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**Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 20, 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, audio only)  
Councillor Brian Woods

Staff: Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk  
David Creasor, Public Works Manager (10:00 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.)  
Maneesh Kulal, Treasurer / Tax Collector (2:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)  
Paula Macri, Planning Assistant (10:00 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.)  
Jamie Osborne, Chief Building Official (2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)  
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief (Via Zoom, audio only), in person (1:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.)

Consultants: Patrick Christie, C.P.T., Parry Sound Area Planning Board (via Zoom; 10:00 a.m. to 1:55 p.m.)

Other Guests: 6 in person  
4 via Zoom

**1. Roll Call and Call to Order** 10:00 a.m.

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

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2024-304**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**WHEREAS** the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the August 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented with the following addition:

Item 15.4.1.1

Follow-up correspondence from Jennifer Biggar, Russell Christie dated August 14, 2024

**Proposed Amendment**

**Resolution No. 2024-305**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**THAT** items 9.1 and 15.3.2 be removed from the motion

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Scott Nash**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Janice Bray		X	
Councillor Joe Lamb		X	
Councillor Scott Nash	X		
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Mayor George Comrie		X	
			<b>Defeated</b>

**Resolution No. 2024-304**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

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Follow-up correspondence from Jennifer Biggar, Russell Christie dated August 14, 2024

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Scott Nash**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor Scott Nash		X	
Councillor Brian Woods		X	
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Mayor George Comrie	X		
			<b>Carried</b>

**4. Presentations and Delegations – None**

**Move into Committee of the Whole**

**Resolution No. 2024-306**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole

at 10:29 a.m.

**Carried**

## **5. Committee of the Whole**

- 5.1 Short-Term Rental Unit By-law
- Memorandum from Paula Macri, Planning Assistant

**Recess: 12:18 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Councillor Scott Nash returned at 1:05 p.m.

- 5.2 Animal By-law
- Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry

### **5.3 Planning Matters**

- 5.3.1 Consent Application B25/2024(W) – Watts, Richard
- Memorandum from Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated July 29, 2024
- 5.3.2 Consent Application B29/2024(W) – Kovanchak, Robert Peter
- Memorandum from Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated August 6, 2024
- 5.3.3 Review of Policies and Regulations regarding Trailers with the Municipality of Whitestone
- Memorandum from MHBC dated August 8, 2024

## **Reconvene into Regular Meeting**

### **Resolution No. 2024-307**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into the Regular Meeting at 1:44 p.m.

**Carried**

## **Matters arising from Committee of the Whole**

### **Resolution No. 2024-308**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

- 5.1 Short-Term Rental Unit By-law
- Memorandum from Paula Macri, Planning Assistant

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Memorandum of Paula Macri, Planning Assistant dated August 20, 2024; and

**THAT** Council requests staff proceed with amending the Short-Term Rental Unit By-law and policy based on the input received from Council.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-309**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

- 5.2 Animal (Backyard Chickens) By-law
- Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Memorandum of CAO/Clerk Hendry dated August 20, 2024; and

**THAT** Council requests staff not to proceed to develop a Backyard Chickens By-law and policy based on the input received from Council.

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Joe Lamb**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Scott Nash	X		
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Mayor George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

5.3 **Planning Matters**

**Resolution No. 2024-310**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

- 5.3.1 Consent Application B25/2024(W) – Watts, Richard

**WHEREAS** Patrick Christie, C.P.T., has prepared a memorandum for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application B25/2024(W) – Watts, Richard 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 83-2024 Section 3.19**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor Scott Nash (Absent)			
Mayor George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-311**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

5.3.2 Consent Application B29/2024(W) – Kovanchak, Robert Peter

**WHEREAS** Patrick Christie, C.P.T., has prepared a memorandum for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application B29/2024(W) – Kovanchak, Robert Peter 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** payment of a parkland dedication fee be made in accordance with the current Municipal fees and charges By-law;
2. **THAT** the new lot receive 911 addressing from the Municipality;
3. **THAT** the newly created lot be rezoned from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Exception Zone to recognize the lesser lot area of 1.5 ha.
4. **THAT** all applicable planning board fees be paid to the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

**Recorded vote as per Procedural By-law 83-2024 Section 3.19**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor Scott Nash			X
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Mayor George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-312**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

5.3.3 Review of Policies and Regulations regarding Trailers with the Municipality of Whitestone

- Memorandum from MHBC Planning Ltd. dated August 8, 2024

**THAT** the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the memorandum from MHBC Planning Ltd.; and

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone request MHBC to prepare an options report in respect of the regulations related to trailers in the Municipality's land use documents.

**Recorded vote as per Procedural By-law 83-2024 Section 3.19**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor Scott Nash	X		
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Mayor George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

**6. Public Meeting – None**

**7. Consent Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2024-313**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**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 June 18, 2024
- 7.1.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes of July 4, 2024
- 7.1.3 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2024
- 7.1.4 Recreation Committee Minutes of May 23 2024
- 7.1.5 Recreation Committee Minutes of June 17, 2024
- 7.1.6 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee Minutes of March 11, 2024
- 7.1.7 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee Minutes of April 15, 2024
- 7.1.8 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee Minutes of June 10, 2024

**7.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 6 and 7 of the Agenda)**

**Proposed Amendment**

**Resolution No. 2024-314**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**THAT** items 7.1.1 and 7.1.3 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be brought to a subsequent meeting.

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Nash**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	
Councillor Joe Lamb	X			
Councillor Scott Nash	X			
Councillor Brian Woods	X			
Councillor Janice Bray	X			
Mayor George Comrie		X		
				<b>Carried</b>

**Resolution No. 2024-313 as amended**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

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

- 7.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes
  - 7.1.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes of July 4, 2024

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

- 7.1.4 Recreation Committee Minutes of May 23 2024
- 7.1.5 Recreation Committee Minutes of June 17, 2024
- 7.1.6 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee Minutes of March 11, 2024
- 7.1.7 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee Minutes of April 15, 2024
- 7.1.8 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee Minutes of June 10, 2024;
- and
- 7.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 6 and 7 of the agenda)

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Scott Nash**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	
Councillor Brian Woods			X	
Councillor Janice Bray	X			
Councillor Joe Lamb	X			
Councillor Scott Nash		X		
Mayor George Comrie	X			
				<b>Carried</b>

**8. Accounts Payable**

**Resolution No. 2024-315**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods



THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$595,241.60 for the period ending August 7, 2024

Carried

9. Staff Reports

**Resolution No. 2024-316**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

9.1 Report PW-2024-09  
Snakeskin Lake Boat Launch

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Report PW-2024-09 (Consideration for Municipal Assumption of a Public Boat Launch for Access to Snake Skin Lake in Whitestone: Evaluating Current Utilization of Dual Public Boat Launches on Crown Land).

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Scott Nash**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor Scott Nash		X	
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Mayor George Comrie	X		

Carried

**Recess: 3:25 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.**

**Resolution No. 2024-317**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

9.2 Report PLN-2024-03  
Q2 2024 Planning Services

THAT the Council the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information report PLN-2024-03 (Q2 2024 Planning Services).

Carried

**Resolution No. 2024-318**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

9.3 Report BLDG-2024-03  
Q2 2024 Building Services



**THAT** the Council the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information report BLDG-2024-03 (Q2 2024 Building Services).

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-319**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

- 9.4 Report FIRE-2024-02  
Q2 2024 Fire and Rescue Services

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Report FIRE-2024-02 (Q2 2024 Fire and Rescue Services).

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-320**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

- 9.5 Q2 2024 Report  
By-law Enforcement Services

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby receives for information the Q2 2024 Report for By-law Enforcement Services.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-321**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

- 9.6 Report FIN-2024-10  
Q2 2024 Finance Variance Report

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Report FIN-2024-10 (Q2 2024 Finance Variance Report).

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-322**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

- 9.7 Report FIN-2024-11  
Contract Award for Auditor Services

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Report FIN-2024-11 (Request for External Audit Services, RFP 2024-08), and;

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby award the five (5) year contract for External Audit Services to Pahapill and Associates Professional Corporation, Huntsville.

**Carried**

**10. By-laws**

**Resolution No. 2024-323**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

10.1 **THAT** By-law No. 37-2024, being a By-law to name and rename public and private roads within the Municipality of Whitestone and to repeal By-law Nos. 34-2002, 21-2011, 30-2019, 39-2023, and 31-2024, is hereby passed this 20th day of August, 2024.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-324**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

10.2 **THAT** By-law No. 38-2024, being a By-law to adopt a Road Naming Policy and Road Renaming Policy, is hereby passed this 20th day of August, 2024.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-325**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

10.3 **THAT** By-law 40-2024, being a By-law to adopt the Accountability, Transparency, and Openness Policy for the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone and to repeal By-law No. 11-2022, is hereby passed this 20th day of August, 2024.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-326**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

10.4 **THAT** By-law No. 42-2024, being a By-law to Close and Stop up that part of the original shore road allowance along the shores of Big Bay of South Magnetawan River, in front of Broken Lot 37, Concession 14 in the geographic Township of Burton, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound, designated as Parts 9, 10, 11 and 12, Plan 42R-22167 and to sell Parts 9, 10, 11 and 12, Plan 42R-22167 (MJ DEVELOPMENT INC.) is hereby passed this 20th day of August, 2024.

**Recorded vote as per Procedural By-law 83-2024 Section 3.19**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor Scott Nash	X		
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Mayor George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-327**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

10.5 **THAT** By-law No. 43-2024, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$295,827.00 towards the cost of the fire pumper, is hereby passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Scott Nash**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Scott Nash		X	
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Mayor George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-328**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

10.6 **THAT** By-law No. 44-2024, being a By-law to enter into an Agreement to Develop and Deliver the Municipality of Whitestone After School Program, is hereby passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

**Carried**

**Curfew**

**Recess: 5:45 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.**

**Resolution No. 2024-329**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice 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 August 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting past the allotted time of seven (7.0) hours and continues for an additional one (1) hour(s).

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-330**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

10.7 **THAT** By-law 45-2024, being a By-law to amend By-law No. 72-2023, authorizing an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone and Ornge for Helipad maintenance, is hereby passed this 20th day of August, 2024.

**Carried**

**11. Business Matters**

**Resolution No. 2024-331**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

11.1 Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry  
Update on 2024 Grant Applications

**THAT** the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Memorandum of CAO/Clerk Hendry, Update on 2024 Grant Applications, dated August 20, 2024.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-332**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

11.2 Request from Councillor Brian Woods  
Draft Motion in respect of Parry Sound 'Mega-School'

**WHEREAS** the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) was established in 2013 to review Nobel and McDougall elementary schools; and

**WHEREAS** the Near North District School Board (NND SB) erred in their decision to include Parry Sound High School within the ARC, which was outside of their established ARC committee mandate; and

**WHEREAS** the seven municipalities of West Parry Sound supported the ARC recommendations in 2013, however the current (kindergarten to grade 12 (k-12) build plan does not align with the ARC recommendations; and

**WHEREAS** the seven municipalities of West Parry Sound have repeatedly and unanimously passed municipal resolutions requesting that the NND SB pause their k-12 intention, and to re-evaluate, as the municipalities have recognized that the build plan does not align with ARC recommendations that each municipality agreed to; and

**WHEREAS** stakeholders as well as Staff from all affected schools have repeatedly attempted to voice their concerns, and have been silenced; and

**WHEREAS** the current k-12 build plan is not what stakeholders in 2013 agreed to; and

**WHEREAS** Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recognizes the substantial population growth that has occurred across West Parry Sound and are committed to our combined future growth; and

**WHEREAS** the Near North District School Board did not include any parent/guardian representation from Parry Sound High School within the Accommodation Review Committee as was required; and

**WHEREAS** the Near North District School Board, during their June 11th 2024 Board meeting passed a motion to create a sub-committee to evaluate the substantial growing enrollment of the West Parry Sound District since the outdated Pupil Accommodation Review in 2012; and

**WHEREAS** during the same June 11th 2024 Board meeting, the Near North District School Board relayed their intent to keep and maintain the McDougall Public School property to service their WPS resource center;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby request the NNDSB immediately halt their plan to put k-6 elementary students into the Parry Sound High School; and further

**THAT** the NNDSB revise their elementary school plan so that k-6 students already enrolled in McDougall Public School can remain, and students enrolled from Nobel Public School can be integrated into McDougall Public School; and further

**THAT** if operating the McDougall Public School is not a viable long-term solution due to repairs that are required, the Near North District School Board immediately begin conversations with the Ministry of Education to seek capital improvement funding or to fund the build for a brand-new McDougall Public School on the same property; and further

**THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the following:

Municipality of McDougall  
Town of Parry Sound  
Seguin Township  
Township of Carling  
Township of the Archipelago  
Township of McKellar  
Shawanaga First Nation  
Wasauksing First Nation  
Henvey Inlet First Nation  
Magnetawan First Nation  
Moose Deer Point First Nation  
The Near North District School Board of Trustees  
Parent Advisory Committee of Nobel Public School  
Parent Advisory Committee McDougall Public School  
Parent Advisory Committee Parry Sound High School  
Ontario Teachers' Federation Representatives for West Parry Sound  
Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation Representative for West Parry Sound  
The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Honorable Todd Smith, Minister of Education  
Parry Sound MP Scott Aitchison  
Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Brian Woods**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor Scott Nash	X		
Mayor George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-333**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

11.3 Resolution of Support, Municipality of Tweed requested by Councillor Joe Lamb  
Request that province provide sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget

(Correspondence item from July 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Tweed passed the following Resolution at their April 23, 2024 meeting:

**WHEREAS** it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

**AND WHEREAS** small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

**AND WHEREAS** small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract O.P.P. (5.1) locations;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;



**AND WHEREAS** the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

**AND WHEREAS** this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

**AND WHEREAS** this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

**AND FURTHER**, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone declares their support of the Municipality of Tweed's Resolution requesting that the Province provide sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and further

**THAT** this Resolution of support be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Solicitor General Michael Kerzner ([Michael.Kerzner@pc.ola.org](mailto:Michael.Kerzner@pc.ola.org)), Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy ([peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)), and Hon. Graydon Smith ([Graydon.Smith@pc.ola.org](mailto:Graydon.Smith@pc.ola.org))

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-334**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

11.4 CN Request for Rail Safety Week proclamation  
Rail Safety Week September 23-29, 2024

**WHEREAS** Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 23 to 29, 2024;

**WHEREAS** 229 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2023; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 39 avoidable serious injuries;

**WHEREAS**, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking



and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

**WHEREAS** Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

**WHEREAS** CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including the Municipality of Whitestone;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 23 to 29, 2024.

**Carried**

## 12. Correspondence

### **Resolution No. 2024-335**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 9 of the August 20, 2024 Council Meeting agenda,

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

- C. Whitestone Lake Central School Student Sophie Fuscaldo – Thank you letter
- E. Letter to Council – R Durdos – By-law 21-2017 concerns (noise By-law)

**Carried**

## Matters arising from Correspondence

Staff will review item E, Letter to Council – R Durdos – By-law 21-2017 concerns (Noise By-law) and report back to Council at a future Council meeting.

## 13. Councillor Items

### **Mayor Comrie –**

- Mentioned the recent Dunchurch Agricultural Fair was a success

### **Councillor Scott Nash –**

- Inquired about staff vacation scheduling
- Suggested that the CAO/Clerk recruitment be delayed until January

## 14. Questions from the public - None

### **Resolution No. 2024-336**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby extend curfew at 7:07 p.m. for half hour.

**Carried**

**15. Closed Session**

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

**Resolution No. 2024-337**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**THAT** this meeting be adjourned into a Closed Session meeting at 7:11 p.m., for the following matters:

- 15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Special Closed Session Council meeting of Thursday July 4, 2024
- 15.2 Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of Tuesday, July 16, 2024
- 15.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (b)
  - 15.3.1 Confidential correspondence from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
  - 15.3.2 Council Correspondence regarding Snakeskin Lake public access
- 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 Jennifer Biggar, Russel Christie, LLP Barristers and Solicitors, in respect of Bolger Landing matters

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Scott Nash**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Councillor Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor Scott Nash		X	
Councillor Brian Woods		X	
Mayor George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

Councillor Lamb left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**Reconvene into Regular Meeting**

**Resolution No. 2024-338**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

THAT this meeting be reconvened to a Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Scott Nash**

	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councillor Joe Lamb (absent)			
Councillor Scott Nash	X		
Councillor Brian Woods	X		
Councillor Janice Bray	X		
Mayor George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

**Matters arising from Closed Session**

**Resolution No. 2024-339**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Special Closed Session Council meeting of Thursday, July 4, 2024

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves the Closed Session Council Minutes of Thursday, July 4, 2024.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2024-340**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

15.2 Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of Tuesday, July 16, 2024

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves the Closed Session Council Minutes of Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

**Carried**

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

15.3.1 Confidential correspondence from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

15.3.2 Council Correspondence regarding Snakeskin Lake public access  
*Matters not addressed*

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 Jennifer Biggar, Russel Christie, LLP  
Barristers and Solicitors, in respect of Bolger Landing matters  
*Matter not addressed*

**16. Confirming By-law**

**Resolution No. 2024-341**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**THAT** By-law No. 46-2024 being the Confirmatory By-law for the Council meeting of the Municipality of Whitestone on August 20, 2024 is hereby enacted as passed this 20th day of August 2024.

**Carried**

**17. Adjournment**

**Resolution No. 2024-342**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

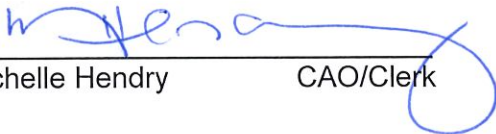
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

**Carried**



George Comrie

Mayor



Michelle Hendry

CAO/Clerk