



**Regular Council *DRAFT* Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Video Conferencing**

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

Staff: Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

Mayor Comrie commenced roll call and called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Comrie requested that any pecuniary interest be declared for the record.
No pecuniary interest was declared.

3. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2022-14

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Adjourn to Closed Session

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Meeting be adjourned at 5:06 p.m. and that a Closed Meeting be convened subject to Section 239 (2) for the following matters:

- 3.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes for the Special Council meeting of December 8, 2021 and the Regular Council meeting of December 13, 2021.
- 3.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239. (2) (b)
 - Human Resources matters

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-15

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

Reconvene to Open Session

THAT this meeting be reconvened to an open session at 5:38 p.m.

Carried

RECESS

4. Call to Order and Roll Call

6:33 p.m.

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

Staff: Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief

Invited guest: Harold Elston, Integrity Commissioner
Dave Brunton and Cheryl Ward, West Parry Sound Rotary Club

Other guests: 20

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.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Comrie requested that any pecuniary interest be declared for the record.
No pecuniary interest was declared.

6. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2022-16

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

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

Resolution No. 2022-17

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Matters Arising from Closed Session

- 3.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Special Council Meeting of December 8, 2021 and the Regular Council meeting of December 13, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approves the Closed Session Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of December 8, 2021 and the Regular Council meeting of December 13, 2021.

Carried

7. Presentations and Delegations

Mayor Comrie introduced Integrity Commissioner Harold Elston and relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Gorham-Matthews

- 7.1 Harold Elston, Integrity Commissioner
Report on the Matter of Councillor Lamb vs. Mayor Comrie

Matters Arising

Resolution No. 2022-18

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

- 7.1 **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby receives the report from Harold Elston, Integrity Commissioner dated January 11, 2022 on the matter of Councillor Lamb vs. Mayor Comrie, for information.

Clerks Note: There was no vote taken in respect of this motion.

Resolution No. 2022-19

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reprimands Mayor Comrie and requests an apology to Council and the Community for his contravention of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and the Code of Conduct by participating in the discussion

concerning the granting of access rights to properties on Red Gate Lane, when Mayor Comrie had a pecuniary interest in the matter.

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

Carried

Clerks Note: Mayor George Comrie’s name was not called during the recorded vote as he indicated to the Clerk prior to the meeting of his intention to abstain from voting in respect of this matter.

Clerks Note: Mayor Comrie made the following statement:

“I accept the report and the findings of the Integrity Commissioner and I assure you that it was not my intention to offend the Municipal Code of Conduct Act. But I did end up responding to a question from a ratepayer and for that I apologize to Council colleagues and Whitestone ratepayers. All I can say to you is that I will be more careful in future. Thank you.”

Mayor Comrie reassumed the chair.

7.2 Rotary Club of West Parry Sound
Update on Activities

Matters Arising

Resolution No. 2022-20

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby receives the presentation from Rotary Club of West Parry Sound and thanks the presenters for their attendance at the Council meeting.

Carried

8. Planning Items - None

9. Public Meeting - None

10. Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2022-21

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

WHEREAS the Council the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- 10.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 10.1.1 Special Council Minutes for the meeting of December 8, 2021 and the Regular Council Minutes for the meeting of December 13, 2021.
- 10.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 4)

- 10.3 Bottle Shed Revenue Reports
 - 10.3.1 York Street Landfill Site
 - 10.3.2 Aulds Road Landfill Site

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby approve the Council minutes and receives for information all other items contained in the Consent Agenda dated January 18, 2022.

Carried

Matters Arising from Consent Agenda - None

11. Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2022-22

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

- 11.1 Accounts Payable

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$535,517.30 and payroll in the amount of \$66,715.04.

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

12. Staff Reports

Resolution No. 2022-23

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

- 12.1 Staff Presentation
2021 – A year in review

THAT the Council of the of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Staff Presentation – 2021 – A Year in Review, for information.

Clerk's Note: Staff were asked to consider opportunities to have this information sent out to all ratepayers. **Carried**

Resolution No. 2022-24

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

- 12.2 Staff Report
Whitestone Fire Rescue Annual Statistic Report 2021

THAT the Council of the of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Staff Report – Whitestone Fire Rescue Annual Statistic Report – 2021, for information.

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-25

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

- 12.3 Staff Report ADMIN-2022-01
Joint Compliance Audit Committee

THAT the Council of the of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive for information report ADMIN-2022-01 (Joint Compliance Audit Committee and By-law);

AND THAT the Council of the of the Municipality of Whitestone adopt by By-law the West Parry Sound Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee Terms of Reference per Attachment A to Report ADMIN-2022-01.

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-26

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

- 12.4 Staff Report ADMIN-2022-02
Accountability, Transparency, and Openness Policy

THAT the Council of the of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive for information report ADMIN-2022-02 (Accountability, Transparency, and Openness Policy);

AND THAT the Council of the of the Municipality of Whitestone adopt by By-law the Accountability, Transparency, and Openness Policy per Attachment A to report ADMIN-2022-02

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-27

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

- 12.5 Staff Report ADMIN-2022-03
Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive for information report ADMIN-2022-03 (Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy);

AND THAT the Council of the of the Municipality of Whitestone adopt by By-law the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy per Attachment A to Report ADMIN-2022-03.

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-28

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

- 12.6 Staff Memo and Communication Strategy Update

THAT the Council of the of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive the Staff Memo and Communication Strategy Update for information.

Carried

13. By-laws

Resolution No. 2022-29

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

- 13.1 By-law 05-2022, being a By-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022

THAT By-law 05-2022, being a By-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 be read a First and Second time this 18th day of January, 2022;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 18th day of January, 2022 and numbered By-law 05-2022.

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-30

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

13.2 By-law 06-2022, being a By-law to levy certain interim rates, taxes and charges for the year 2022

THAT By-law 06-2022, being a By-law to levy certain interim rates, taxes and charges for the year 2022 be Read a First and Second time this 18th day of January, 2022;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 18th day of January 2022, and numbered By-law 06-2022.

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-31

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

13.3 By-law 07-2022, being a By-law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for 2022

THAT By-law 07-2022, being a By-law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for 2022 be Read a First and Second time this 18th day of January, 2022;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 18th day of January 2022 and numbered By-law 07-2022.

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-32

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

13.4 By-law 08-2022, being a By-law to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and establish Terms of Reference and repeal By-law 35-2018

THAT By-law 08-2022, being a By-law to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and establish Terms of Reference be Read a First and Second time this 18th day of January, 2022;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 18th day of January 2022 and numbered By-law 08-2022.

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-33

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

- 13.5 By-law 09-2022, being a By-law to update the Fees and Services By-law and repeal By-laws 49-2000, 27-2001, 35-2001 and 40-2020

THAT By-law 09-2022, being a By-law to update the Fees and Services By-law to be Read a First and Second time this 18th day of January, 2022;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 18th day of January 2022 and numbered By-law 09-2022.

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-34

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

- 13.6 By-law 10-2022, being a By-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer and repeal By-law 11-2019

THAT By-law 10-2022, being a By-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer be Read a First and Second time this 18th day of January, 2022;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 18th day of January 2022 and numbered By-law 10-2022.

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-35

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

13.7 By-law 11-2022 Accountability, Transparency, and Openness Policy

THAT By-law 11-2022, being a By-law to establish an Accountability, Transparency, and Openness Policy be Read a First and Second time this 18th day of January, 2022;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 18th day of January 2022 and numbered By-law 11-2022.

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-36

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

13.8 By-law 12-2022 Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy

THAT By-law 12-2022, being a By-law to establish the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy be Read a First and Second time this 18th day of January, 2022;

AND FURTHER Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 18th day of January 2022 and numbered By-law 12-2022.

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

14 Business Matters

Resolution No. 2022-37

Moved by: Councillor Joe McEwen

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Lamb

14.1 ICECAP Membership

14.1.1 Local Governments for Sustainability Resolution – Partners for Climate Protection Program

WHEREAS it is well established that climate change is increasing the frequency of extreme weather events and posing other risks, such as drought, forest fires and rising sea levels, which present serious threats to our natural environment, our health, our jobs and our economy;

WHEREAS the 2016 Paris Agreement, signed by more than 190 countries, including Canada, committed to limit the global temperature increase to below two degrees Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit this increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius, in order to avoid the most severe climate change impacts;

WHEREAS local governments are essential to the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement;

WHEREAS Canada's cities and communities influence approximately 50 per cent of national greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and can drive systemic low-carbon practices, including: building high-efficiency buildings, undertaking building retrofits and developing district heating; building active transit, electric vehicle infrastructure and electrified public transit; implementing near-zero GHG waste plans; and delivering high-efficiency water and wastewater services;

WHEREAS investments in these types of measures also reduce operating costs, help municipalities maintain and plan for future community services, protect public health, support sustainable community development, increase community resilience and reduce a community's vulnerability to environmental, economic and social stresses;

WHEREAS a number of government and international and national organizations have called for greater cooperation among all stakeholders to meet reduction targets, including Canada's Big City Mayors' Caucus, which supports binding GHG emission reduction targets at the international, national and city levels, action plans that cut emissions, identification of risks and mitigation solutions, and regular municipal GHG emissions reporting;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI–Local Governments for Sustainability have established the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program to provide a forum for municipal governments to share

their knowledge and experience with other municipal governments on how to reduce GHG emissions;

WHEREAS over 300 municipal governments across Canada representing more than 65 per cent of the population have already committed to reducing corporate and community GHG emissions through the PCP program since its inception in 1994;

WHEREAS PCP members commit to adopt a community GHG reduction target of 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, in line with the Government of Canada's target, and to adopt a corporate GHG reduction target that is similar or more ambitious, and to consider adopting a deeper community and corporate emissions reduction target of 80 per cent by 2050;

WHEREAS the PCP program is based on a five-milestone framework that involves completing a GHG inventory and forecast, setting a GHG reduction target, developing a local action plan, implementing the plan, and monitoring progress and reporting results;

WHEREAS PCP members commit to carry out the five-milestone framework within 10 years of joining the program and to report on progress at least once every two years;

WHEREAS PCP members accept they can be suspended from the program — subject to prior notice in writing by the PCP Secretariat — in the event of non-submission of progress reports within the established deadlines;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone endorse the Government of Canada's commitment to the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature increase to below two degrees Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone review the guidelines on PCP member benefits and responsibilities and then communicate to FCM its participation in the PCP program and its commitment to achieving the milestones set out in the PCP five-milestone framework;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone appoint the following:

- a) Michelle Hendry, Corporate staff person
- b) Dave Creasor, Alternate Corporate staff person
- c) Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews, Elected official

to oversee implementation of the PCP milestones and be the points of contact for the PCP program within the municipality.

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-38

Moved by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

14.2 Nursing Station Update

THAT the Council of the of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive the Nursing Station Update for information.

Carried

15. Correspondence (listed on page 5)

Resolution No. 2022-39

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Beth Gorham-Matthews

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 5 of the January 18, 2022 Council agenda;

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

- B. Steve Waller email regarding Victoria Cross Endorsement dated December 1, 2021.
- I. Lorimer Lake Association – concerns regarding Lorimer Lake Resort
- J. Wetland destruction on Lorimer Lake – letter from Janice Gilbert, PhD, Wetland Ecologist
- K. Scott Nash request and petition for Dock at Gooseneck Lake boat launch

Carried

Correspondence Item B

Resolution No. 2022-40

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Brian Woods

Matters Arising from Correspondence

WHEREAS S.K. (Steve) Waller, BA(Hons), MSc, CD1, CPO, CSMP M.ISMI, Captain (Retired), Barrie/Dunchurch, wrote to the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone formally requesting Council support the efforts being made to award Jess Larochelle with the Victoria Cross;

AND WHEREAS Private Jess Larochelle was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces and fought in the War in Afghanistan;

AND WHEREAS in 2006 Private Larochelle defended his unit's position and saved countless lives in the process demonstrating an unparalleled sense of duty and commitment to his fellow soldiers;

AND WHEREAS Private Larochelle was awarded the Star of Military Valour for his role in the 2006 battle in Afghanistan;

AND WHEREAS a large group of veterans known as Valour in the Presence of the Enemy are requesting that this young hero's Star of Military Valour be upgraded to Canada's highest honour, the Canadian Victoria Cross;

AND WHEREAS there is a petition before the Minister of National Defence (e-3636) which aims to upgrade Private Larochelle's Star of Military Valour.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone endorse the request by local veteran S.K. (Steve) Waller on behalf of Valour in the Presence of the Enemy to have Private Larochelle awarded the Canadian Victoria Cross.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Governor General Mary Simon, MP Anthony Rota, Minister of National Defence, Anita Anand, Mike Harrison and Valour in the Presence of the Enemy.

Carried

Correspondence items I and J

Council briefly discussed letters received in respect of Lorimer Lake resort and environmental concerns.

Correspondence Item K

Council briefly discussed the request for a dock at the Gooseneck Lake boat launch. This matter will be a deputation at the February 15, 2021 Council meeting.

16. Councillor Items - None

17. Questions from the Public

18. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2022-41

Moved by: Councillor Joe Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

THAT By-law 13-2022 Being the Confirmatory By-law for the council meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2022, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

Carried

19. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2022-42

Moved by: Councillor Brian Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Joe McEwen

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m. until the next scheduled Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

Carried

George Comrie

Mayor

Michelle Hendry

CAO/ Clerk