



**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 15, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom – Closed Session
Via Teleconference – Open Meeting**

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
Paula Macri, Planning Assistant

Invited Guests: John Jackson, Planner

Other guests: 20

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. Approval of Agenda

4. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2021-064

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

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 5:07 p.m. and that a Closed Meeting be convened subject to Section 239 (2) for the following matters:

- 4.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 19, 2020.
- 4.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (b)
- 4.3 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipal or local board pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (c)

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

5. Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2021-065

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into Regular Council at 6:10 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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6. Call to Order

6:30 p.m.

7. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - None

Approval of OPEN Session Agenda

Resolution No. 2021-066

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 additions:

Amendment to Agenda: to include delegation by Robin Plumb.

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	

Defeated

Resolution No. 2021-067

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.

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. 2021-068

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

- 4.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 19, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone adopt the Closed Session Council Minutes for the meeting of October 19, 2020 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 - None

9. Move into Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2021-069

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 6:45 p.m.

- 9.1 Staff Report FIN-2021-05
Draft Operating and Capital Budget for the year 2021

10. Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2021-070

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into Regular Council at 7:42 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. 2021-071

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Report FIN-2021-05 for information purposes;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive the Draft 2021 Operating and Capital Budget as presented (and as amended as per discussions at the March 1st, 2021 Special Council Meeting).

AND THAT further discussions will take place during a Special Council meeting March 29, 2021 or at another date to be determined.

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. 2021-072

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby gives pre-budget approval for the purchase of a steam jennie at an estimated cost of \$17,500.00.

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

11. Planning Items – None

12. Public Meeting

Public Meeting Call to Order

Resolution No. 2021-073

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into a Public Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

12.1 Proposed Housekeeping Zoning By-law Amendments

- Report from John Jackson, Planner dated February 9, 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

Public Meeting Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

Public Meeting Discussion

Mayor Comrie asked the Clerk if any letters or correspondence have been received. CAO/Clerk Hendry responded that there were none.

John Jackson, Planner presented his report. The public were then permitted time for questions and comments.

Public Meeting Adjournment

The Public Meeting was then adjourned.

13. Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2021-074

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into Regular Council at 8:24 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

14. Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2021-075

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

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.

14.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes

14.1.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Minutes for the meeting of February 16, 2021

14.1.2 Adoption of Special Budget Council Minutes for March 1, 2021.

14.2 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 15th day of March, 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

15. Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2021-076

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

15.1 Accounts Payable

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$417,323.40 and payroll in the amount of \$56,814.71 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

16. By-Laws

Resolution No. 2021-077

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

16.1 By-Law 10-2021, being a By-Law to amend the Municipality of Whitestone Zoning By-Law 07-2018 for the purpose of enacting certain housekeeping changes.

THAT By-Law 10-2021, being a By-Law to amend the Municipality of Whitestone Zoning By-Law 07-2018 for the purpose of enacting certain housekeeping changes be Read a First and Second time this 15th day of March, 2021;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 15th day of March, 2021 and numbered By-Law 10-2021.

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

Resolution No. 2021-078

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

- 16.2 By-Law 08-2021, Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) Debenture, Bunny Trail Culvert

THAT By-Law 08-2021, being a By-Law to enter into an agreement with Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for a Debenture for the Bunny Trail Culvert be Read a First and Second time this 15th day of March, 2021;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 15th day of March, 2021 and numbered By-Law 08-2021.

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

Resolution No. 2021-079

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

- 16.3 By-Law 09-2021, Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) Debenture, Canning Road and Balsam Road Resurface Treatment

THAT By-Law 09-2021, being a By-Law to enter into an agreement with Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for a Debenture for the Canning Road and Balsam Road Resurface Treatment be Read a First and Second time this 15th day of March, 2021;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 15th day of March, 2021 and numbered By-Law 09-2021.

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

17. Staff Reports

Resolution No. 2021-080

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

17.1 Staff Memo
Road Needs Study

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Staff Memo: Road Needs Study for information purposes.

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. 2021-081

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone suspend its Procedure By-Law to permit continuance until the Agenda is completed.

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. 2021-082

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

17.2 Staff Report FIRE-2021-01
Regional Fire Training Centre in the Parry Sound Area

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone receive Staff Report FIRE-2021-01 – Regional Fire Training Centre in the Parry Sound Area for information;

AND THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone support the submission of a formal request to the Ontario Fire Marshal to consider Parry Sound for the location of a Regional Fire Training Centre.

