowance fronting Part Lots 29 & 30, Con. 4 geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound as applied for by Jeff and Nancy Bray subject to:

1. the provision that “only the lands above the controlled high-water mark be available for stopping up and transfer”; and
2. payment of all associated costs and fees.

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

Resolution No. 2021-028

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

- 6.2 Application to Close and Convey a Shore Road Allowance, KIRBY
Part Lot 19, Con. 6 geographic Township of Burton, now Municipality of
Whitestone, District of Parry Sound ®
- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated February 8, 2021

WHEREAS an application has been filed by Gordon Michael Kirby for the closing and acquisition of the shore road allowance Part Lot 19, Con. 6 geographic Township of Burton, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound

AND WHEREAS there are no Official Plan conflicts, environmental concerns or planning issues with respect to this application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has no objection to the closure and acquisition of the shore road allowance fronting Part Lot 19, Con. 6 geographic Township of Burton, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound as applied for by Gordon Kirby subject to:

1. exception to any of the road allowance fronting to Type 1 Fish Habitat;
2. the provision that “only the lands above the controlled high-water mark be available for stopping up and transfer”; and
3. payment of all associated costs and fees.

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

Resolution No. 2021-029

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

- 6.3 Consent Application B01/2021(W) – PRENTICE
- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated January 29, 2021

WHEREAS John Jackson, Planner Inc., has prepared a report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application B01/2021(W) – PRENTICE, Ken and Sandra and provided a copy to the Municipality of Whitestone;

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

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recommends this Consent Application for Approval, subject to the following conditions:

1. the lands be re-zoned from Rural (RU) to the Rural Exception (RU) Zone;
2. payment of a parkland dedication fee in accordance with the Municipality’s current Fee and Charges By-Law
3. receiving 911 addressing for the new lot; and
4. payment of any applicable planning fees.
5. increase frontage from 68 m to 100 m

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

Resolution No. 2021-030

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

- 6.4 Consent Application B02/2021(W) – MEIN
- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated February 3, 2021

WHEREAS John Jackson, Planner Inc., has prepared a report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application B02/2021(W) – MEIN, Shirley and provided a copy to the Municipality of Whitestone;

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

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recommends this Consent Application for Approval, subject to the following conditions:

1. the lands be re-zoned from Rural (RU) to the Rural Residential (RR) Zone;

2. that the applicant enters into a 51(26) agreement to be registered against the severed and retained lands to indemnify the Municipality for the private use of the concession road allowance; and to ensure that its standard is capable of accommodating emergency vehicles;
3. payment of a parkland dedication fee in accordance with the Municipality's current Fees and Charges By-Law;
4. receiving 911 addressing for the new lot; and
5. payment of any applicable planning fees.

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

Resolution No. 2021-031

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

6.5 Consent Application B04/2021(W) – CHURCHILL

- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated February 5, 2021

WHEREAS John Jackson, Planner Inc., has prepared a report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application B04/2021(W) – CHURCHILL, Stephen and Sandra and provided a copy to the Municipality of Whitestone;

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

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recommends this Consent Application for Approval, subject to the following conditions:

1. receiving 911 addressing for the new lot; and
2. payment of any applicable planning fees.

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

Resolution No. 2021-032

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

- 6.6 Proposed Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendments
- Updated Report from John Jackson, Planner dated February 9, 2021

WHEREAS John Jackson, Municipal Planner, has presented a Report to the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone regarding Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendments dated, January 18, 2021 and February 16, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive this Report as information;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate the Report to municipal road and lake associations, and post the Report with attachments on the Municipality of Whitestone’s website in regards to a Public Meeting to be held on March 15, 2021.

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

8. Public Meeting – None

9. 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.

Resolution No. 2021-033

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

- 9.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 9.1.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Minutes for the meeting of January 18, 2021.
- 9.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 4)

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive and/or approve the items contained in the Consent Agenda as detailed above on this 16th day of February, 2021.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

Matters Arising from Consent Agenda - None

10. Accounts Payable
10.1 Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2021-034

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen
Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$515,166.38 and payroll in the amount of \$57,173.47 for payment.

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

11. By-Laws - None

12. Staff Reports

Resolution No. 2021-035

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen
Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

12.1 Staff Report BLDG-2021-02
Draft Road Damage Policy

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Report BLDG-2021-02 (Update on Draft Road Damage Policy for Building Permits) for information; and

AND THAT the Road Damage Deposit Policy for Issuing Building permits be approved; and

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Policy be reviewed in three (3) years.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-036

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

12.2 Staff Report FIN-2021-01
Budgetary Control Report for the twelve months ending December 31, 2020

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Report FIN-2021-01 for information purposes;

AND THAT Staff continue to keep Council updated with quarterly Budgetary Control Reporting.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-037

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

12.3 Staff Report ADMIN-2021-01
Parry Sound Area Planning Board:
Request from the Town of Parry Sound to withdraw from the Planning Board and Municipality of Whitestone Options

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive report ADMIN-2021-01 (Parry Sound Area Planning Board: Request from the Town of Parry Sound to withdraw from the Planning Board and Municipality of Whitestone Options) for information;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone have no objection to the Town of Parry Sound withdrawing from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

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

Resolution No. 2021-038

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

12.4 Staff Report ADMIN-2021-02
Quarterly Newsletter Options

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive report ADMIN-2020-02 (Quarterly Newsletter delivery options) for information;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone provides the following direction in respect of the quarterly Newsletter Options:

MONTH	
February	Hardcopy, mailed with Tax Bill
May	On line E-Newsletter only (with print versions made available at the Municipal Office and Community Centre)
August	Hardcopy, mailed with Tax Bill
November	On line E-Newsletter only (with print versions made available at the Municipal Office Community Centre)

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing a unanimous response, declared the motion deferred.

Deferred

Resolution No. 2021-039

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

12.5 Staff Report ADMIN-2021-03
After School Program Revenue and Expenses 2018 to 2020

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives the Report ADMIN-2021-03 (Financial Three-Year Comparison of the After School Program) for information.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

13. Business Matters

Resolution No. 2021-040

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

13.1 Pool and Wellness Centre Update and Communications

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone directs the following information be inserted in the February 2021 Newsletter under Parry Sound Wellness and Pool Centre;

Thank you for your responses to the material on the above project included with our November newsletter, and for your participation in the on-line information session held on December 14th. An update containing answers to many of the questions raised has been posted on our Municipal website. A decision on Whitestone's participation in this project will be made at a future Council meeting. Until that time, comments and questions will continue to be received at pool@whitestone.ca.

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

Resolution No. 2021-041

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hold a separate meeting in the near future to determine Whitestone's support for the proposed pool and wellness centre;

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

Resolution No. 2021-042

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

CURFEW

THAT Council hereby continues its Council Meeting past the allotted time of three and a half (3½) hours and continue for an additional one-half (1/2) hour

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-043

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

13.2 Magnetawan River Watershed Communication Committee – Mayor Comrie

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives the oral report from Mayor Comrie on the Magnetawan River Watershed Communication Committee for information;

AND THAT the Council supports the forming of a Committee of Representatives of the various lake associations to coordinate monitoring and data collection activities and recommend enhancement measures.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-044

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

13.3 Whitestone Conservation Authority 2021 Benthic Monitoring Program Quote

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives the quotation from Georgian Bay Biosphere addressed to the Whitestone Conservation Association for the 2021 Benthic Monitoring Program dated February 4, 2021, for information;

AND THAT the Council approves the cost of \$1,175.00 for the 2021 program as well as the invoicing and payment protocols as requested.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

14. Correspondence (listed on page 4 of the Agenda)

Resolution No. 2021-045

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 5 of the February 16, 2021 Council agenda as well as the following;

- H. Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the launch of the Municipal Modernization Program dated January 26, 2021.
- I. Letter from the Parry Sound Area Community Business & Development Centre Inc. regarding a request for donation dated January 25, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence items for information, with the following extracted for further discussion/action:

Items A and B

Carried

Matters Arising from Correspondence

Items A and B: Council has requested that the Municipality of Whitestone send a letter of support regarding the high cost of municipal insurance.

15. Councillor Items

Councillor Gorham-Matthews indicated her concern for the Health Unit closures of recreation facilities in the area communities. A letter is being sent to the Health Unit from the Chamber of Commerce noting the disappointment with not being able to open some businesses that were required to be closed.

16. Questions from the Public

Questions and Comments were received from Doug Hickey, Sarah Cooke and Scott Nash

17. Closed Session – None

18. Reconvene to Open Meeting – None

19. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2021-046

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT By-Law 06-2021 the Confirmatory By-Law for the council meeting of February 16th, 2021, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2021-047

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 10:52 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting of Monday, March 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

Note: Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

Carried

George Comrie

Mayor

Michelle Hendry

Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk