



**Special Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 29, 2021, 5:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**Present:** George Comrie, Mayor  
Beth Gorham-Matthews, Councillor  
Joe Lamb, Councillor  
Joe McEwen, Councillor  
Brian Woods, Councillor

**Staff:** Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk  
Patricia Allen, Treasurer

**Guests:** 43

**1. Roll Call and Call to Order**

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

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

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

**3. Closed Session**

**Resolution No. 2021-099**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**WHEREAS** the *Municipal Act* Section 239 (2) states that a meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered meets certain exceptions;

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

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

3.2 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipal or local board pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239. (2) (c)

with the members of Council and the CAO/Clerk present.

**4. Reconvene into Regular Meeting**

**Resolution No. 2021-100**

**Moved by:** Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**THAT** this meeting be reconvened to an open session at 5:47 p.m.

**Note:** Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

**Carried**

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**5. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Comrie commenced roll call and called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

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

**7. Approval of Agenda**

**Clerks Note:**

A request was made by Councillor Lamb to move into Committee of the Whole in order to receive further input from the Public on the Pool and Wellness Centre.

**Resolution No. 2021-101**

**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 and amended to permit ratepayers to speak during Committee of the Whole regarding Pool and Wellness Centre.

**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**

**Matters Arising from Closed Session - None**

## 8. Pool and Wellness Centre Discussion

### Resolution No. 2021-102

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 6:48 p.m. to receive comments regarding the Pool and Wellness Centre from ratepayers.

**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. 2021-103

**Moved by:** Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into Regular Council at 7:07 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. 2021-104

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Seconded by:** Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

**WHEREAS** Council considers a public pool and wellness centre to be an important amenity for the economic and social wellbeing of residents of West Parry Sound, including residents of Whitestone, and

**WHEREAS** Council recognizes that Whitestone residents are the furthest distance from the proposed pool and wellness centre and may therefore be less likely to use the facility than other WPS residents, and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Whitestone has the smallest population and lowest tax base of the seven WPS municipalities,

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

- 1) The Municipality of Whitestone agrees to contribute 6.1% of the difference between (i) the total construction cost of the facility and (ii) the sum of the ICIP funding and any capital contribution through fundraising, to a maximum total amount of \$527,040, as a one-time contribution, and

- 2) The Municipality of Whitestone further agrees to contribute annually towards any operating deficit of the facility a maximum amount of \$18,316, commencing in the first year of the facility's operation and continuing for ten (10) years thereafter, with the maximum amount to be increased annually by the consumer price index.
- 3) These commitments be contingent upon:
  - (a) Receipt of the full amount of the requested ICIP funding towards construction of the proposed West Parry Sound Pool and Wellness Centre, and
  - (b) Execution of an agreement acceptable to Council between the Municipality and the proposed Joint Municipal Service Board, which would address concerns about equitable representation of all participating municipalities in decision making, and
  - (c) A review of the operating model and projected operating costs for the facility by management consultants with expertise in such reviews, to be completed prior to final design.

**Clerks Note:** Council agreed that the components of the resolution be separated

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Resolution No. 2021-105**

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

**THAT** 1) of the Resolution be amended to read as follows:

The Municipality of Whitestone agrees to contribute to the capital cost of the project the amount of \$250,000, as a one-time contribution.

<b>Recorded Vote:</b>	<b>YEAS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Councillor, Beth Gorham-Matthews	X		
Councillor, Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor, Joe McEwen		X	
Councillor, Brian Woods	X		
Mayor, George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2021-106**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**THAT** 2) of the Resolution continue to read as follows:

The Municipality of Whitestone further agrees to contribute annually towards any operating deficit of the facility a maximum amount of \$18,316, commencing in the first year of the facility's operation and continuing for ten (10) years thereafter, with the maximum amount to be increased annually by the consumer price index.

<b>Recorded Vote:</b>	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. 2021-107**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**THAT** Resolution 3) (b) be amended to read as follows:

The Municipality declines to participate in the proposed Joint Municipal Service Board;

**Clerks Note:** The Resolution was revised for clarification to read:

The Municipality will be part of the Joint Municipal Services Board

<b>Recorded Vote:</b>	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**

**Clerks Note:**

Mayor Comrie read the following and it was noted that Council concurred

**THAT** Resolution 3) (c) continue to read as follows:

A review of the operating model, projected operating costs, and reserve requirements for the facility by management consultants with expertise in such reviews, to be completed prior to final design.

