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Regular Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m. **Dunchurch Community Centre and Zoom Video Conferencing**

Present:

Mayor George Comrie

Councillor Janice Bray Councillor Joe Lamb

Councillor Scott Nash (via Zoom, no video) Councillor Brian Woods (via Zoom, no video)

Staff:

Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk

David Creasor, Manager Public Works (1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.) Maneesh Kulal, Treasurer / Tax Collector (1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.)

Paula Macri, Planning Assistant (10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Wendy Schroeder, Deputy Clerk/Records Management Coordinator

Bob Whitman, Fire Chief (via Zoom video, no video)

Invited Guests:

Patrick Christie, C.P.T., Parry Sound Area Planning Board (via Zoom

videoconference)

Benjamin John, Georgian Bay Biosphere (via Zoom videoconference)

Jamie Robinson, MHBC Planning Urban Design & Landscape

Architecture (via Zoom videoconference)

Other Guests:

13 in person

20 via Zoom video conference or telephone

1. Roll Call and Call to Order 10:04 a.m.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-104 Moved by: Councillor Bray Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

> WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the March 19, 2024 Regular Council meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

Presentations and Delegations - None 4.

Move into Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2024-105 Moved by: Councillor Lamb Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 10:10 a.m.

Carried

5. Committee of the Whole

5.1 Planning Matters

- 5.1.1 Consent Application B09/2024(W), TEMCIUC, Dragos and Cristina
 - Memorandum from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated March 5, 2024
- 5.1.2 Application to Purchase and Close Shore Road Allowance, BUSENHART
 - Memorandum from Paula Macri, Planning Assistant dated March 6, 2024

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-106
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Nash

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into the Regular Meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Carried

Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2024-107 Moved by: Councillor Lamb Seconded by: Councillor Nash

- 5.1.1 Consent Application B09/2024(W), TEMCIUC, Dragos and Cristina
 - Memorandum from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated March 5, 2024

WHEREAS Patrick Christie, C.P.T., has prepared a Memorandum dated March 5, 2024 for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent application B09/2024(W) – TEMCIUC, Dragos and Cristina and provided a copy to the Municipality of Whitestone;

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

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recommends this Consent Application for Approval in principle, subject to the following condition:

1. **THAT** payment of all applicable planning fees be made to the Municipality of Whitestone.

Recorded Vote (per Section 3.20, Procedural By-law 80-2023):

		YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	
Councillor	Woods	X			
Councillor	Bray	Х			
Councillor	Lamb	Х			
Councillor	Nash	Х			
Mayor	George Comrie	Х			

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-108
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

- 5.1.2 Application to Purchase and Close Shore Road Allowance, BUSENHART
 - Memorandum from Paula Macri, Planning Assistant dated March 6, 2024

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Memorandum from Paula Macri, Planning Assistant regarding the purchase of a Shore Road Allowance by Michael Busenhart and Nancy Straub Busenhart.

Recorded Vote (per Section 3.20, Procedural By-law 80-2023):

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Bray	Х		
Lamb	Х		
Nash	Х		
Woods	X		
George Comrie	Х		
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Carried

Move into Public Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-109
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Nash

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into the Public Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Carried

6. Public Meeting

Short Term Rental By-law

The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone is receiving input from the Public regarding the update of the Rental Unit Licensing By-law 20-2014

- Frequently Asked Questions Short Term Rentals in Whitestone
- By-law 20-2014 Rental Units
- Presentation from Jamie Robinson, MHBC Planning Ltd., Short Term Rentals
- Comments Received:
 - 1. Janet Morris
 - 2. Darcy and Emily England
 - 3. Jennifer Materne
 - a. Dr. Jodi Lock O'Brien
 - b. Barbara (Speicher) Thompson
 - c. Jim Williamson and Margaret Polanyi

1. Call to Order

· Council and Staff introduced to attendees

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof Mayor Comrie requested that any pecuniary interest be declared for the record. None declared.

3. Meeting Protocol

- The Chairperson ensured all guests and visitors in attendance had signed in.
- The Chairperson reminded attendees that all comments be addressed through the Chairperson and that the person making comments should state their name before speaking.

4. Notice

- The Chairperson asked the Clerk how the Notice was delivered. The Clerk advised that the Notice was posted on the Municipality's website and in the Municipal office January 22, 2024; posted on the digital newspaper January 24, 2024; and added to the February 2024 Newsletter which was included in the February Tax mailing
- The Chairperson asked if any Correspondence had been received. The Clerk made note of the correspondence in the agenda package, plus the addendum posted on the website of additional correspondence received.

5. Discussion

The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone received input from the Public regarding the update of the Rental Unit Licensing By-law 20-2014

- a) Frequently Asked Questions Short Term Rentals in Whitestone
- b) Presentation from Jamie Robinson, MHBC Planning Ltd., Short Term Rentals
- c) Questions or comments from the public
- 6. Adjournment

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-110 Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into the Regular Meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Carried

Matters Arising from Public Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-111
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information:

- The Frequently Asked Questions Short Term Rentals in Whitestone; and
- The Presentation from Jamie Robinson, MHBC Planning Ltd., Short Term Rentals
- The comments of ratepayers in the Public Meeting, with thanks.

Carried

RECESS: 12:30 p.m. to 1:04 p.m.

7. Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-112 Moved by: Councillor Lamb Seconded by: Councillor Bray

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

- 7.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 7.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024
 - 7.1.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2024
 - 7.1.3 Regular Council Meeting (Budget) Minutes of March 5, 2024
 - 7.1.4 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023 and December 11, 2023
 - 7.1.5 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2023, December 14, 2023 and January 11, 2024

- 7.1.6 Whitestone Public Library and Technology Centre Minutes January 15 2024
- 7.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 5 to 8)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby approve the following Council Meeting Minutes:

- 7.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024
- 7.1.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2024
- 7.1.3 Regular Council Meeting (Budget) Minutes of March 5, 2024

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information:

- 7.1.4 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023 and December 11, 2023
- 7.1.5 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2023, December 14, 2023 and January 11, 2024
- 7.1.6 Whitestone Public Library and Technology Centre Minutes January 15 2024
- 7.2 The Unfinished Business listed on pages 5 to 8 of the March 19, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda

Carried

8. Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2024-113
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

8.1 Accounts Payable

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$397,710.81 for the period ending March 11, 2024.

Carried

9. Staff Reports

Resolution No. 2024-114
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

9.1 Report PW-2024-03
Contract Award, Supply of Granular Material

THAT the Council the Municipality of Whitestone receives Report PW-2024-03 (Tender Award for the Supply, Deliver and Spread Gravel Materials) for information; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby provides prebudget approval and awards the contract for the supply, delivery and spreading of 10,000 tonnes granular materials to Weeks Construction Inc., Parry Sound in the amount of \$200,380 plus HST

Withdrawn

Resolution No. 2024-115
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Nash

9.2 Report FIN-2024-04 Annual Donations for 2024

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive report FIN-2024-04 (2024 Donation Requests) for information; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approves the following donations for 2024:

West Parry Sound Health Centre Foundation	\$ 500.00
Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce	\$ 500.00
Dunchurch Agricultural Society	\$ 500.00
Parry Sound High School Bursary L Woods	\$ 500.00
Parry Sound High School Graduation Gifts	\$ 250.00
Parry Sound Community Support Service Senior Month	\$ 0.00
Whitestone Lake School Citizenship Award	\$ 500.00
West Parry Sound District Museum	\$1,000.00
Whitestone Rod and Gun Club	\$500.00
Parry Sound Area Community Business & Dev Ctr	\$500.00
Rotary Club of Parry Sound	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$5,250.00

AND THAT Council approve additional donations as follows:

Ardbeg Community Club		\$1,000.00
Lake Wahwashkesh Conservation Association		\$1,500.00
Parry Sound Downtown Business Association		\$1,000.00
Georgian Nordic Outdoor Activity Centre		\$1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$4,500.00

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-116
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

9.3 Report FIN-2024-05
Council Remuneration and Expenses 2023

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Report FIN-2024-05, (2023 Council Remuneration and Expenses).

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-117
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

9.4 Report ADMIN-2024-05
ICECAP Report Milestone 2 and 3
Update form February 20, 2024 Council meeting presentation from, Benjamin
John, Climate & Energy Programs Manager, Georgian Bay Biosphere

WHEREAS the 2023 Corporate Climate Action Plan Report (Milestones 2 and 3) was presented to the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone on February 20, 2024 by Benjamin John, Climate & Energy Programs Manager, Georgian Bay Biosphere; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the Whitestone passed the following Resolution on February 20, 2024:

WHEREAS the 2023 Corporate Climate Action Plan Report prepared by Georgian Bay Biosphere was presented to the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone on February 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Corporate Climate Action Plan recommends Corporate GHG Emissions reduction targets for the Municipality of Whitestone;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the 2023 Corporate Climate Action Plan Report prepared by Georgian Bay Biosphere.

AND WHEREAS Council requested that staff provide an additional report and information to Council at the next Council meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information Report ADMIN-2024-05 (ICECAP Report Milestone 2 and 3, Update from February 20, 2024 Council meeting presentation from, Benjamin John, Climate and Energy Programs Manager, Georgian Bay Biosphere); and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone adopts the 2023 Corporate Climate Action Plan; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone adopts in principle the Corporate GHG Emissions Reduction Target of 10% below 2022 levels, by 2034; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone supports in principle the Action Plans as presented in the 2023 Corporate Climate Acton Plan Report.

Carried

10. By-laws - None

11. Business Matters

Resolution No. 2024-118
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

11.1 ROMA Conference
Verbal Update – Councillor Woods and CAO/Clerk Hendry

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the verbal reports from Councillor Woods and CAO Hendry regarding the ROMA Conference held on January 21 to 23, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-119
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

11.2 Motion to Reconsider December 12, 2023, Resolution No. 2023 (Requested by Councillor Lamb)

WHEREAS Councillor Lamb is requesting that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconsider Resolution No. 2023-561 passed by Council on December 12, 2023, in respect of the following amendments:

THAT the letters to be sent to the WahWashKesh property owners are to be sent by Regular Mail; and

THAT item 3 of Resolution No. 2023-561 be revised as follows (with the revision in italics and bold):

3. **THAT** it be confirmed that no trailers are allowed to be parked or stored at any Public Landing within the Municipal owned lands and lands where the Municipality of Whitestone holds a Land Use Permit with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) unless attached to a vehicle, and that if attached to a vehicle, that the trailer can remain no more than 14 days as of August 6, 2024.

and;

THAT the following be added to the resolution:

THAT appropriate signage in respect to Trailer Storage/ Parking at public landings be installed as soon as practical.

AND WHEREAS By-law 80-2023 (Procedural By-law) Section 3.22, Voting Reconsideration states:

a Member who voted in the majority will move for the Motion to Reconsider to be added to the Agenda; and

WHEREAS Resolution No. 2023-561 was passed by a recorded vote whereby Councillor Lamb voted in the majority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby moves to reconsider Resolution No. 2023-561 at the Regular Council Meeting of April 16 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-120
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

11.3 Resolution of the support for City of Sarnia request of strongly urging the Federal Government to cancel the carbon tax (Requested by Councillor Woods at the February 20, 2024 Council meeting)

WHEREAS the City of Sarnia passed the following resolution:

Whereas the federal government recently increased the carbon tax in April 2023 and will almost triple it by 2030; and

Whereas the Parliamentary Budget officer has admitted that when fiscal and economic impacts of the federal fuel charge are considered that the vast majority of households will see a staggering loss; and

Whereas this tax flows through from producers to transporters to the grocery store floor for our citizens; and

Whereas this tax does very little to reduce pollution and emissions; and

Whereas two thirds of Canadians are approximately \$200 away or less from not being able to pay all their bills at the end of the month; and

Therefore, be it resolved that Sarnia City Council write a Letter to the Federal government (and copied to other Municipalities for their consideration) strongly urging them to cancel the carbon tax which is financially hurting our citizens at a time when affordability concerns are at

an all-time high to ease the financial and inflationary pressure on our Citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone declares their support of the City of Sarnia's resolution, strongly urging the federal government to cancel the carbon tax; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and Member of Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Scott Aitchison.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-121 Moved by: Councillor Woods Seconded by: Councillor Nash

> 11.4 Meeting with West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board and Steering Committee representatives regarding Municipality of Whitestone agreement with the Joint Municipal Services Board (Verbal Update, Councillor Lamb)

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the verbal report from Councillor Lamb in regards to the February 21, 2024 meeting with West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board and Steering Committee representatives, regarding the Municipality of Whitestone agreement with the Joint Municipal Services Board.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-122
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

11.5 Request to discuss By-law Enforcement Officer Contracted Services (Requested by Councillor Nash)

WHEREAS the current By-law Enforcement Officer has been employed under contract with the Municipality of Whitestone since 2005; and

WHEREAS the current thee-year employment contract with the Municipality of Whitestone By-law Enforcement Officer ends on December 31, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone requests that staff discuss with the By-law Enforcement Officer, his interest in a contract renewal, and report back to Council at a future Council meeting in respect of this matter.

Carried

Curfew

Resolution No. 2024-123
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS Section 6.5.2 Daytime meetings (commencing prior to 4:00 p.m.) of the Municipality of Whitestone Procedural By-law No. 80-2023, being a By-law to establish protocols governing the proceedings of Council, Committee and Boards of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone, states:

No item of business may be dealt with at a Council meeting after seven (7.0) hours of the meeting unless authorized by a resolution supported by a majority of the Members present, to allow an additional agreed upon length of time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby continues the March 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting past the allotted time of seven (7.0) hours and continues for an additional one (1) hour.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-124
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

11.6 2024 FONOM Conference, City of Greater Sudbury, May 6 - 8, 2024

THAT the Council of the Municipality approve the following Council Members / Staff to attend the FONOM Conference in the City of Greater Sudbury on May 6 - 8, 2024.

Councillor Janice Bray Councillor Joe Lamb

Carried

12. Correspondence

Resolution No. 2024-125
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 9 of the March 19, 2024 Council Meeting agenda;

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

D. Township of Perry Resolution Requesting Amendment of Ineligible Blue Box Sources

Councillor Bray requested a resolution of support be prepared for the next Council meeting.

Carried

13. Councillor Items

Councillor Lamb

- Asked for the Chief Building Official to provide information to Council on outstanding building permits by year
- 14. Questions from the Public None
- 15. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-126 Moved by: Councillor Lamb Seconded by: Councillor Bray

Adjourn to Closed Session

THAT this meeting be adjourned into a Closed Session meeting at 5:49 p.m. for the following matters:

- 15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of February 20, 2024
- 15.2 Closed Session Minutes of the Special Council meeting of March 4, 2024
- 15.3 A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239 (2) (i)
 - 15.3.1 Review of reference checks for potential Service Providers for Integrity Commissioner Services
- 15.4 Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239 (2) (f)
 - 15.4.1 Legal Opinion from Russel, Christie, LLP dated February 22, 2022, By-law Enforcement on Crown Lands

Carried

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-127
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT this meeting be reconvened to a Regular Meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Carried

Matters arising from Closed Session:

Resolution No. 2024-128
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of February 20, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of February 20, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-129
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

15.2 Closed Session Minutes of the Special Council meeting of March 4, 2024

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of March 4, 2024

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-130 Moved by: Councillor Lamb Seconded by: Councillor Nash

15.3.1 Review of reference checks for potential Service Providers for Integrity Commissioner Services

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby appoints Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP (as represented by Tony Fleming) for the provision of Integrity Commissioner as of April 1, 2024 and

THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk be authorized to execute a three-year agreement with Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP for the provision of Integrity Commissioner Services.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-131
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

15.4.1 Legal Opinion from Russel, Christie, LLP dated February 22, 2022, By-law Enforcement on Crown Lands

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the legal opinion from Russel, Christie, LLP dated February 22, 2022 regarding By-law Enforcement on Crown Lands.

Carried

Agenda Item 13., Councillor Items - Councillor Nash requested to revisit this Agenda item

Councillor Nash

 Advised that the Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee is interested in undertaking volunteer maintenance work on the Whitestone Trails and asked about the requirement for permits / approvals from any particular body.

16. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2024-132
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT By-law No. 13-2024, being the Confirmatory By-law for the Council meeting of the Municipality of Whitestone on March 19, 2024 is hereby enacted as passed this 19th day of March, 2024.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024-133
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:19 p.m. until the Special Council Meeting of March 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

Carried

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George Comrie	Mayor
more	
Michelle Hendry	CAO/Clerk