



**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom**

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
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief

Invited Guests: John Jackson, Planner

Other guests: 4

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

Mayor Comrie commenced roll call and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

3. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2021-117

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Adjourned 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;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Meeting be adjourned at 5:02 p.m. and that a Closed Meeting be convened subject to Section 239 (2) for the following matters:

- 3.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Regular Council meeting of March 15, 2021 and the Special Council meeting of March 29, 2021.
- 3.2 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipal or local board pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239. (2) (c)
- 3.3 Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose 239. (2) (f)

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. Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2021-118

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into Regular Council at 5:33 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

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5. Roll Call and Call to Order

6:37 p.m.

6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None

7. Approval of OPEN Session Agenda

Resolution No. 2021-119

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

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.

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 Closed Session

Resolution No. 2021-120

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Regular Council meeting of March 15, 2021 and the Special Council meeting of March 29, 2021.

THAT the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of the Regular Council Meetings for March 15, 2021 and the Special Council Meeting of March 29, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

8. Presentations and Delegations

8.1 MPAC Presentation - Anne Haines and Kaitlyn Potts

9. Move into Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2021-121

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 7:00 p.m.

9.1 Planning Items

9.1.1 Consent Application B10/2021(W) – KIME
Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated March 31, 2021

9.2 Budget

9.2.1 Memo and presentation regarding Draft Operating and Capital Budget for the year 2021 – refinements from the March 29, 2021 Special Council meeting.

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

10. Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2021-122

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into Regular Council at 7:56 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. 2021-123

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

9.1 Planning Items

9.1.1 Consent Application B10/2021(W) – KIME

Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated March 31, 2021

WHEREAS John Jackson, Planner Inc., has prepared a report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application B10/2021(W) – KIME, Bill and Susan 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. Payment of a parkland dedication fee in accordance with the Municipal fees and charges By-Law;
2. Conveyance of Shawanaga Lake Road allowance to the Municipality of Whitestone at the expense of the applicant;
3. Receiving 911 addressing for the new lots;
4. Payment of any applicable planning fees; and
5. Sufficient width and depth of the lake adjacent to the subject property.

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. 2021-124

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

9.2 Budget

9.2.1 Memo and presentation regarding Draft Operating and Capital Budget for the year 2021 – refinements from the March 29, 2021 Special Council meeting

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive the Memo: Draft Operating and Capital Budget for the year 2021 prepared by Patricia Allen, Treasurer/Tax Collector;

AND THAT no adjustments be made to the Draft 2021 Operating and Capital Budget as presented;

AND THAT the 2021 tax rate increase be set at 1.00% as recommended by the Treasurer;

AND THAT Public Notice be provided as per By-Law 77-2007 that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone will be giving consideration to a By-Law to Adopt the 2021 Municipal Budget and set the 2021 Taxation Rates, on May 3, 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

11. Public Meeting – None

12. Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2021-125

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

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.

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

12.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes

12.1.1 Adoption of the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021

12.1.2 Adoption of the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2021

12.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 4)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives and/or approves the items contained in the Consent Agenda dated April 6, 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

13. Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2021-126

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

13.1 Accounts Payable

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$67,699.67 and payroll in the amount of \$56,803.64 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

14. By-Laws - None

15. Staff Reports

Resolution No. 2021-127

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

15.1 Staff Report PW-2021-01

Award of Contract 2021-01, Tender Award for the Supply, Delivery and Spread / Stockpile of Granular Materials

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives Report PW-2021-01 (Tender Award for the Supply, Delivery and Spread / Stockpile of Granular Materials) for information;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone awards the contract for the Supply, Delivery and Spread / Stockpile of Granular materials to Fowler Construction Company Ltd. in the total, adjusted amount of \$166,000.00 plus HST.

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. 2021-128

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

15.2 Staff Report PW-2021-02

Award of Contract 2021-02, Tender Award for the Supply, Delivery and Application of Calcium Chloride

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives Report PW-2021-02 (Tender Award for the Supply, Delivery and Application of Calcium Chloride) for information;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone awards the contract for Tender 2021-02, for the Supply, Delivery and Application of 135,000 litres of Calcium Chloride, to Da-Lee Dust Control in the amount of \$41,850 plus HST.

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

16. Business Matters

Resolution No. 2021-129

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

16.1 Official Plan Amendment No. 2 – Confirm date for Public Meeting

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone requests Staff to schedule and advertise for a Public Meeting for the purposes of receiving public input on Official Plan Amendment No. 2;

AND THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone proposes the following date for the Public meeting: Thursday, August 19th, 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

Resolution No. 2021-130

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

16.2 2021 Benthic Monitoring program

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has budgeted for a Benthic Monitoring program to commence in 2021 to be undertaken by Georgian Bay Biosphere;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Lake be selected for 2021 Benthic Monitoring: Lake WahWashKesh

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. 2021-131

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

16.3 Support of Vaccine Allocation Prioritization - proposed motion

WHEREAS, the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit); and

WHEREAS, the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions; and

WHEREAS, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R_{(t)}$, are among the highest in the province; and

WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2; and

WHEREAS, 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

WHEREAS, the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLEVED THAT this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit district, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa).

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

17. Correspondence (listed on page 5)

Resolution No. 2021-132

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on pages 5 of the April 6, 2021 Council agenda;

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

None were extracted.

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

18. Councillor Items

Councillor Gorham-Matthews commented on a successful recreation activity over Easter Weekend where 32 children in the community received a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny.

Councillor Woods suggested that perhaps a sea container could be used for storage.at the York Street Landfill to reduce the build-up of bottles and cans around the bottle shed.

19. Questions from the Public

20. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2021-133

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT By-Law 14-2021 the Confirmatory By-Law for the council meeting of April 6th, 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

21. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2021-134

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:49 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting of Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 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

Judith Meyntz

Deputy Clerk