**Mayor Comrie called a brief recess**

**Resolution No. 2021-108**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

THAT Resolution 2) be amended to read:

The Municipality of Whitestone further agrees to contribute annually towards any operating deficit of the facility a maximum amount of \$18,316, commencing in the first

year of the facility's operation and continuing for five (5) years thereafter, with the maximum amount to be increased annually by the consumer price index.

<b>Recorded Vote:</b>	<b>YEAS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Councillor, Beth Gorham-Matthews		X	
Councillor, Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor, Joe McEwen		X	
Councillor, Brian Woods	X		
Mayor, George Comrie		X	

**Defeated**

**Clerks Note:**

After general discussion, Mayor Comrie read the following and it was noted that Council concurred

- (e) Items 1) and 2) above are the full extent of Whitestone's financial commitment to the project.

**Final Resolution Regarding the Pool and Wellness Centre, as amended.**

**Resolution No. 2021-109**

**Moved by:** Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**WHEREAS** Council considers a public pool and wellness centre to be an important amenity for the economic and social wellbeing of residents of West Parry Sound, including residents of Whitestone, and

**WHEREAS** Council recognizes that Whitestone residents are the furthest distance from the proposed pool and wellness centre and may therefore be less likely to use the facility than other WPS residents, and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Whitestone has the smallest population and lowest tax base of the seven WPS municipalities,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

- 1) The Municipality of Whitestone agrees to contribute to the capital cost of the project the amount of \$250,000, as a one-time contribution, and
- 2) The Municipality of Whitestone further agrees to contribute annually towards any operating deficit of the facility a maximum amount of \$18,316, commencing in the first year of the facility's operation and continuing for ten (10) years thereafter, with the maximum amount to be increased annually by the consumer price index.
- 3) These commitments be contingent upon:
  - (a) Receipt of the full amount of the requested ICIP funding towards construction of the proposed West Parry Sound Pool and Wellness Centre, and

- (b) The Municipality declines to participate in the proposed Joint Municipal Service Board, and
- (c) A review of the operating model, projected operating costs, and reserve requirements for the facility by management consultants with expertise in such reviews, to be completed prior to final design, and
- (d) All other WPS municipalities agree to participate financially in the project, and
- (e) Items 1) and 2) above are the full extent of Whitestone’s financial commitment to the project.

<b>Recorded Vote:</b>	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. 2021-110**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Curfew**

**THAT** Council hereby continues its Council Meeting past the allotted time of three and a half (3 ½) hours and continue for an additional one-half (1/2) hour.

**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**

**9. Move into Committee of the Whole**

**Resolution No. 2021-111**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 9:24 p.m.

- 9.1 Memo and presentation regarding *Draft* Operating and Capital Budget for the year 2021 – refinements from the March 15, 2021 meeting and ongoing discussion items
- 9.2 Memo - Gravel Resurfacing
- 9.3 Memo – Sidewalk proposal

**Note:** Mayor Comrie requested that Councillors indicate if they were not in favour of the motion and in hearing no response, declared the motion carried.

**Carried**

## **10. Reconvene into Regular Meeting**

### **Resolution No. 2021-112**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into Regular Council at 10:07 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. 2021-113**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Seconded by:** Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

- 9.1 Memo and presentation regarding *Draft* Operating and Capital Budget for the year 2021 – refinements from the March 15, 2021 meeting and ongoing discussion items

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives the Memo and Presentation regarding Draft Operating and Capital Budget for the year 2021 for information;

**AND THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone confirms the following additional budget items to the Capital program:

- Addition of \$80,000 to the operating budget for gravel resurfacing;
- Addition of \$6,000 for engineering, design and MTO approvals for sidewalk construction on Highway 124 in Dunchurch;
- Addition of \$20,000 to finalize design and engineering matters in respect of the Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic expansion project;

**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. Questions from the Public**



**12. Confirming By-Law**

**Resolution No. 2021-114**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**THAT** By-Law 13-2021 the Confirmatory By-Law for the council meeting of March 29th, 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**

**13. Adjournment**

**Resolution No. 2021-115**

**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 10:11 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**

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George Comrie

**Mayor**

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Michelle Hendry

**Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk**