

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Dunchurch Community Centre and Zoom Video Conferencing**

- Present:** George Comrie, Mayor
Janice Bray, Councillor
Joe Lamb, Councillor
Scott Nash, Councillor
Brian Woods, Councillor
- Staff:** Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief
Maneesh Kulal, Treasurer
David Creasor, Manager Public Works
- Consultant:** John Jackson, Planner
- Guests:** 1 - In person
9 - via Zoom video or telephone

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

The Chair commenced roll call and called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

National Anthem

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Municipality of Whitestone recognizes all of Canada resides on traditional, unceded and/or treaty lands of the Indigenous People of Turtle Island.

We recognize our Municipality on The Robinson Huron Treaty territory is home to many past, present and future Indigenous families.

This acknowledgment of the land is a declaration of our commitment and collective responsibility to reconcile the past, and to honour and value the culture, history and relationships we have with one another.

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. 2023-130

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

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.

Carried

4. Presentations and Delegations

4.1 Nadine Hammond, Tower on the Hill Museum

Resolution No. 2023-131

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

Matters Arising

4.1 Nadine Hammond, Tower on the Hill Museum

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the presentation from Nadine Hammond regarding the Tower on the Hill Museum.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-132

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

Move into Committee of the Whole

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 6:56 pm.

Carried

5. Planning Items

5.1 Consent Application B01/2023(W) – 1502701 ONTARIO LTD. (MOFFATT)

- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated March 6, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-133

Moved by: Councillor Janice Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into Regular Meeting at 7:01 pm.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-134

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash
Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole

5.1 Consent Application B01/2023(W) – 1502701 ONTARIO LTD. (MOFFATT)

WHEREAS John Jackson, Planner Inc. has prepared a report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application B01/2023(W) – 1502701 ONTARIO LTD. (MOFFATT) 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 in principle, subject to the following conditions:

1. **THAT** payment of a parkland dedication fee be made in accordance with the current Municipal fees and charges By-law;
2. **THAT** the new lots receive 911 addressing from the Municipality; and
3. **THAT** payment of all applicable planning fees be paid to the Municipality of Whitestone.

Recorded Vote:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Councillor, Janice Bray	X		
Mayor, George Comrie	X		
Councillor, Scott Nash	X		
Councillor, Brian Woods	X		
Deputy Mayor, Joe Lamb	X		

Carried

6. Public Meeting - None

Resolution No. 2023-135

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

7. Consent Agenda

WHEREAS the Council 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 for Tuesday March 7, 2023
 - 7.1.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 13, 2023
- 7.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 4)

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

The Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023 as amended; and the Special Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 13, 2023; and

THAT Council receives for information Unfinished Business listing contained in the Consent Agenda dated March 21, 2023.

Carried

8. Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2023-136

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

8.1 Accounts Payable

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$481,582.95 for the period ending March 15, 2023.

Carried

9. Staff Reports

Resolution No. 2023-137

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

9.1 Report PW-2023-03 Blue Box Transition update

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Report PW-2023-03 (Blue Box Transition update) for information.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-138

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Janice Bray

9.2 Report FIN-2023-03 Council Remuneration and Expenses 2022

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive report FIN-2023-03 (2022 Council Remuneration and Expenses) for information.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-139

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

9.3 Report FIN-2023-02
Donations 2023

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive report FIN-2023-02 (2023 Donation Requests) for information;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby approve the following 2023 donation requests:

Recipient	2023 Proposed
Rotary Club of Parry Sound (request per Council delegation)	\$ 500.00
Parry Sound Area Community Business & Dev Ctr	\$1,100.00
West Parry Sound Health Centre Foundation*	\$ 500.00
West Parry Sound District Museum	\$1,000.00
Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce*	\$ 500.00
Dunchurch Agricultural Society *	\$ 500.00
Ardbeg Community Club	\$3,000.00
Parry Sound High School Bursary L Woods *	\$ 500.00
Parry Sound High School Graduation Gifts *	\$ 250.00
Whitestone Lake School Citizenship Award *	\$ 100.00
Whitestone Rod and Gun Club	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$8,450.00

**Annual Contributions provided (no formal request submitted)*

Carried

10. By-laws - None

11. Business Matters

Resolution No. 2023-140

Moved by: Councillor Janice Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

11.1 Community Centre Audio / Video improvements update

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive the Briefing Note from Mayor Comrie dated March 21, 2023 regarding Completion of Audio-Visual upgrades at the Dunchurch Community Centre; and

THAT the Municipality proceed to complete the proposed system upgrade as set out in this Briefing Note in the current fiscal year, and

THAT the Municipality award the contract for supply, installation, and commissioning of the additional AV equipment set out in this report to Acclaim Sound and Lighting of North Bay (the vendor of the existing audio system) on a single-source basis; and

THAT the sum of \$40,000 (including HST) to cover the cost of this work be included in the Municipality's 2023 Capital and Special projects budget.

Withdrawn

Resolution No. 2023-141

Moved by: Councillor Janice Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive the Briefing Note from Mayor Comrie dated March 21, 2023 regarding Completion of Audio-Visual upgrades at the Dunchurch Community Centre; and

THAT the Municipality engage an Audio/Visual consultant to produce a specification for purposes of tendering for the required equipment and installation to complete the Community Centre Audio/Visual system.

Carried

Recess

Resolution No. 2023-142

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Nash

11.2 Memo Greenwood property – rezoning

- Ted Greenwood zoning matter, 1686 Highway No. 124, Dunchurch

WHEREAS Mr. Ted Greenwood, in a letter dated November 15, 2022, requested that Council remove costs associated with rezoning a property owned by him (Ted Greenwood) located at 1686 Highway No. 124, from Rural (RU) to General Industrial (M1);

AND WHEREAS in a report dated September 9, 2022 from Mr. John Jackson, Municipal Planner, it was stated that "*It is reasonable to understand that the lands should have had an M1 Zone*";

AND WHEREAS in the above referenced report from Mr. John Jackson it was also stated that "*Council should consider a proposed rezoning of the subject lands from*

Rural (RU) to General Industrial (M1) without the attendant studies, site plans and financial deposits”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive for information the Memorandum from Paula Macri, Planning Assistant dated March 21, 2023 (with the attached report from John Jackson, Planner dated September 9, 2022) regarding the Ted Greenwood rezoning matter, for a property known as 1686 Highway No. 124, Dunchurch;

AND THAT a Zoning By-law amendment application will be required to be submitted by Ted Greenwood for the proposed Zoning By-law amendment of Part Lot 44, Concession A, in the geographic Township of Hagerman being Part 1, Plan 42R-18200, municipally known as 1686 Highway No. 124, Dunchurch from Rural (RU) Zone to Industrial (M1) Zone;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby waive the Non-Refundable Administration fee in the amount of \$1,000.00 and the applicable security deposit, as per the current Municipal fees and charges By-law along with any planning fees related to the work of the planning consultant in connection with the application;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby recommend that subject to the receipt of a rezoning application from Ted Greenwood staff proceed with the applicable advertisement and circulation of the Notice of Public meeting.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-143

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-144

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

12. Correspondence (listed on page 9 of the Agenda)

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 9 of the March 21, 2023 Council agenda;

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

- C. District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Meeting scheduled for Friday May 5, 2023 with 2023 Spring Meeting Form.
- D. Municipality of Magnetawan resolution regarding Magnetawan River Watershed dated March 8, 2023.
- E. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board resolution regarding homelessness dated March 9, 2023.
- G. Town of Parry Sound letter and resolution regarding the Mega School dated March 14, 2023.
- H. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit letter regarding food insecurity dated March 14, 2023.

Carried

Clerk's Note: Resolutions of support for Items D, E, and G will be presented at the next Regular Council meeting.

Matters Arising from Correspondence

- C. The Spring Meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association.

THAT the following members of Council and staff be approved to attend the Spring Meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association to be held on Friday, May 5, 2023, hosted by the Township of McMurrich/Monteith.

- Councillor Lamb
- Councillor Woods
- CAO/Clerk Hendry
- Mayor Comrie

Clerks Note: The above referenced motion was voted on however was not moved or seconded; the motion will be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for consideration.

Resolution No. 2023-145

Moved by: Councillor Janice Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

- H. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit letter regarding food insecurity dated March 14, 2023.

WHEREAS, improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute, and invest in their local economies and communities; and

WHEREAS, poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary and strained public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity has a detrimental impact on physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, adequate income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts food security and other social determinants of health such as mental health, housing and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Cost of Eating Well report shows that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food; and

WHEREAS, 67% of households in Ontario with social assistance as their main source of income experience food insecurity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Whitestone support efforts to raise awareness about, and work to reduce, health inequities, including food insecurity; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Whitestone endorse the letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to:

- legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy; and
- increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and
- urge the province to resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Municipality of Whitestone provide correspondence of these resolutions to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, neighbouring municipalities, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton (Minister of Children, Community and Social Service), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), MP Anthony Rota, MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marc Serre, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Carried

Clerks Note: In respect of correspondence items D, E and G, motions of support will be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for consideration.

13. Councillor Items

Councillor Nash

- Requested that Council review the 2023 Regular Council meeting schedule at the April 4, 2023 Council meeting

Councillor Lamb

- Noted that the Thrift Shop will be open April 1
Saturday and Sunday until July
Friday, Saturday and Sunday for July and August
Saturday and Sunday September and October
Close, October 29

Councillor Woods

- Asked about updating the sign on the Bunny Trail now that the snow is diminishing and the possibility of a street light at Whitestone Waterfront Park

14. Questions from the Public

15. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2023-146

Moved by: Councillor Scott Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

THAT By-law 22-2023 Being the Confirmatory By-law for the Council meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2023, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2023-147

Moved by: Councillor Janice Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 10:32 p.m. until the Special Council meeting of Monday March 22, 2023 at 3:00 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

Carried

George Comrie

Mayor

Michelle Hendry

CAO/ Clerk