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Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 18, 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 (left meeting at 7:10 p.m.)
Councillor Brian Woods (left meeting at 7:10 p.m.)

Staff: Michelle Hendry, CAO / Clerk
David Creasor, Manager of Public Works (10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.)
Maneesh Kulal, Treasurer / Tax Collector (10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)
Paula Macri, Planning Assistant (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Wendy Schroeder, Deputy Clerk
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief (10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Consultants and Guests: Patrick Christie, C.P.T., Parry Sound Area Planning Board (via Zoom)
Carl Pahapill, Pahapill and Associates Professional Chartered Accountants
Rebecca MacDonald, Pahapill and Associates Professional Chartered Accountants (via Zoom)

Other Guests: 5 in person
9 via Zoom

1. **Roll Call and Call to Order** 10:03 a.m.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
Mayor Comrie requested that any pecuniary interest be declared for the record.
None was declared.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Resolution No. 2024-225

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the June 18, 2024 Regular Council meeting,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting be adopted with the addition of the following:

5.4 Draft Encroachment By-law
Attachment 5.4.1

12. Correspondence (requested by Mayor Comrie)

Parry Sound Downtown Business Association – Thank you letter for donation to 2024 Maple Syrup Festival

Carol Marks and Jim Ellis – concern regarding effect on permanent residents of Traffic and Parking By-law

and

15. Closed Session

15.2.6 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (b)

Staffing matter (requested by CAO/Clerk Hendry)

Resolution No. 2024-226

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone amend the motion to approve the agenda by removing Item 11.7 and the proposed addition of the two items of correspondence in Item 12.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Nash

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Lamb	X		
Councillor Nash	X		
Councillor Woods	X		
Councillor Bray		X	
Mayor Comrie		X	

Carried

Resolution No. - None
Moved by: Mayor Comrie
Seconded by:

THAT Item 11.6 - Ardbeg Firehall, discussion regarding proposed HVAC upgrades, be removed from the Agenda.

The motion died due to the absence of a seconder.

Resolution No. 2024-225 (as amended by Resolution No. 2024-224)
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting be adopted with the addition of the following:

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and

15. Closed Session

15.2.7 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (b)

Staffing matter (requested by CAO/Clerk Hendry)

and with the removal of Item 11.7, Magnatawan Pioneer Association proposal for Leasing of a Shore Road Allowance, Bolger Landing. Report from Mayor Comrie.

Recorded vote requested by Mayor Comrie

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Nash	X		
Councillor Woods	X		
Councillor Bray	X		
Councillor Lamb	X		
Mayor Comrie		X	

Carried

4. Presentations and Delegations

- 4.1 Pahapill and Associates Professional Chartered Accountants
Municipality of Whitestone draft 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements
Carl Pahapill and Rebecca McDonald

Matters Arising from Presentations and Delegations

Resolution No. 2024-227

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT Council for the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby accept the draft 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements as presented by Pahapill and Associates Professional Chartered Accountants.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Lamb

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Woods	X		
Councillor Bray	X		
Councillor Lamb	X		
Councillor Nash	X		
Mayor Comrie	X		

Carried

Move into Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2024-228

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 11:02 p.m.

Carried

5. Committee of the Whole

5.1 Planning Matters

- 5.1.1 Consent Application B19/2024(W), JENNINGS, Susan and JOHNSON, Randy
 - Memorandum from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated June 4, 2024

5.2 Draft Trailer By-law

- 5.2.1 Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry dated June 18, 2024

5.3 **Traffic and Parking By-law**

5.3.1 Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry dated June 18, 2024

5.4 **Draft Encroachment By-law**

5.4.1 Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry dated June 18, 2024

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-229

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into the Regular Meeting at 12:52 p.m.
Carried

Recess 11:23 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

Matters arising from Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2024-230

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

5.1 **Planning Matter**

5.1.1 Consent Application B19/2024(W), JENNINGS, Susan and JOHNSON, Randy

- Memorandum from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated June 4, 2024

WHEREAS Patrick Christie, C.P.T., has prepared a report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application B19/2024(W) – Jennings, Susan and Johnson, Randy 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 conditions:

1. **THAT** the applicants' solicitor confirms in writing that the transferred lands merge in title with the benefitting lands

2. **THAT** all applicable planning board fees be paid to the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

Recorded vote as per Procedural By-law 80-2023 Section 3.19

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Bray	X		
Councillor Lamb	X		
Councillor Nash	X		
Councillor Woods	X		
Mayor Comrie	X		

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-231

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

5.2 Draft Trailer By-law

5.2.1 Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry dated June 18, 2024

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the DRAFT Trailer By-law and the Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry dated June 18, 2024; and

THAT Council of the Municipality of Whitestone directs no further work is required on this By-law at this time.

Carried

Recess 12:52 p.m. to 1:32 p.m.

Resolution No. 2024-232

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

5.3 Traffic and Parking By-law

5.3.1 Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry dated June 18, 2024

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Traffic and Parking By-law and the Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry dated June 18, 2024; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone adopts By-law 33-2024, substantially in the form as presented on June 18, 2024, being a By-law to regulate traffic and to govern and control the parking of Vehicles, Boats,

Camping Units, and Trailers in the Municipality of Whitestone and to repeal By-laws 25-2010 and 38-2016.

Recorded vote requested by Mayor Comrie

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Lamb	X		
Councillor Nash	X		
Councillor Woods	X		
Councillor Bray	X		
Mayor Comrie		X	
			Carried

Resolution No. 2024-233

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

5.4 Draft Encroachment By-law

5.4.1 Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry dated June 18, 2024

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the DRAFT Encroachment By-law and the Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry dated June 18, 2024.

Carried

Move into Public Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-234

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone moves into the Public Meeting at 1:48 p.m.

6. Public Meeting

6.1 Naming of Private Road "Margaret's Way"

6.1.1 Memorandum from Paula Macri, Planning Assistant dated June 10, 2024

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-235

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvenes into the Regular Meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Matters arising from Public Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-236

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

- 6.1 Naming of Private Road "Margaret's Way"
 - 6.1.1 Memorandum from Paula Macri, Planning Assistant dated June 10, 2024

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Memorandum from Paula Macri, Planning Assistant dated June 10, 2024.

Carried

7. Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-237

Moved by: Councillor Woods

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 Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024
 - 7.1.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024
 - 7.1.3 Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2024
- 7.2 Unfinished Business (listed on pages 6 to 9)

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

- 7.1.1 Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024
- 7.1.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024

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

- 7.1.3 Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2024
- 7.2 The Unfinished Business listed on pages 6 to 9 of the June 18, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda

Carried

8. Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2024-238

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$370,692.80 for the period ending June 10, 2024.

Carried

9. Staff Reports

Resolution No. 2024-239

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

9.1 Report PW-2024-07

Proposed privately owned utility line beneath municipal roadway at 117 Farley's Road

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives Report PW-2024-07 (Proposed privately owned utility line beneath municipal roadway at 117 Farley's Road) for information; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone requests that staff develop a formal agreement with TME Properties INC (TME) for the installation of a septic line approximately 2" in diameter under the municipal roadway at 117 Farley Road; and

THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement; and

THAT the agreement to be registered on the property title.

Resolution No. 2024-240

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recommends that Requirement #3 of the Staff Report (insurance coverage) not be included in the agreement, without precedent or prejudice.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-239 (as amended by Resolution No. 2024-240)

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

9.1 Report PW-2024-07

Proposed privately owned utility line beneath municipal roadway at 117 Farley's Road

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives Report PW-2024-07 (Proposed privately owned utility line beneath municipal roadway at 117 Farley's Road) for information; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone requests that staff develop a formal agreement with TME Properties INC (TME) for the installation of a septic line approximately 2" in diameter under the municipal roadway at 117 Farley Road; and

THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement; and

THAT the agreement to be registered on the property title; and

THAT Requirement #3 of the Staff Report (insurance coverage) not be included in the agreement, without precedent or prejudice.

Carried

10. By-laws

Resolution No. 2024-241

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

- 10.1 **THAT** By-law No. 31-2024, being a By-law to name a Private Road within the Corporation of Municipality of Whitestone and to Amend By-law No. 34-2002 is hereby passed this 18th day of June, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-242

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

- 10.2 **THAT** By-law No. 32-2024, being a By-law to close and stop up that Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance along the shores of Wahwashkesh Lake, in front of Lot 28, Concession 5 in the geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound designated as Part 1, Plan 42R-22475 and to sell Part 1, Plan 42R-22475, is hereby passed this 18th day of June, 2024.

Recorded vote as per Procedural By-law 80-2023 Section 3.19

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Nash	X		
Councillor Woods	X		
Councillor Bray	X		
Councillor Lamb	X		
Mayor Comrie	X		

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-243

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

- 10.3 **THAT** By-law No. 33-2024, being a By-law to regulate traffic and to govern and control the parking of Vehicles, Boats, Camping Units, and Trailers in the Municipality of Whitestone and to repeal By-law 25-2010 and 38-2016, is hereby passed substantially in the form as presented, this 18th day of June, 2024.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Nash

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Woods	X		
Councillor Bray	X		
Councillor Lamb	X		
Councillor Nash	X		
Mayor Comrie		X	

Carried

11. Business Matters

Resolution No. 2024-244

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

- 11.1 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee
Resignation of Councillor Bray

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone receives the resignation of Councillor Janice Bray from the Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee, and thanks her for her time on the committee.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-245

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

- 11.2 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee
Council Member Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Brian Woods is hereby appointed as Council Representative to the Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee for the duration of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-246

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

- 11.3 Motion to Reconsider Resolution No. 2023-561, passed December 12, 2023
(requested by Councillor Lamb)
Per Notice of Reconsideration approved by Resolution No. 2024-216 at the Regular Council Meeting of May 21, 2024

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone passed Resolution No. 2023-364 on July 18, 2023 as follows:

Resolution No. 2023-364

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

11.1 Memorandum

Farley's Road Boat Launch, General Public Use

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Memorandum, Farley's Road Boat Launch, General Public Use; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approves the use of the Farley's Road Boat Launch for shared use between the deeded access properties and day use only Public Parking; and

THAT Staff be requested to install signage to designate the two distinct parking areas as soon as practical; and

THAT the current By-law 25-2010, being a By-Law to regulate traffic and to govern and control the parking of vehicles in the Municipality of

Whitestone be updated to reflect the above referenced direction of Council.

Recorded Vote:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Councillor, Janice Bray	X		
Councillor, Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor, Scott Nash	X		
Councillor, Brian Woods		absent from the meeting	
Mayor, George Comrie	X		

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone passed Resolution No. 2024-216 at the Regular Council meeting of May 21, 2024 to move to reconsider Resolution No. 2023-364 in respect of the reference to 'day use only' Public Parking;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2023-364 from the July 18, 2023 Regular Council meeting be revised to read as follows:

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Memorandum, Farley's Road Boat Launch, General Public Use; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approves the use of the Farley's Road Boat Launch for shared use between the deeded access properties and Public Parking; and

THAT Staff be requested to install signage to designate the two distinct parking areas as soon as practical.

Carried

Mayor Comrie relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Lamb

Resolution No. 2024-247

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Mayor Comrie

- 11.4 Resolution of support from May 21, 2024 Regular Council meeting
Goderich – Request of Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Code of Conduct

WHEREAS the Town of Goderich passed the following Resolution at their April 8, 2024 Town Council Meeting:

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst municipal members of councils across Ontario; and

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

WHEREAS municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

WHEREAS the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and

WHEREAS AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation that reflects the following recommendations:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province.
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner.
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Goderich supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options

for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as;

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the Province.
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound - Muskoka, and the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Ontario municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone declares their support of the Town of Goderich's resolution requesting the Province to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and

THAT this Resolution of support be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound - Muskoka, and the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Nash

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Bray	X		
Councillor Lamb		X	
Councillor Nash		X	
Councillor Woods		X	
Mayor Comrie	X		

Defeated

Mayor Comrie resumed the Chair

Resolution No. 2024-248

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

11.5 Resolution of support from May 21, 2024 Regular Council meeting

Township of the Archipelago – Public Health Ontario’s proposition to phase out free provincial water testing services

WHEREAS the Township of the Archipelago passed the following Resolution at their April 19, 2024 Town Council Meeting:

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of the Archipelago, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

WHEREAS the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of The Archipelago hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone declares their support of the Township of the Archipelago’s resolution requesting that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services; and

THAT this Resolution of support be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound - Muskoka, the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-249

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

11.6 Ardbeg Firehall, discussion regarding proposed HVAC upgrades

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approved a 2024 Capital Budget item: HVAC Improvements to Fire Station 2 (Ardbeg) per the 2023 Steinhoff report and supported by the Chief Building Official, in the amount of \$7,000; and

WHEREAS Council believes there may be a less expensive option to consider that will address air quality in Fire Station 2 (Ardbeg);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Fire Chief Bob Whitman and Public Works Manager David Creasor be requested to consider alternate and less expensive options and report back to Council in Q3 with recommendations.

Mayor Comrie relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Lamb

Resolution No. 2024-250

Moved by: Mayor Comrie

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does amend the last paragraph of Motion at Item 11.6 to read as follows:

“**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** staff be requested to consider alternative and less expensive options to address the HVAC Issue identified at Fire Station 2.”

Recorded vote requested by Mayor Comrie

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Nash		X	
Councillor Woods		X	
Mayor Comrie	X		
Councillor Bray		X	
Deputy Mayor Lamb		X	

Defeated

Mayor Comrie resumed the Chair

Resolution No. 2024-249

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

11.6 Ardbeg Firehall, discussion regarding proposed HVAC upgrades

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approved a 2024 Capital Budget item: HVAC Improvements to Fire Station 2 (Ardbeg) per the 2023 Steinhoff report and supported by the Chief Building Official, in the amount of \$7,000; and

WHEREAS Council believes there may be a less expensive option to consider that will address air quality in Fire Station 2 (Ardbeg);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Fire Chief Bob Whitman and Public Works Manager David Creasor be requested to consider alternate and less expensive options and report back to Council in Q3 with recommendations.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Nash

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Woods			X
Councillor Bray	X		
Councillor Lamb	X		
Councillor Nash	X		
Mayor Comrie		X	

Carried

11.7 Item 11.7 removed from Agenda as per Resolution No. 2024-225, Approval of Agenda - Revised

Resolution No. 2024-251

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

11.8 Method of distribution of digital documents to members of Council

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has discussed staff-created documents, that members of Council may require / want in order to assist members in carrying out their elected positions; and

THAT in the past staff members have sometimes not provided digital documents in formats such as Word or Excel, which could have assisted members of Council on providing comments back to staff members on items such as draft By-Laws, draft budgets or other items for which staff members have requested Council members input; and

THAT to assist Municipality of Whitestone Council members carry out their elected duties in the twenty first century and digital age;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby directs staff to provide digital document(s) in their native format (such as Word, Excel, PDF), which can allow members of Council to highlight, track changes and create comments for Council members' use and /or to assist when providing comments and / or feedback to staff members or other Council members.

Resolution No. 2024-252

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

Motion that this matter be deferred to the July 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Nash

	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
Councillor Bray	X		
Councillor Lamb	X		
Councillor Nash		X	
Councillor Woods		X	
Mayor Comrie	X		

Deferred

Clerks Note: Item 11.8 is deferred to the July 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-253

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

11.9 Request to stand down the WahWashKesh Task Force

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approved the Terms of Reference for the WahWashKesh Landings Task Force at the November 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting by Resolution No. 2018-368; and

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference notes the estimated completion date to be December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference notes the Term of Appointments - Until the Task Force has completed its work and has been stood down by Council; and

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference notes “Legislated or other mandate approved by Council – To Investigate potential improvements to parking and docking on WahWashKesh Lake”; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Whitestone undertook major improvements to the Parking Area in the year 2019 under Capital Works; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone agreed to assume ownership of the docks and associated structures at Bennett’s Bay Landing and Indian Narrows Landing, at the April 16,2024 Regular Council meeting by Resolution No. 2024-167; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone, at the Regular Council meeting of April 4, 2023, defeated Resolution No. 2023-169, being a resolution to approve implementation of a system of enforced permit parking at the WahWashKesh Landings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby stand down the WahWashKesh Landings Task Force effective June 19, 2024, and Council thanks all the Task Force Members for their work and contributions to the Task Force.

Carried

12. Correspondence

Resolution No. 2024-254

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 10 of the May 21, 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:

Item C – Callander – request that the Province resume the MPAC assessment cycle to ensure stability and predictability of property taxes

Item F – LEA Consulting – Notice of Study – Rehabilitation of the Highway 124 Whitestone Lake Bridge and Highway 520 Whitestone River Bridge

Carried

Matters arising from Correspondence: None

13. Councillor Items

Councillor Lamb:

- Reported that the Library Board had received a letter from Service Ontario indicating they were conducting a feasibility study of the Library being a satellite office for Service Ontario. CAO/Clerk Hendry will follow up with the Board Chair and the Library CEO
- Asked if anyone on Council had been subpoenaed to be present at a court hearing of the Magnatawan Pioneers' Association – no Council member indicated they had been served

Councillor Bray

- Reported that the Municipality had received notification the approved ICECAP Milestones 2 and 3
- Attended meeting and trade show on June 6, 2024 at the Stockey Centre with Mayor Comrie and CAO/Clerk Hendry
- Complimented Georgian Bay Biosphere on the information it provides to the community in regards to climate change initiatives

Councillor Woods

- Pointed out the Welcome to Whitestone 2024 Community Directory, produced by the Whitestone Conservation Association, indicates that recycling is mandatory in the Municipality and was asking if that is the case. Staff will research and send an email to Council with the answer.

Curfew

Resolution No. 2024-255

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

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 June 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting past the allotted time of seven (7.0) hours and continues for an additional one hour(s).

Carried

14. Questions from the Public - None

15. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-256

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

Adjourn to Closed Session

THAT this meeting be adjourned into a Closed Session meeting at 6:08 p.m. for the following matters:

- 15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 14, 2024
- 15.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (b)
 - 15.2.1 Volunteer Application for the Library Board
 - 15.2.2 Volunteer Application for the Fire and Rescue Department
 - 15.2.3 Volunteer Application for the Fire and Rescue Department
 - 15.2.4 Volunteer Application for the Fire and Rescue Department
 - 15.2.5 Volunteer Application for the Fire and Rescue Department
 - 15.2.6 Staffing Matter
- 15.3 Labour relations or employee negotiations, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (d)
 - 15.3.1 Human Resources Matter – Verbal update from CAO/Clerk Hendry
- 15.4 Educational or training sessions pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239 (3.1):

A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

 - 1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members.

2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee

15.4.1 Discussion to establish the framework for a training session / Council Workshop

15.5 A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (k)

15.5.1 Training session proposal to be negotiated with a consultant / potential service provider

Carried

Councillors Nash and and Councillor Woods left the meeting during the discussion of 15.3.1 at 7:10 p.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2024-257

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT this meeting be reconvened to a Regular Meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Matters arising from Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-258

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 14, 2024

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for the Special Council meeting of May 14, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-259

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

15.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (b)

15.2.1 Volunteer Application for the Library Board

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves the appointment of Abby Taylor to the Library Board.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-260

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

15.2.2 Volunteer Application to the Fire and Rescue Department

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves of the appointment of Thomas Nichols as a probationary Firefighter/First Responder in training, in the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department; and

THAT subject to completion of mandatory training and one year of successful probation, Thomas Nichols may move up as a regular Firefighter/First Responder in the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-261

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

15.2.3 Volunteer Application to the Fire and Rescue Department

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves of the appointment of Connor Heffernan as a probationary Firefighter/First Responder in training, in the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department; and

THAT subject to completion of mandatory training and one year of successful probation, Connor Heffernan may move up as a regular Firefighter/First Responder in the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-262

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

15.2.4 Volunteer Application to the Fire and Rescue Department

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves of the appointment of Elizabeth Byrne as a probationary Firefighter/First Responder in training, in the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department; and

THAT subject to completion of mandatory training and one year of successful probation, Elizabeth Byrne may move up as a regular Firefighter/First Responder in the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-263

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

15.2.5 Volunteer Application to the Fire and Rescue Department

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves of the appointment of Paulius Putrimas as a probationary Firefighter/First Responder in training, in the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department; and

THAT subject to completion of mandatory training and one year of successful probation, Paulius Putrimas may move up as a regular Firefighter/First Responder in the Whitestone Fire Rescue Department

Carried

15.3 Human Resources Matter – Verbal update from CAO/Clerk Hendry was addressed in closed session.

15.4 Not discussed or addressed by Council

15.5 Not discussed or addressed by Council

16. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2024-264

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT By-law No. 34-2024 being the Confirmatory By-law for the Council meeting of the Municipality of Whitestone on June 18, 2024 is hereby enacted as passed this 18th day of June 2024.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024-265

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:29 p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

Carried



George Comrie

Mayor



Michelle Hendry

CAO/Clerk