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. 2021-083

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

17.3 Staff Report FIN-2021-03
2020 Council Remuneration and Expenses

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive report FIN-2021-03 (2020 Council Remuneration and Expenses) for information purposes.

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. 2021-084

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

17.4 Staff Report FIN-2021-04
Request for Approval of 2021 Donations

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive report FIN-2021-04 (Request for Approval of 2021 Donations);

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby approve the following 2021 donation requests:

Chamber of Commerce	\$ 500.00
West Parry Sound District Museum	\$ 440.00
Rotary Club of Parry Sound	\$ 500.00
Parry Sound Area Community Business & Dev Ctr	\$ 1,100.00
Dunchurch Agricultural Society *	\$ 500.00
Ardbeg Community Club	\$ 3,000.00
Parry Sound High School Bursary L Woods *	\$ 500.00
Whitestone Lake School Citizenship Award *	\$ 50.00
Town of Parry Sound-Graduation Gifts *	\$ 250.00
<i>*Annual Contributions (no form submitted)</i>	
Total	<hr/> \$ 6,840.00

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

18. Business Matters

Resolution No. 2021-085

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

18.1 Special Council Meeting, Pool and Wellness Centre: proposed date, meeting parameters, and communication plan

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone agree to hold a special meeting of Council on Thursday, March 25th, with continuation on Monday, March 29th if necessary, under the following terms:

- The meeting will be publicized on the Municipality's website, Facebook page, and signage;
- Respondents will be notified of the meeting by e-mail;
- Ratepayers will be permitted to ask questions and Councillors will be permitted to respond during a Committee-of-the-Whole portion of the meeting;
- Each ratepayer will be permitted to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes;
- No delegations will be permitted;
- Motions will be presented as a starting point for Council deliberations in regular session;
- The meeting will be held using the Zoom platform.

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

18.2 OEB Decision to eliminate the Hydro One Seasonal Rate and Memo

Clerk's Note: Item was discussed by Council and no action was requested and no resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2021-086

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

18.3 Board of Health Appointee – District of Parry Sound, West

WHEREAS Don Brisbane was appointed to represent the Town of Parry Sound, the Township of the Archipelago, the Township of Carling, the Township of Sequin, the Municipality of McDougall, the Township of McKellar and the Municipality of Whitestone on the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board,

AND WHEREAS Mr. Brisbane has resigned from his position,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Whitestone supports the appointment of Parry Sound Mayor Jamie McGarvey as representative on the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board for the remainder of the term of Council.

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. 2021-087

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

18.4 Proposed Ad Hoc committee to review and update By-law 20-2014, Being a By-law for the licensing, regulating and governing of rental units in the Municipality of Whitestone

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone supports the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review and update By-Law 20-2014, Being a By-Law for the licensing, regulating and governing of rental units;

AND THAT the following representatives sit on this committee,

Councillor Joe McEwen
By-Law Enforcement Officer Paul Rossiter
Paula Macri, Planning Assistant
Councillor Joe Lamb

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. 2021-088

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

18.5 Proposed Ad Hoc committee to review and update By-law 42-2005, being a By-Law for the regulating of dogs within the Municipality of Whitestone

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone supports the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review and update By-Law 42-2005, Being a By-Law for the regulating of dogs,

AND THAT the following representatives sit on this committee,

Councillor Joe Lamb
By-Law Enforcement Officer Paul Rossiter
Judith Meyntz, Deputy Clerk
Councillor Brian Woods

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. 2021-089

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

18.6 Transportation Needs Survey

WHEREAS Seguin Mayor Ann MacDiarmid has requested support in regards to data collection for a Transportation Survey for West Parry Sound;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Whitestone:

- provide any feedback/comments on the proposed survey,
- allow for the use of the Whitestone logo on the survey to confirm the survey applies to all 7 West Parry Sound municipalities,
- publicize the online survey through the Municipal website and social media, encouraging residents to complete it, and
- allow for the Library and Municipal office to accept completed hard copy surveys for return to the Labour Market Group (LMG).

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

19. Correspondence (listed on page 5 and 6)

Resolution No. 2021-090

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on pages 5 and 6 of the March 15, 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

20. Councillor Items

21. Questions from the Public

22. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2021-091

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

THAT By-Law 11-2021 the Confirmatory By-Law for the council meeting of March 15th, 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

23. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2021-092

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 Tuesday, April 6, 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

Michelle Hendry

Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk