



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone**

**Agenda of Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, November 15, 2021**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** **5:00 p.m.**

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. **Closed Session**

**Adjourn to Closed Session ®**

3.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Regular Council meeting of November 1, 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

**Reconvene to Open Session ®**

**RECESS**

**Open Session**

4. **Call to Order and Roll Call** **6:30 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.*

**5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

**6. Approval of Agenda ®**

**7. Presentations and Delegations**

7.1 Mayor Peter Hopkins, McKellar Township

A thank you to Whitestone for shared Municipal Clerk assistance in 2020

**Move into Committee of the Whole ®**

**8. Planning Items**

8.1 Consent Application B39/2021(W) – Ewin, John and Inga ®

- Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated October 20, 2021

**Reconvene into Regular Meeting ®**

**Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole**

**9. Public Meeting - None**

**10. Consent Agenda ®**

*Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. A Member of Council may request one or more items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and/or action.*

10.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes

10.1.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Minutes for the meeting of November 1, 2021.

10.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 4)

**Matters Arising from Consent Agenda**

**11. Accounts Payable**

11.1 Accounts Payable ®

**12. By-Laws**

12.1 By-law 50-2021 being a By-law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for financing of certain ongoing capital work(s) of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone (the Municipality), to authorize the temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital

work(s); and to authorize long-term borrowing for such capital work(s) through the issue of debentures to OILC.

**13. Staff Reports**

- 13.1 Staff Report PW-2021-07  
Request for use of Municipal lands adjacent to Chimo Cove Road for a parking area ®
- 13.2 Staff Report BLDG-2021-05  
Building Department update – July 1 to September 30, 2021 as well as year to date data. ®
- 13.3 Staff Report ADMIN-2021-14  
Tender 2021-08 - Public Tender for Property on Tahinca Road and  
Tender 2021-09 - Public Tender for Property on East Townline Road ®

**14. Business Matters**

- 14.1 Discussion regarding a return to in-person Council meetings
- 14.2 Discussion regarding Order of the Municipality of Whitestone presentation
- 14.3 Asset Management Plan – presentation by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited,  
Tentative Special Council meeting date December 6, 2021 2:00 to 3:30 pm
- 14.4 Seguin Township letter regarding Proposed Application for Minister's Zoning  
Order dated November 4, 2021 ®

**15. Correspondence**

**Matters Arising from Correspondence**

**16. Councillor Items**

**17. Questions from the Public**

**18. Confirming By-law**

**19. Adjournment ®**

## Unfinished Business

1	<p>Official Plan Amendment (OPA) Number 2</p> <p>Private Road Development Land uses on vacant lots and Trailers and Campers</p>	<p>A Public Meeting on these matters was held September 30, 2021</p> <p>Municipal Planner John Jackson will review comments and correspondence received and provided a report back to Council in the near future.</p>
2	<p>Animal and Bird Control By-law</p>	<p>Referred to Whitestone Agricultural Advisory Committee (April 2019)</p> <p>Update on this matter as of March 16, 2020: A proposed/draft By-Law currently under review by the By-Law Enforcement Officers (March 2020) and the Committee</p>
3	<p>Review of By-Law 20-2014 (being a By-Law for the licensing, regulating/governing of rental units in Whitestone)</p>	<p>Per Council direction on March 15, 2021 an Ad Hoc Committee was formed with the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Joe McEwen</li> <li>• Councillor Joe Lamb</li> <li>• By-Law Enforcement Officer, Paul Rossiter</li> <li>• Paula Macri, Planning Assistant</li> </ul> <p>First meeting April 16, 2021; committee work ongoing.</p> <p>By-law with the intent of the Rental Unit By-law. A meeting was held on September 16, 2021 with the Ad Hoc Committee; Committee working on follow-up items.</p>
4	<p>Review of By-Law 42-2005 (being a By-law for the regulating of dogs within the Municipality of Whitestone)</p>	<p>Per Council direction on March 15, 2021 an Ad Hoc Committee was formed with the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Joe Lamb</li> <li>• Councillor Brian Woods</li> <li>• By-Law Enforcement Officer, Paul Rossiter</li> <li>• Judith Meyntz, Deputy Clerk</li> </ul> <p>A meeting was held October 6, 2021; Committee working on follow-up items with Draft By-law in development.</p>

## **Correspondence**

(listed in the order they were received by the Clerks Department)

- A. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit letter to The Honourable Christine Elliott regarding public health funding 2022 dated November 1, 2021.
- B. City of Kitchener resolution regarding COVID-19 pandemic dated November 1, 2021.
- C. City of Kitchener resolution regarding Renovictions dated November 1, 2021.
- D. MPAC letter regarding Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario.
- E. Minister of Infrastructure email regarding increased funding of Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) dated November 4, 2021.
- F. CUPE Ontario letter regarding OMERS Performance Review.

## PLANNING ITEMS

**CONSENT APPLICATION NO. B39/2021(W)**

**Part Lots 27 & 28, Concession 4**

**Geographic Township of McKenzie**

**Roll # 4939-050-0040-6403**

**Applicants: John and Inga Ewin**

**Nona Lane – Lake Wahwashkesh**

**October 20, 2021**

**APPLICATION PURPOSE**

John and Inga Ewin have a property on the shoreline of Parker’s Bay on Lake Wahwashkesh that they propose to divide approximately in half to create a new lake front lot.

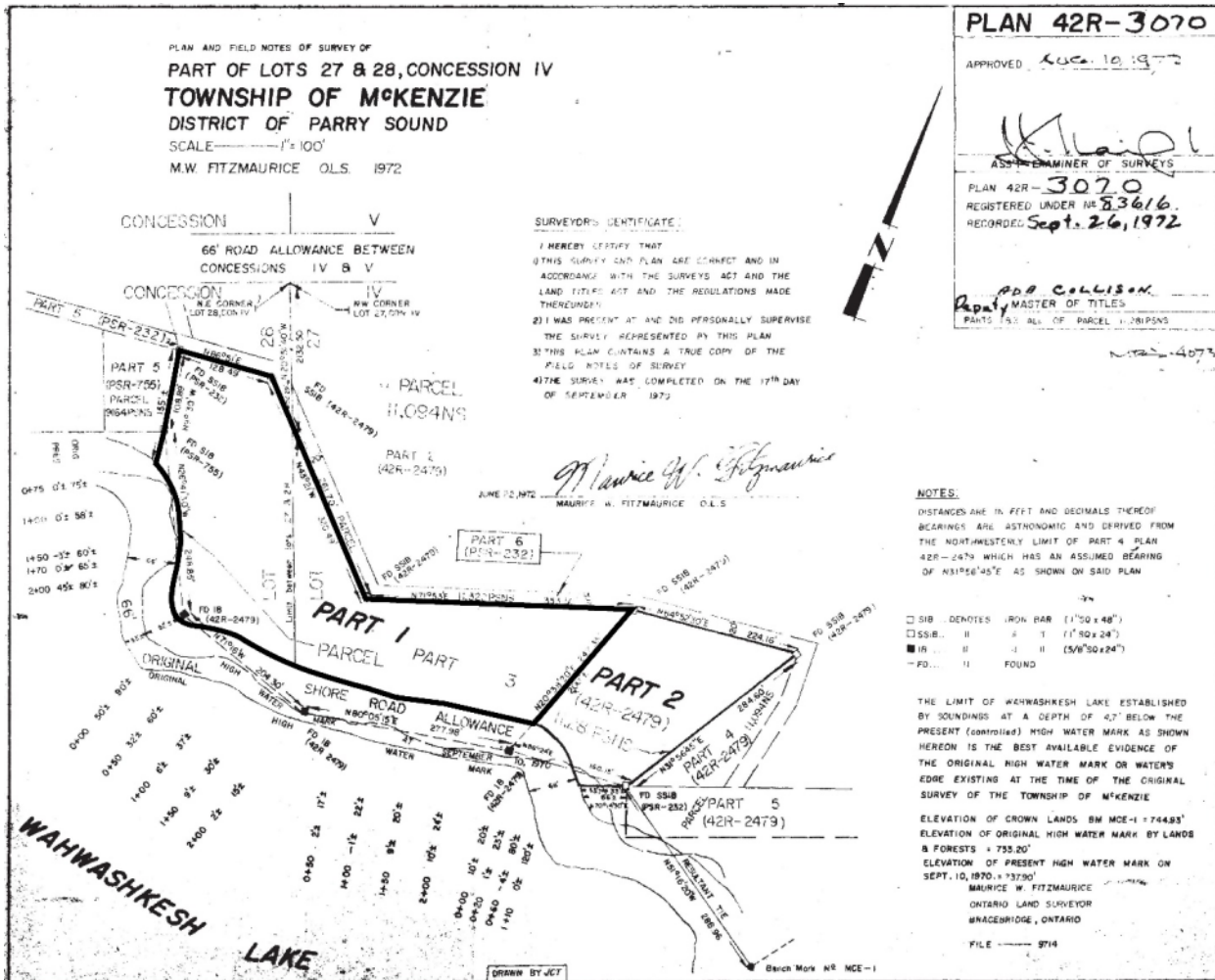


The lands are accessed off Edgewater Road in the South basin of Lake Wahwashkesh.

# PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The lands have 200 metres of lakefront with approximately 1.4 hectares of area.

The shore road allowance has not been stopped up and closed, so that the actual area of the property is larger than indicated. It would appear that the additional shore road allowance adjacent to the subject lands could add up to 0.2 ha and 0.17 ha to the severed and retained lands, respectively.



The Ewin's have a modest cottage on the retained lands that the family has enjoyed for a number of years. One of the purposes of the consent is to enable the family to cover increasing expenses to continue to maintain the family cottage.

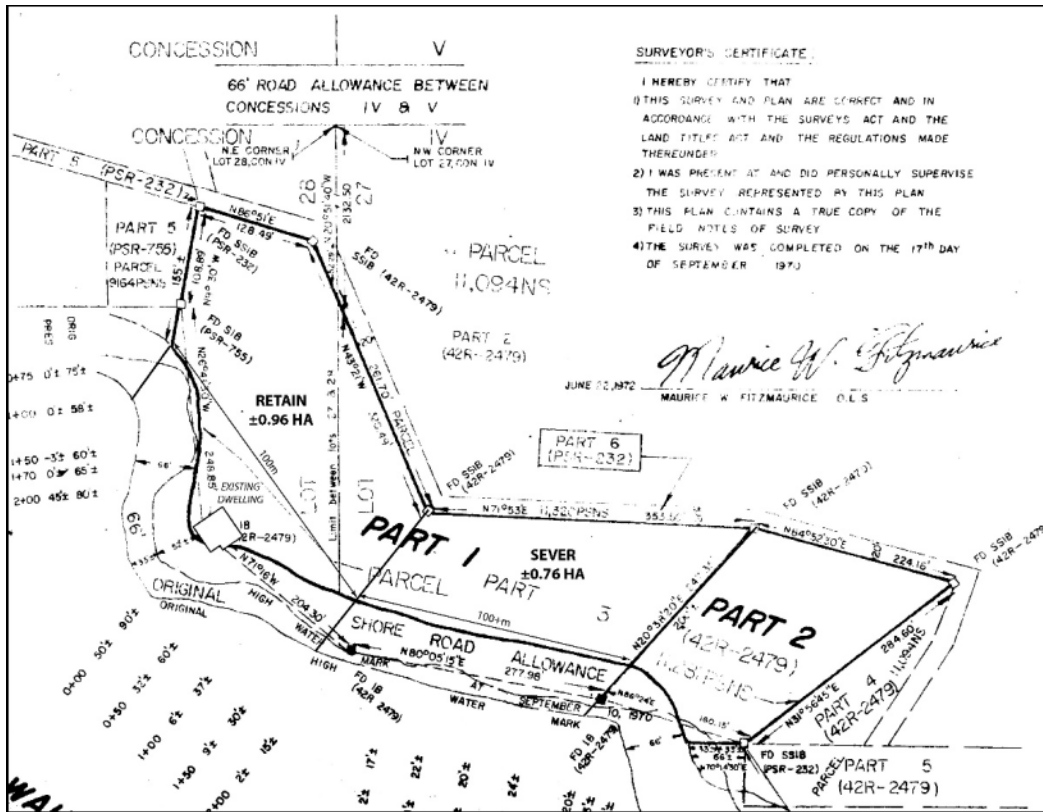
The subject lands have a low slope to the shoreline with a mixed forest predominated by deciduous forests with a mix of conifers distributed evenly through the property.



There are no particular heritage values on the lands or along the shoreline. There are no constraints to the development of the severed lands.

### **PROPOSED CONSENT**

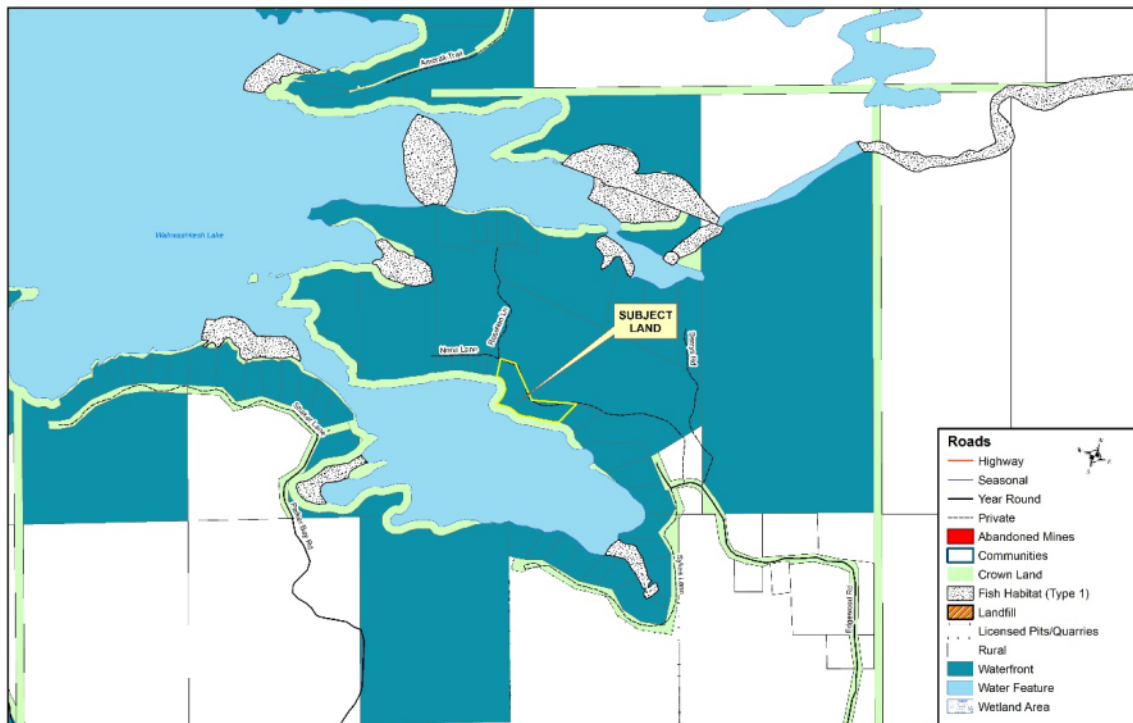
The application will result in a land division that is fairly close to an even split of the land.



Each of the properties will continue to have legal, registered access over Nona Lane.

**OFFICIAL PLAN**

The subject lands are designated as Waterfront in the Whitestone Official Plan.



This designation supports the creation of new residential lots in accordance with all relevant policies of the official plan.

New lots are able to be created in this designation subject to securing a legal registered right-of-way (section 9.02.1)

**“ 9.02.1 limited new waterfront lots created by a consent where the lot(s) front upon a recreational waterbody with an appropriate private right-of-way as determined by section 9.06 and all other policies of this Plan; “**

Wahwashkesh Lake has specific development policies in the official plan. These policies are set out in section 17.10 of the plan.

This policy sets out the standard for new development in section 17.10.2.

**“17.10.2 The water quality of the north and south basins of Lake Wahwashkesh are sensitive to additional shoreline development. In order to respond to the need to protect and conserve the natural features of the lake, the minimum new standards for the creation of new lots for the entire lake will be 100 metres of frontage and 0.6 hectares of lot area. The residual development capacity will change in the future as more up-to-date scientific approaches are used to determine an appropriate level of development capacity.”**

The proposed consent will meet these policy standards.

Section 12.0 sets out policies for the protection of natural heritage value matters triggered by this application.

There are no wetlands.

There are no wildlife habitat features.

There is no known habitat of threatened or endangered species.

There are no critical fish habitats along the shoreline.

There are no conflicts with the official plan.

## **ZONING**

The subject lands are zoned as Waterfront Residential (WF2) in zoning By-Law No. 07-2018.



The standards for new lots in the WF1 Zone are set out below together with the subject consent.

	REQUIRED	RETAINED	SEVERED
<b>AREA</b>	0.6	0.96	0.76
<b>FRONTAGE</b>	100	100	100

It can be noted that the proposed areas for the severed and retained lands are able to include the shore road allowance in accord with the following provision.

**“ 3.62 Shore Road Allowance**

**Where a shore road allowance or Crown Reserve exists in front of any lot which has not been stopped up and acquired by the abutting land owner in whole or in part, the area of the shore road allowance or Crown Reserve above the highwater mark between the extension of the side lot lines may be considered part of the lot area or depth required by this By-law. “**

The subject application will comply with the Municipality’s zone requirements for the creation of a new lot.

## **MATTERS TO BE REGARDED (UNDER SECTION 51(24))**

The Planning Act requires that any land division shall have regard for those matters under section 51 (24). These are set out below.

### (a) Matters of Provincial Interest.

There are no matters of provincial interest related to this application.

### (b) Prematurity or in the public interest.

There are no extensions to any municipal infrastructure as a result of this application.

There is a strong market for new waterfront lots in the Parry Sound region.

### (c) Conformity with the official plan and adjacent plans.

The above discussion has confirmed that there is no conflict with the official plan.

The proposed consent will result in lots but are at a greater standard than adjoining plans.

### (d) Suitability of the land

The lands are of a size that there will be no constraints to develop the lands for private, independent services.

### (e) Access

The lands resulting from the proposed consent can be considered “infilling” such that there are access concerns.

### (f) Lot Shape

The proposed lot configurations are suitable for waterfront lots.

### (g) Restrictions

The subject lands will need no particular restrictions beyond normal zoning controls.

### (h) Flood Controls

The lands will be subject to the flood controls for Wahwashkesh.

(i) Services

There is no increase in the demand for municipal services.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the proposed consent to create one new waterfront lot as applied for by John and Inga Ewin in Application No. B39/2021(W) be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The inclusion of the required registered right-of-way to the newly created lot;
2. Payment of the required fee in lieu of a parkland dedication fee;
3. 911 addressing being obtained for the Municipality of Whitestone; and
4. Payment of all applicable planning fees.

Respectfully submitted,



John Jackson

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# CONSENT AGENDA



**Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 1, 2021, 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 5:00 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. 2021-358**

**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 5:03 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 Regular Council meeting of October 12, 2021 and October 18, 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
- 3.3 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239 (2) (c)
  - Appraisal of Municipal lands

- 3.4 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)
- Instructions in regard to a proposed Agreement

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2021-359**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Reconvene to Open Session**

**THAT** this meeting be reconvened to an open session at 6:06 p.m.

**Carried**

**RECESS**

**4. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**6:34 p.m.**

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

**Staff:** Judith Meyntz, Deputy Clerk  
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief

**Invited guest:** John Jackson, Planner

**Other guests:** 3

National Anthem

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

**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. 2021-360**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

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

**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. 2021-361**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Matters Arising from Closed Session**

- 3.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Special Council Meeting of October 12, 2021 and Regular Council meeting of October 18, 2021

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approves the Closed Session Minutes of the Special Council meeting of October 12, 2021 and the Regular Council meeting of October 18, 2021.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2021-362**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

- 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

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approves the appointment of the following additions to the Whitestone Library Board:

- Barry Bell
- Julie Petroski

**Carried**

**7. Presentations and Delegations - None**

**Resolution No. 2021-363**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

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

**Move into Committee of the Whole**

**THAT** this meeting move into Committee of the Whole at 6:46 p.m.

**8. Planning Items**

- 8.1 Application to Close and Convey a Shore Road Allowance, CAMP MI-A-KON-DA Lot 35, Concession 7 geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound
- 8.1.1 Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated October 21, 2021

- 8.2 Part of Road Allowance adjacent to 19 Farleys Road  
Stankus request to purchase Road Allowance  
Appraisal from Sid Steiner, Re-Max Parry Sound dated September 27, 2021

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2021-364**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Reconvene to Open Session**

**THAT** this meeting be reconvened to an open session at 8:02 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2021-365**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole**

- 8.1 Application to Close and Convey a Shore Road Allowance, CAMP MI-A-KON-DA  
Lot 35, Concession 7 geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of  
Whitestone, District of Parry Sound

- 8.1.1 Memorandum from John Jackson, Planner dated October 21, 2021

**THAT** The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has no objection to the closure of the shore road allowance fronting Lot 35, Concession 7 in the Geographic Township of McKenzie as applied for by Camp Mi-A-Kon-Da subject to the general policies and procedures in place for the transfer of such road allowances established by the Municipality of Whitestone.

<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. 2021-366**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

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

- 8.2 Part of Road Allowance adjacent to 219 Farleys Road  
Stankus request to purchase Road Allowance  
Appraisal from Sid Steiner, Re-Max Parry Sound dated September 27, 2021

**THAT** The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does here by receive the appraisal from Sid Steiner, Re-Max Parry Sound dated September 27, 2021 for part of the road allowance adjacent to 219 Farleys Road;

**AND THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone agrees to close and sell that part of the road allowance to the applicants for the appraised value plus costs.

<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**

9. **Public Meeting** - None

10. **Consent Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2021-367**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

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

10.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes

10.1.1 Regular Council Minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2021.

10.1.2 Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting minutes of September 15, 2021

10.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 4)

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive and/or approve the items contained in the Consent Agenda dated November 1, 2021.

**Carried**

**Matters Arising from Consent Agenda** - None

11. **Accounts Payable**

**Resolution No. 2021-368**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

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

11.1 Accounts Payable

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$526,670.23 and payroll in the amount of \$28,335.20 for payment.

<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**

**12. By-Laws**

**Resolution No. 2021-369**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

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

- 12.1 By-law 46-2021, being a By-law to Close and Stop up that part of the original shore road allowance along the shores of Wah Wash Kesh Lake, in front of Lot 28, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound - (Brennan Paradigm)

**WHEREAS** By-law 46-2021, being a By-law to Close and Stop up that part of the original shore road allowance along the shores of Wah Wash Kesh Lake, in front of Lot 28, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound - (Brennan Paradigm) has been given a First and Second reading with no amendments this 1st day of November, 2021;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 46-2021 be given a Third and Final reading and enacted as of the 1st day of November, 2021.

<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. 2021-370**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

- 12.2 By-law 47-2021, Being a By-law for establishing and maintaining a system for the disposal of solid wastes and recyclable materials within the Municipality of Whitestone and to repeal By-law 19-2010

**THAT** By-law 47-2021, Being a By-law for establishing and maintaining a system for the disposal of solid wastes and recyclable materials within the Municipality of Whitestone be Read a First and Second time this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021;

**AND FURTHER** Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021 and numbered By-law 47-2021;

**AND THAT** By-law 19-2010 be repealed as of 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021.

**Deferred**

*Clerk's Note: For further review of Sections 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11, 10.2*

**Resolution No. 2021-371**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

- 12.3 By-law 48-2021 being a By-law to enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the purposes of receiving the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 Grant

**THAT** By-law 48-2021, being a By-law to enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the purposes of receiving the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 Grant be Read a First and Second time this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021;

**AND FURTHER** Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021 and numbered By-law 48-2021.

**Carried**

**13. Staff Reports**

**Resolution No. 2021-372**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

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

- 13.1 Staff Memo  
Annual review and update of By-law 40-2020, Being a By-law to Establish Fees and Charges for services provided by the Municipality of Whitestone

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive Staff Memo: Annual review and update of By-law 40-2020, Being a By-law to Establish Fees and Charges for Services provided by the Municipality of Whitestone;

**AND THAT** the Fees and Charges By-law be updated as recommended.

<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**

14. **Business Matters - None**

15. **Correspondence** (listed on page 5)

**Resolution No. 2021-373**

**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 November 1, 2021 Council agenda;

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

- C. OPP Calls for Service (Councillor McEwen)
- L. ROMA Delegation (Mayor Comrie)

**Carried**

**Matters Arising from Correspondence**

Councillor McEwen commented on the OPP quarterly meeting statistical report.

Mayor Comrie indicated that the deadline for delegation requests at the upcoming ROMA conference is November 15, 2021 and that, further to previous delegations, he is considering requesting a delegation with the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, and Forestry re opening up the Public Lands Act for review.

16. **Councillor Items**

Councillor Lamb

- Noted that people may need the water tap in the winter when they come to their cottage and asked if staff could look into the possibility of keeping it open for the winter
- Discussed the possibility of having Council Meetings at the Community Centre again along with the ability to utilize Zoom, and asked that this be a discussion item for the next Council Agenda  
(Mayor Comrie noted that at this time, there is insufficient internet bandwidth to support remote participation.)

- Asked about timing for the brush chipping activities at Aulds Rd Landfill site
- Asked about the time line for the MPAC market value reassessments (Mayor Comrie advised that there is no answer at this time based on information recently received.)

Councillor Gorham-Matthews

- Thanked community members, the Fire Department and the Recreation Committee for the Halloween event on October 31. Over 50 children participated over the three-hour event and it was a fun afternoon for everyone.

Councillor McEwen

- Also noted the success of the Halloween event

17. **Questions from the Public**

18. **Confirming By-law**

**Resolution No. 2021-374**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe McEwen

**THAT** By-law 49-2021 the Confirmatory By-law for the council meeting of Monday, November 1, 2021, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

**Carried**

19. **Adjournment**

**Resolution No. 2021-375**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

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

**WHEREAS** the business of this Meeting has concluded;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 9:36 p.m. until the next scheduled Regular Council meeting of Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

**Carried**

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**George Comrie**

**Mayor**

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**Michelle Hendry**

**CAO/ Clerk**

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**Judith Meyntz**

**Deputy Clerk**

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Report Date  
2021-11-08 12:30 PM

Municipality of Whitestone  
**List of Accounts for Ratification**  
As of 2021-11-08  
Batch: 2021-00087 to 2021-00091

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Payment # Invoice #	Date	Vendor Name GL Account	Reference GL Transaction Description	Detail Amount	Payment Amount
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<b>36262</b> Che Rec	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Ardbeg Community Centre</b> 16-122 - Admin - Donations	<b>Donation - Winter Heat</b> Donation - Winter Heat	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>36263</b> 20210598	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Continental Connections - CC</b> 19-552 - Library - Capital - Water 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Potable Water-Library</b> Potable Water-Library HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	9,891.09 1,092.51 1,263.60	10,983.60
<b>36264</b> 3665	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>CRCS-Recreation</b> 19-808 - Recreation-Capital-Sun 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Sun Shade</b> Sun Shade HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	14,063.26 1,553.34 1,796.60	15,616.60
<b>36265</b> 1793	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Crossman Construction</b> 19-325 - Roads-Capital-Boakview 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Excavator Rental</b> Excavator Rental HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	4,050.06 447.34 517.40	4,497.40
<b>36266</b> INV0001274	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Da-Lee Dust Control</b> 19-334 - Roads - Capital - Bunny 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Pothole Repair</b> Pothole Repair HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	2,222.44 245.48 283.92	2,467.92
<b>36267</b> 180510210944275  282010210959174	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Minister of Finance-Policing</b> 16-274 - Policing Levy  16-274 - Policing Levy	<b>LSR Credit</b> LSR Credit  OPP Levy	1,704.00-  36,156.00	1,704.00-  36,156.00
				Payment Total:	34,452.00
<b>36268</b> 52212	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Fowler Construction Co Ltd</b> 19-325 - Roads-Capital-Boakview 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Aggregate</b> Aggregate HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	3,272.22 361.43 418.03	3,633.65
<b>36269</b> 2021 Garbage	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Harris Lake Marina</b> 16-485 - Harris Lake Marina Depo 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>2021 Garbage Disposal</b> 2021 Garbage Disposal HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	2,645.77 292.23 338.00	2,938.00
<b>36270</b> 33092	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Ivan B. Wallace Ontario Land</b> 16-281 - Bld Official - Supplies 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Copy Plans</b> Copy Plans HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	81.41 8.99 10.40	90.40
<b>36271</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>North Bay Parry Sound District</b>	<b>November 2021 Levy</b>		

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	Nov 2021	16-549 - Health Unit Operating (Le	November 2021 Levy	2,457.50	2,457.50
<b>36272</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Obdam's Flowers</b>	<b>Flowers-Late Charlie McEwen</b>		
Sep 15/21		16-233 - Station 1 - Minor Purchas	Flowers-Late Charlie McEw	66.14	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	7.31	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	8.45	73.45
<b>36273</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Parry Sound Auto Parts Co Ltd</b>	<b>Demurrage</b>		
1-2850209		16-320 - Garage - Mtc/Supplies/Tc	Demurrage	123.94	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	13.69	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	15.83	137.63
<b>36274</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Quadbridge Inc.</b>	<b>Supplies</b>		
188413		16-250 - Station 1 - Truck #10	Supplies	182.15	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	20.12	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	23.27	202.27
210640		16-250 - Station 1 - Truck #10	Supplies	38.67	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	4.27	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	4.94	42.94
				Payment Total:	245.21
<b>36275</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Randy Johnson</b>	<b>Staking Feels</b>		
Exp 06-Aug-21		16-501-1 - Staking Fees	Staking Feels	150.00	
		16-506 - Fairholme Cemetery - Mz	Staking Feels	37.18	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	4.11	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	4.75	191.29
<b>36276</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Royal Canadian Legion Ontario</b>	<b>Bus Card Ad 2022</b>		
Service Book 22		16-108 - Admin - Advertising	Bus Card Ad 2022	261.16	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	28.84	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	33.36	290.00
<b>36277</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>ReMax Parry Sound</b>	<b>Appraisal</b>		
Oct 15/21		16-120 - Admin - Legal Expenses	Appraisal	300.19	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	33.16	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	38.35	333.35
<b>36278</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>SignCraft Canada Inc.</b>	<b>Hunting Signs</b>		
1373		16-845-1 - Walking Trails-Mainten	Hunting Signs	137.38	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	15.17	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	17.55	152.55
<b>36279</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Star Metroland Medita</b>	<b>Public Meeting/Order of WH</b>		
7385651		16-108 - Admin - Advertising	Public Meeting/Order of W	1,234.94	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	136.41	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	157.77	1,371.35

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AN000497		16-108 - Admin - Advertising	Ad - CBO Posting	305.33	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	33.73	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	39.01	339.06
				Payment Total:	1,710.41
<b>36280</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Tri-City Equipment</b>	<b>Excavator Rental</b>		
94688		19-331 - Roads - Capital - Whitest	Excavator Rental	6,746.70	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	745.20	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	861.90	7,491.90
94942		19-325 - Roads-Capital-Boakview	Excavator Rental	6,746.70	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	745.20	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	861.90	7,491.90
				Payment Total:	14,983.80
<b>36281</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Tim Tilson</b>	<b>Trailer</b>		
Exp Oct 21/21		19-336 - Roads - Capital - New Uti	Trailer	29.27	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	3.23	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	3.74	32.50
<b>36282</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Unisync Group Limited</b>	<b>Supplies</b>		
107015		16-202-1 - Fire-New Recruits	Supplies	323.60	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	35.74	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	41.34	359.34
<b>36283</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Weir Foulds LLP</b>	<b>Legal</b>		
305197		16-120 - Admin - Legal Expenses	Legal	2,442.24	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	269.76	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	312.00	2,712.00
312904		16-120 - Admin - Legal Expenses	Legal	2,289.60	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	252.90	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	292.50	2,542.50
				Payment Total:	5,254.50
<b>36284</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Void during printing</b>			
<b>36285</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Michelle Hendry</b>	<b>Supplies</b>		
Exp 25-Oct-21		16-110 - Admin - Office Supplies	Supplies	64.34	
		16-767 - Municipal Flowers	Supplies	43.93	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	11.96	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	13.83	120.23
<b>36286</b>	<b>2021-10-29</b>	<b>Canadian TODS Limited</b>	<b>Walking Trail Signs</b>		
112918522		16-845 - Tourism Orientation De	Walking Trail Signs	1,200.77	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	132.63	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	153.40	1,333.40

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112918537		16-845 - Tourisium Orientation De	Walking Trails Signs	1,221.12	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	134.88	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	156.00	1,356.00
				Payment Total:	2,689.40
<b>36287</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Minister Of Finance</b>	<b>Oct 2021 Remittance</b>		
Oct 2021		12-332 - Employer Health Tax	Oct 2021 Remittance	2,042.32	2,042.32
<b>36288</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Receiver General</b>	<b>Oct 2021 Pry Remittance</b>		
Oct 2021		12-331 - Payroll Deductions	Oct 2021 Pry Remittance	24,291.17	24,291.17
<b>36289</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Toronto Dominion Bank</b>	<b>Oct 2021 Remittance</b>		
Oct 2021		12-333 - Rrsp - Benefit	Oct 2021 Remittance	301.04	301.04
EFT:					
<b>243</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>ACE Equipment Sales &amp; Rentals</b>	<b>Equipment Rental</b>		
29067		19-714 - Facilities - Capital - Elect	Equipment Rental	1,688.61	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	186.51	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	215.72	1,875.12
29071		16-769 - Facilities / Parks Mainten	Equipment Rental LCBO Sig	453.24	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	50.06	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	57.90	503.30
29066		16-345 - Roads - East Townline R	Equipment Rental-East Tow	722.50	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	79.80	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	92.30	802.30
				Payment Total:	3,180.72
<b>244</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Adams Bros Construction Ltd</b>	<b>Septic Pumping-Municipal Bldgs</b>		
147888		16-777 - Municipal Building Mainte	Septic Pumping-Municipal	603.42	
		16-806 - Library - Building Mainte	Septic Pumping-Municipal	603.41	
		16-742 - Pavilion - Building Mtce	Septic Pumping-Municipal	603.42	
		16-769 - Facilities / Parks Mainten	Septic Pumping-Municipal	603.42	
		16-334 - Garage - Building Mainte	Septic Pumping-Municipal	603.42	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	333.25	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	385.44	3,350.34
<b>245</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>AGO Industries Inc.</b>	<b>Supplies</b>		
982236		16-202-1 - Fire-New Recruits	Supplies	748.55	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	82.68	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	95.63	831.23
<b>246</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Carr Aggregates Inc.</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>		
6681		16-345 - Roads - East Townline R	Aggregate	4,201.88	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	464.11	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	536.79	4,665.99

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6682		16-345 - Roads - East Townline R	Aggregate	491.27	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	54.26	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	62.76	545.53
				Payment Total:	5,211.52
<b>247</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>FAD Architects Inc.</b>	<b>Design Services</b>		
21245		19-601 - Admin-Cap-Mun Bldg Re	Design Services	1,488.24	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	164.39	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	190.13	1,652.63
<b>248</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>G.F. Preston Sales &amp; Service</b>	<b>Repair</b>		
IN95743		16-426 - Backhoe - Maintenance	Repair	491.93	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	54.33	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	62.84	546.26
IN95942		16-426 - Backhoe - Maintenance	Supplies	5.88	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	0.65	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	0.75	6.53
				Payment Total:	552.79
<b>249</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Gin-Cor Industries</b>	<b>Supplies</b>		
69490		16-402 - Freightliner Tandem - Ma	Supplies	299.29	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	33.06	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	38.24	332.35
<b>250</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Glen Martin Limited</b>	<b>Supplies</b>		
361692		16-110 - Admin - Office Supplies	Supplies	70.68	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	7.81	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	9.03	78.49
<b>251</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Rejected EFT</b>			
<b>252</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Local Authority Services Ltd.</b>	<b>Supplies - Staples</b>		
MGBP000001706		16-110 - Admin - Office Supplies	Supplies - Staples	132.42	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	14.63	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	16.92	147.05
MGBP000001737		16-345 - Roads - East Townline R	Armtec	7,959.90	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	879.20	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	1,016.89	8,839.10
MGBP000001771		16-110 - Admin - Office Supplies	Supplies	122.14	
		16-092 - Council - Miscellaneous	Supplies	18.82	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	15.57	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	18.01	156.53
				Payment Total:	9,142.68

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<b>253</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Magnetawan Building Centre Lt</b>	<b>Supplies</b>		
103-82878		19-552 - Library - Capital - Water	Supplies	183.13	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	20.22	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	23.39	203.35
103-83011		16-444 - York Landfill - Misc.	Supplies Credit	4.07-	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	0.45-	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	0.52-	4.52-
103-83349		19-714 - Facilities - Capital - Elect	Supplies	12.71	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	1.40	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	1.62	14.11
				Payment Total:	212.94
<b>254</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>McDougall Energy</b>	<b>Diesel</b>		
5387952		16-427 - Backhoe - Fuel	Diesel	202.93	
		16-423 - Grader - Fuel	Diesel	811.70	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	112.07	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	129.62	1,126.70
5387965		16-394 - 4 X 4 Truck - Fuel	Diesel	227.36	
		16-403 - Freightliner Tandem- Fue	Diesel	227.37	
		16-402 - Freightliner Tandem - Ma	Diesel	227.38	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	75.34	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	87.14	757.45
				Payment Total:	1,884.15
<b>255</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Judith Meyntz</b>	<b>Supplies - Records Mngt Group</b>		
Exp Oct/21		16-110 - Admin - Office Supplies	Supplies - Records Mngt G	115.03	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	12.71	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	14.70	127.74
<b>256</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Momentum Conferencing</b>	<b>Conference Calling</b>		
MOM-0056002		16-126 - Admin - Communications	Conference Calling	17.99	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	1.99	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	2.30	19.98
<b>257</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Magnetawan Truck and Trailer</b>	<b>Repair</b>		
556		16-409 - International-Maintenanc	Repair	1,266.22	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	139.86	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	161.76	1,406.08
559		16-402 - Freightliner Tandem - Ma	Repairs	1,741.67	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	192.37	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	222.50	1,934.04
				Payment Total:	3,340.12

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<b>258</b> 754020	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Parry Sound Fuels</b> 16-256 - Station 2 - Heating 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Furnace Oil</b> Furnace Oil HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	414.60 45.80 52.97	460.40
<b>259</b> Oct 15/21	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Rebecca Green</b> 16-798 - After School Program	<b>After School Program</b> After School Program	721.44	721.44
<b>260</b> 300052313-9	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>R.J. Burnside &amp; Assoc. Ltd.</b> 19-107 - Admin - Cap - Asset Mgr 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Asset Mngt Plan</b> Asset Mngt Plan HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	2,208.20 243.90 282.10	2,452.10
<b>261</b> 00710111	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Sands Canada Inc.</b> 16-202-1 - Fire-New Recruits 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Supplies</b> Supplies HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	45.76 5.06 5.85	50.82
<b>262</b>	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Rejected EFT (Canadian TODS L</b>			
<b>263</b> INV000000020734	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Town of Parry Sound</b> 16-455 - York Landfill -Hazardous	<b>HHW</b> HHW	3,335.86	3,335.86
<b>264</b> Exp 25-Oct-21	<b>2021-11-02</b>	<b>Whitmell, Ron</b> 16-501-1 - Staking Fees	<b>Staking Fees</b> Staking Fees	250.00	250.00
Other:					
<b>1-Man</b> Oct 2021	<b>2021-10-05</b>	<b>Sun Life Assurance Company of</b> 12-334 - Health Benefits	<b>Benefits</b> Benefits	3,666.92	3,666.92
<b>2-Man</b> Oct 21 York	<b>2021-10-13</b>	<b>Hydro One</b> 16-446-1 - York Landfill - Hydro 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Hydro York St LF</b> Hydro York St LF HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	40.68 4.50 5.20	45.18
<b>3-Man</b> Oct 21 Aulds	<b>2021-10-13</b>	<b>Hydro One</b> 16-466-1 - Aulds Landfill - Hydro 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable 99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	<b>Hydro Aulds Rd LF</b> Hydro Aulds Rd LF HST Tax Code HST Tax Code	74.44 8.22 9.51	82.66
<b>4-Man</b> Oct 21	<b>2021-10-13</b>	<b>Vianet</b> 16-162 - High Speed Internet 16-210 - Fire - Miscellaneous 16-710 - Dunchurch Hall -High Sp 16-321 - Garage - High Speed Int 16-716 - Maple Is. Hall - Supplies 16-457-1 - York Landfill - Internet 11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	<b>Internet</b> Internet Internet Internet Internet Internet Internet HST Tax Code	170.91 170.90 106.80 106.80 106.79 160.73 90.90	

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		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	105.13	913.83
<b>5-Man</b>	<b>2021-10-13</b>	<b>Xplornet</b>	<b>Internet Aulds Fire</b>		
INV39492635		16-251 - Station 2 - Hydro	Internet Aulds Fire	117.52	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	12.99	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	15.02	130.51
<b>6-Man</b>	<b>2021-10-13</b>	<b>Xplornet</b>	<b>Internet Aulds LF</b>		
INV39489877		16-479-1 - Aulds Landfill - Internet	Internet Aulds LF	71.22	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	7.87	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	9.10	79.09
<b>7-Man</b>	<b>2021-10-25</b>	<b>TD Visa</b>	<b>Visa MH</b>		
Oct 21 MH		16-843 - Planning & Development	Visa MH	29.42	
		16-115 - Admin - Computer Suppli	Visa MH	398.89	
		16-104 - Admin - Training Expens	Visa MH	339.26	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	81.53	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	94.30	849.10
<b>8-Man</b>	<b>2021-10-25</b>	<b>TD Visa</b>	<b>Visa PA</b>		
Oct 21 PA		16-281 - Bld Official - Supplies	Visa PA	82.77	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	9.15	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	10.58	91.92
<b>9-Man</b>	<b>2021-10-05</b>	<b>TD Visa</b>	<b>Visa DC</b>		
Oct 21 DC		16-320 - Garage - Mtc/Supplies/Tc	Visa DC	25.42	
		16-303 - Roads-Office-Supplies/M	Visa DC	108.06	
		16-444 - York Landfill - Misc.	Visa DC	763.33	
		16-845 - Tourism Orientation De	Visa DC	139.62	
		16-790 - Recreation Cmttee-Progr	Visa DC	433.49	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	162.35	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	187.78	1,632.27
<b>10-Man</b>	<b>2021-10-25</b>	<b>TD Visa</b>	<b>Visa EF Library</b>		
Oct 21 EF		11-223 - Due to Due (from) Librar	Visa EF Library	965.10	965.10
<b>11-Man</b>	<b>2021-10-26</b>	<b>Hydro One</b>	<b>Hydro</b>		
Oct 21		16-743 - Pavilion - Hydro	Hydro	64.13	
		16-705 - Dunchurch Hall - Hydro	Hydro	182.62	
		16-439 - Roads - Street Lights	Hydro	249.19	
		16-323 - Garage - Hydro	Hydro	170.81	
		16-150 - Office - Heating/Hydro	Hydro	132.36	
		16-232 - Station 1 - Hydro	Hydro	287.17	
		16-251 - Station 2 - Hydro	Hydro	47.91	
		16-719 - Maple Is. Hall - Heat/Hyd	Hydro	77.34	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	133.82	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	154.78	1,345.35
<b>12-Man</b>	<b>2021-10-26</b>	<b>Telizon Inc.</b>	<b>Long Distance</b>		

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06319120211010		16-109 - Admin - Telephone	Long Distance	14.81	
		16-237 - Station 1 - Telephone	Long Distance	5.91	
		16-803 - Library - Expenses	Long Distance	0.21	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	2.32	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	2.68	23.25
<b>13-Man</b> Oct 2021	<b>2021-10-26</b>	<b>Bell Mobility Inc.</b>	<b>Cell Phones</b>		
		16-092 - Council - Miscellaneous	Cell Phones	39.94	
		16-324 - Garage Telephone	Cell Phones	5.09	
		16-324 - Garage Telephone	Cell Phones	36.59	
		16-283-1 - Cell Phone	Cell Phones	33.66	
		16-324 - Garage Telephone	Cell Phones	33.59	
		16-324 - Garage Telephone	Cell Phones	34.15	
		16-109 - Admin - Telephone	Cell Phones	58.90	
		11-210-2 - A/R HST Receivable	HST Tax Code	26.72	
		99-999-1 - HST (Statistical) Non-L	HST Tax Code	30.90	268.64
				<b>Total for AP:</b>	<b>180,627.38</b>

Report prepared for Council November 8, 2021

## BY-LAWS

## THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE

## BY-LAW NUMBER 50-2021

**A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO ONTARIO INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDS CORPORATION ("OILC") FOR FINANCING OF CERTAIN ONGOING CAPITAL WORK(S) OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE (THE "MUNICIPALITY"); TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY BORROWING FROM OILC TO MEET EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH CAPITAL WORK(S); AND TO AUTHORIZE LONG-TERM BORROWING FOR SUCH CAPITAL WORK(S) THROUGH THE ISSUE OF DEBENTURES TO OILC**

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001* (Ontario), as amended, (the "**Act**") provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality has passed the by-law(s) enumerated in column (1) of Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law ("**Schedule "A"**") authorizing the capital work(s) described in column (2) of Schedule "A" ("**Capital Work(s)**") in the amount of the respective estimated expenditure set out in column (3) of Schedule "A" , subject in each case to approval by OILC of the financing for such Capital Work(s) requested by the Municipality in the Application as hereinafter defined;

AND WHEREAS before the Council of the Municipality approved the Capital Work(s) in accordance with section 4 of Ontario Regulation 403/02 (the "**Regulation**"), the Council of the Municipality had its Treasurer calculate an updated limit in respect of its then most recent annual debt and financial obligation limit received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (as so updated, the "**Updated Limit**"), and, on the basis of the authorized estimated expenditure for the Capital Work or each Capital Work, as the case may be, as set out in column (3) of Schedule "A" (the "**Authorized Expenditure**" for any such Capital Work), the Treasurer calculated the estimated annual amount payable in respect of the Capital Work or each Capital Work, as the case may be, and determined that the estimated annual amount payable in respect of the Capital Work or each Capital Work, as the case may be, did not cause the Municipality to exceed the Updated Limit, and accordingly the approval of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal pursuant to the Regulation, was not required before any such Capital Work was authorized by the Council of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS subsection 405 (1) of the Act provides, amongst other things, that a municipality may authorize temporary borrowing to meet expenditures made in connection with a work to be financed in whole or in part by the issue of debentures if, the municipality is an upper-tier municipality, a lower-tier municipality in a county or a single-tier municipality and it has approved the issue of debentures for the work;

AND WHEREAS subsection 401(1) of the Act provides that a municipality may incur a debt for municipal purposes, whether by borrowing money or in any other way, and may issue debentures and prescribed financial instruments and enter prescribed financial agreements for or in relation to the debt;

AND WHEREAS the Act also provides that a municipality shall authorize long-term borrowing by the issue of debentures or through another municipality under section 403 or 404 of the Act;

AND WHEREAS OILC has invited Ontario municipalities desirous of obtaining temporary and long-term debt financing in order to meet capital expenditures incurred on or after the year that is five years prior to the year of an application in connection with eligible capital works to make application to OILC for such financing by completing and submitting an application in the form provided by OILC;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has completed and submitted or is in the process of submitting an application to OILC, as the case may be (the "**Application**") to request financing for the Capital Work(s) by way of long-term borrowing through the issue of debentures to OILC and by way of temporary borrowing from OILC pending the issue of such debentures;

AND WHEREAS OILC has accepted and has approved or will notify the Municipality only if it accepts and approves the Application, as the case may be;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Council of the Municipality hereby confirms, ratifies and approves the execution by the Treasurer of the Application and the submission by such authorized official of the Application, duly executed by such authorized official, to OILC for the financing of the Capital Work(s) in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$330,320.00 substantially in the form of Schedule "B" hereto and forming part of this By-law, with such changes thereon as such authorized official may hereafter, approve such execution and delivery to be conclusive evidence of such approval.
2. The Mayor and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into, execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Municipality a financing agreement (a "**Financing Agreement**") with OILC that provides for temporary and long-term borrowing from OILC under the authority of this By-law in respect of the Capital Work(s) on such terms and conditions as such authorized officials may approve, such execution and delivery to be conclusive evidence of such approval.
3. The Mayor and/or the Treasurer are hereby authorized, pending the substantial completion of the Capital Work or of each Capital Work, as the case may be, or as otherwise agreed with OILC, to make temporary borrowings pursuant to section 405 of the Act in respect of the Capital Work or of each Capital Work, as the case may be, on the terms and conditions provided in the Financing Agreement which Financing Agreement provides that the information contained in the Record, as defined in the Financing Agreement, in respect of such temporary borrowings shall be deemed final, conclusive and binding on the Municipality, and on such other terms and conditions as such authorized officials may agree; and the Treasurer is authorized to sign such certifications as OILC may require in connection with such borrowings in respect of the Capital Work(s); provided that the amount of borrowings allocated to the Capital Work or of each Capital Work, as the case may be, does not exceed the Authorized Expenditure for such Capital Work and does not exceed the related loan amount set out in column (4) of Schedule "A" in respect of such Capital Work.

4. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement and such other terms and conditions as OILC may otherwise require, the Mayor and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to long-term borrow for the Capital Work(s) and to issue debentures to OILC on the terms and conditions provided in the Financing Agreement and on such other terms and conditions as such authorized officials may agree (the "**Debentures**"); provided that the principal amount of the Debentures issued in respect of the Capital Work or of each Capital Work, as the case may be, does not exceed the Authorized Expenditure for such Capital Work and does not exceed the related loan amount set out in column (4) of Schedule "A" in respect of such Capital Work.
5. In accordance with the provisions of section 25 of the *Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation Act, 2011*, as amended from time to time hereafter, the Municipality is hereby authorized to agree in writing with OILC that the Minister of Finance is entitled, without notice to the Municipality, to deduct from money appropriated by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for payment to the Municipality, amounts not exceeding the amounts that the Municipality fails to pay to OILC on account of any unpaid indebtedness of the Municipality to OILC under any outstanding temporary borrowing and/or the Debentures, as the case may be (the "**Obligations**") and to pay such amounts to OILC from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
6. For the purposes of meeting the Obligations, the Municipality shall provide for raising in each year as part of the general levy, the amounts of principal and interest payable in each year under any outstanding temporary borrowing and/or any Debenture outstanding pursuant to the Financing Agreement, to the extent that the amounts have not been provided for by any other available source including other taxes or fees or charges imposed on persons or property by a by-law of any municipality.
7.
  - (a) The Mayor and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver the Financing Agreement, and to issue the Debentures, one or more of the CAO/Clerk and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to generally do all things and to execute all other documents and papers in the name of the Municipality in order to perform the Obligations of the Municipality under the Financing Agreement, to request and receive any temporary borrowing and to issue the Debentures, and the Treasurer is authorized to affix the Municipality's municipal seal to any such documents and papers.
  - (b) The money realized in respect of any temporary borrowing for the Capital Work(s) and the Debentures, including any premium, and any earnings derived from the investment of that money, after providing for the expenses related to any such temporary borrowing and to the issue of the Debentures, if any, shall be apportioned and applied to the respective Capital Work and to no other purpose except as permitted by the Act.

8. This By-law takes effect on the day of passing.

**Read a First and Second** time this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

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**Mayor** George Comrie

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**CAO/Clerk** Michelle Hendry

**Read a Third** time and **Passed, Signed and Sealed** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

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**Mayor** George Comrie

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**CAO/Clerk** Michelle Hendry

**Schedule "A"  
to By-Law Number 50-2021  
(Ongoing Capital Work(s))**

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<u>By-Law Number</u>	<u>Description of Capital Work</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>
50-2021	Boakview Bridge Repair	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
50-2021	Whitestone Lake Road	\$162,420.00	\$162,420.00
50-2021	Bunny Trail	\$ 82,900.00	\$ 82,900.00

**Schedule "B"  
to By-Law Number 50-2021**

**Please insert the OILC Application into Schedule "B".**

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## Report to Council

**Prepared for:** Council

**Department:** Public Works

**Agenda Date:** November 15, 2021

**Report No:** PW-2021-06

### **Subject:**

Chimo Cove Road, Proposed Parking Area on Municipal lands

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives Report PW-2021-06 Chimo Cove Road Proposed Parking Area on Municipal lands for information; and

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approves the construction of the requested parking area by the Chimo Cove Road Association subject to the Association entering into an encroachment agreement with the Municipality.

### **Background:**

Mr. Bill Baker who owns property on Chimo Cover Road has requested permission on behalf of the Chimo Cove Association to install and maintain a gravel parking lot on Municipality of Whitestone owned PLAN M425 BLK A abutting Chimo Cover Road for the enjoyment of the residents on Chimo Cove Road.

The Chimo Cove Association consists of nine cottage members which is 100% of the cottages on Chimo Cove. Bill Baker is the representative for the Association. The Association will pay for the parking area construction and maintenance and the nine cottages will have access to the parking area for the winter. The maintenance on Chimo Cove Road during the winter has been personally paid for by Bill Baker for the last several years.

With more people wanting to use their properties during the winter, it has become necessary to increase the amount of parking. The Association has an agreement with a contractor to clear the first 35 feet at the top of Chimo Cove Road and the new parking lot.

Chimo Cove Road is a private cottage road that runs through numerous properties (there is no registered right of way) and gives access to a number of properties. Chimo Cove Road runs off Lorimer Lake Road and is located to the west of Beach Road. The Municipality of Whitestone's boat launch is located on Beach Road accessing Shawanaga Lake. See Figure 1

Block A is owned by the Municipality of Whitestone and fronts Lorimer Lake Road at a point, then runs parallel to Chimo Cove Road.

Both Tim Tilson Lead Hand and David Creasor Manager of Public Works met Bill Baker on the site of Block A where the proposed parking area would be constructed. Property stakes are evident at Lorimer Lake Road and at the Beach Road parking area defining the South End of Chimo Cove Road and Block A as well as the North East corner of Block A where it meets Beach Road.

The storm water from the proposed area generally flows toward the ditch along Chimo Cove Road and down the gradient toward Shawanaga Lake. The proposed parking area is located in a relatively agreeable location for construction and maintenance of the proposed parking area.

The proposed parking area would be approximately 40 feet long (12 meters) by 25 feet (7.6 meters) deep. This would allow parking of three vehicles. A culvert will be required and this will be approved by Public Works Manager.

Bill Baker has requested to enter into an agreement on behalf of Chimo Cove Road Association to allow the construction of the proposed parking lot including maintenance by the Chimo Cove Road Association's contractor.

Historically the Municipality of Whitestone has plowed out a modest parking area just to the north of Beach Road on the opposite side of Lorimer Lake Road, for people to park in the winter. This has been used by Chimo Cove Road property owners and others who use the Beach Road boat launch to access Shawanaga Lake. This area encroaches on private property to the east of Lorimer Lake Road and will continue to be maintained in the winter for people to park off Lorimer Lake Road. This modest parking area appears to be a naturally level area extending beyond the shoulder of Lorimer Lake Road.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommend that the Municipality enter into a ten (10) year encroachment agreement with the Chimo Cove Road Association for the construction and maintenance of a parking area approximately 40 feet long (12 meters) by 25 feet (7.6 meters) deep with enough area cleared to accommodate snow storage.

The parking area is to be located completely on Municipality of Whitestone owned PLAN M425 BLK A abutting Chimo Cover Road and will include a culvert approved by the Manager of Public Works. Insurance shall be provided annually for the lands that will be used by Chimo Cove Association, which is acceptable to the Municipality of Whitestone's insurance provider. Permission will remain contingent on current insurance coverage and maintenance of the three parking spaces.

### **Financial Considerations:**

All costs should be borne by the proponent: Chimo Cove Road Association.

**Attachments:**

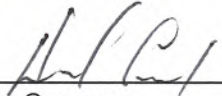
**Figure 1:** Proposed parking area on Block A, adjacent to Chimo Cove

**Figure 2:** Winter parking area adjacent to Beach Road

Portion of Survey showing proposed parking area submitted by Bill Baker

**Figure 3:** Sketch of Block A Plan M 425 and Part Lot 12 Concession 5 Hagerman

**Respectfully submitted by:**

  
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Dave Creasor  
Manager of Public Works

**Reviewed by:**

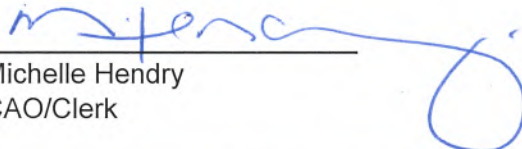
  
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Figure 1: Chimo Cove\_Block A



Figure 2- Municipality Plows Parking Area

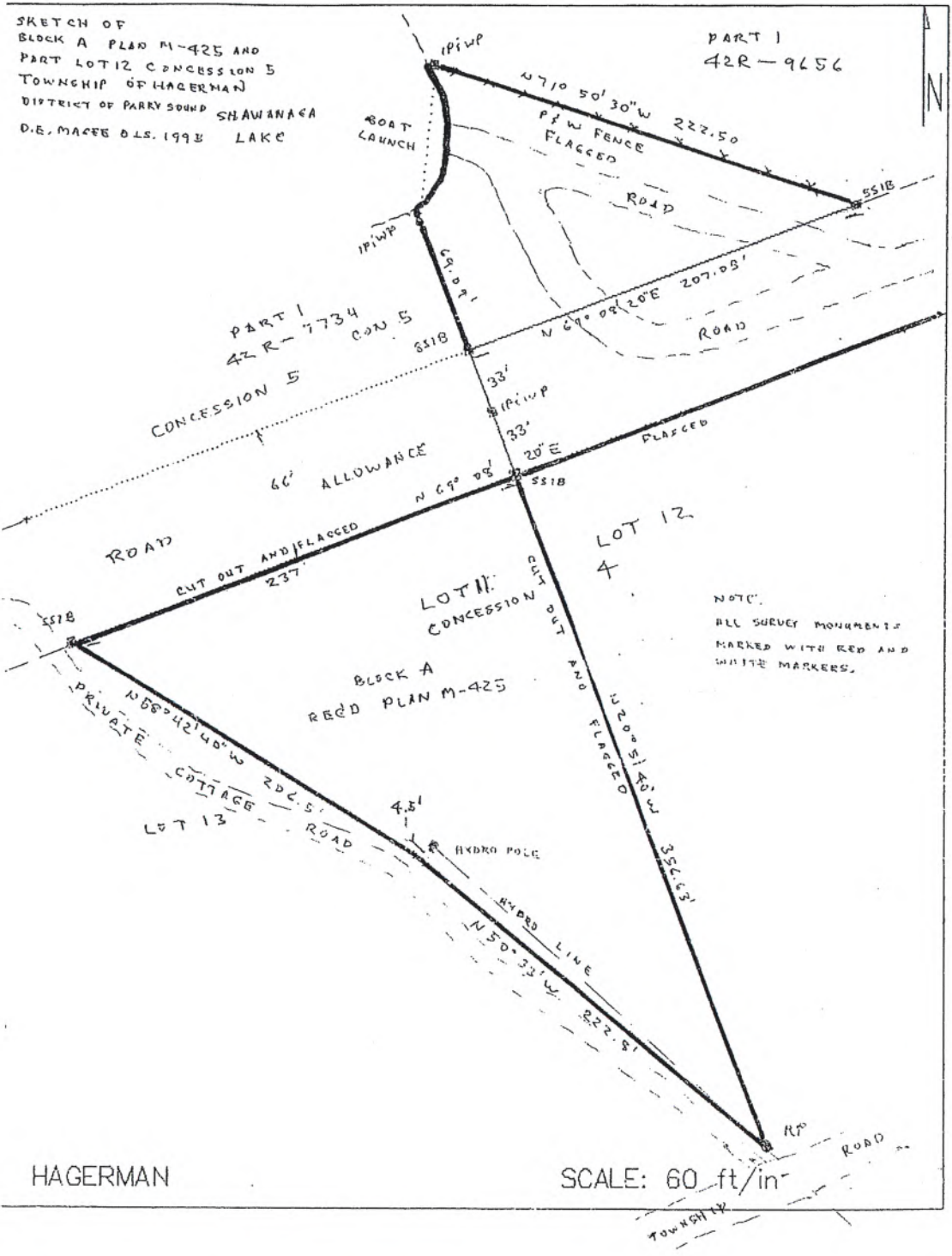


Figure3 Sketch of Block A Plan M 425 and Part Lot 12 Concession 5 Hagerman



# Municipality of Whitestone

## Report to Council

**Prepared for:** Council

**Department:** Building

**Agenda Date:** November 15, 2021

**Report No:** BLDG-2021-05

### **Subject:**

Building Department update – July 1 to September 30, 2021 as well as year to date data.

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives report BLDG-2021-05 (Building Department update – July 1 to September 30, 2021 as well as year to date data) for information.

### **Background:**

The purpose of this report is to update council on matters such as:

- Building Permit activity within the Municipality (July 1 to September 30, 2021) and year to date data, to September 30,
- The general activities of the Building Department.

### **Analysis:**

#### **Applications received:**

From July 1 to September 30, 2021, the Municipality *received* a total of forty (40) building permit applications which is down six (6) for the same period last year.

The total number of building permit applications *received* from January 1 to September 30 is one hundred and twenty-four (124) which is up twenty-two (22) for the same period last year.

#### **Permits issued:**

The number of permits for new construction *issued* from July 1 to September 30, 2021 is forty-two (42) which is up three (3) from the same time period last year. Additionally, two (2) demolition permits were issued.

The total number of building permits for new construction *issued* from January 1 to September 30 is one hundred and five (105) which is up forty-one (41) for the same period last year. Additionally, ten (10) demolition permits were issued.

See Attachment "A" for month to month statistics.

**General Building Department activities included:**

- Monthly updates to Tarion, MPAC, Statistics Canada.
- Civic Address numbers assigned; data base updated.
- Building Permit applications reviewed.
- Researched and responded to general inquiries concerning zoning and building related questions, met with members of the public to discuss questions involving current and potential projects.
- Continued to work on non-complying projects; issued orders and followed up on orders as required. Since January 1 a total of six (6) Orders have been issued: five (5) Order to Comply, and one (1) Order to Remedy Unsafe Building.
- Conducted inspections, prepared reports and researched findings.

**Outstanding Permits**

From January 1 to September 30 eighty (80) Building Permit files have been closed.

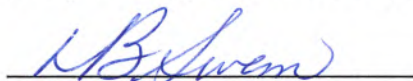
**Financial Considerations**

Building Permit / Demolition Permit revenue from January 1 to September 30 is \$165,202 compared to \$65,664 for the same time period last year.

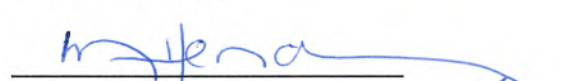
**Link to Strategic Plan**

In support of the high- level objectives of the Strategic Plan:  
Communication, Fiscal responsibility.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

  
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Debbie Swim  
Acting CBO

**Reviewed by:**

  
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Michelle Hendry  
CAO/Clerk

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A:** Month to month statistics, Q3.

2021 Month to Month Statistical Report (January to September)

ATTACHMENT A

	# of Permits	Construction Value	Permit Fee	# of Permits	Construction Value	Permit Fee
	<b>JANUARY</b>			<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Residential</b>						
- Single Family Dwelling (SFD)						
-SFD - Seasonal	1	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 1,706.00			
Renovation/Addition				4	\$ 178,000.00	\$ 3,111.00
Garage/ shed				2	\$ 157,525.00	\$ 2,564.11
Decks						
Docks	3	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 300.00	1	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 100.00
Demolition	1		\$ 150.00	2	N/A	\$ 300.00
Commercial						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$ 115,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,156.00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$ 338,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,075.11</b>
	<b>MARCH</b>			<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>Residential</b>						
- Single Family Dwelling (SFD)				1	\$ 376,640.00	\$ 5,601.28
-SFD - Seasonal	2	\$ 416,500.00	\$ 6,319.25	4	\$ 1,409,274.00	\$ 20,971.09
Renovation/Addition	3	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 1,227.50	2	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 2,527.50
Garage/ shed	2	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 1,430.00	6	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 3,598.69
Decks	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 357.50	1	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 334.30
Docks	1	\$ 5,725.00	\$ 100.00	2		\$ 200.00
Demolition	1	N/A	\$ 150.00	3		\$ 450.00
Commercial		\$ -	\$ -			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$ 547,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,584.25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$ 2,154,314.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,682.86</b>
	<b>MAY</b>			<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>Residential</b>						
- Single Family Dwelling (SFD)	2	\$ 323,000.00	\$ 5,093.50			
-SFD - Seasonal	4	\$ 1,214,000.00	\$ 18,163.00	1	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 3,765.00
Renovation/Addition	7	\$ 786,000.00	\$ 13,163.00	6	\$ 401,500.00	\$ 6,381.75
Garage/ shed	5	\$ 151,000.00	\$ 2,990.50	6	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 2,964.90
Decks	2	\$ 31,650.00	\$ 738.92			
Docks	1		\$ 100.00	3		\$ 300.00
Demolition				1		\$ 150.00
Commercial						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$ 2,505,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,248.92</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$ 801,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,561.65</b>

	# of Permits	Construction Value	Permit Fee	# of Permits	Construction Value	Permit Fee
	<b>JULY</b>			<b>AUGUST</b>		
<b>Residential</b>						
- Single Family Dwelling (SFD)	2	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 7,395.00	2	\$ 564,000.00	\$ 8,458.00
-SFD - Seasonal	1	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 7,390.00	3	\$ 648,000.00	\$ 9,816.00
Renovation/Addition	5	\$ 283,000.00	\$ 4,802.00	4	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 3,206.50
Garage/ shed	6	\$ 231,700.00	\$ 4,226.65	6	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 2,279.50
Decks	2	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 468.50	1	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 599.00
Docks	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	3	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 300.00
Demolition						
Commercial						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,382.15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$ 1,546,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,659.00</b>
	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
<b>Residential</b>						
- Single Family Dwelling (SFD)						
-SFD - Seasonal	1	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 6,665.00			
Renovation/Addition	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 1,300.00			
Garage/ shed	3	\$ 159,500.00	\$ 2,310.75			
Decks	1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 277.00			
Docks						
Demolition	2		\$ 300.00			
Commercial						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$ 695,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,852.75</b>		<b>REVENUE TO SEPT 30</b>	<b>\$ 165,202.69</b>



## Municipality of Whitestone Report to Council

**Prepared for:** Council

**Department:** Administration

**Agenda Date:** November 15, 2021

**Report No:** ADMIN-2021-15

**Subject:**

Public Tender for properties owned by the Municipality of Whitestone:

Tender 2021-08, Municipal Surplus Land,  
Tahinca Road – Assessment Roll No. 49 39 010 005 03001

Tender 2021-09, Municipal Surplus Land,  
East Townline Road – Assessment Roll No. 49 39 010 005 03250

**Recommendation:**

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby receive report ADMIN-2021-15 (Public Tender for properties owned by the Municipality of Whitestone Tender 2021-08, Municipal Surplus Land, Tahinca Road - Assessment Roll No. 49 39 010 005 03001 and Tender 2021-09, Municipal Surplus Land, East Townline Road - Assessment Roll No. 49 39 010 005 03250);

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby accept the offer of \$120,000.00 plus HST for the property identified as Assessment Roll No. 49 39 010 005 03001 from Robert and Candace Black, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the offer to purchase;

AND THAT the necessary By-Law be executed for the Agreement of Purchase and Sale;

AND THAT the Mayor and the CAO/Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary and related documents.

**Background:**

The Municipality of Whitestone offered for sale, two vacant, surplus properties as per Council resolutions 2019-38C and 2019-45C.

The Sale of Land by Public Tender was advertised in the Parry Sound North Star on October 14, 2021. The Public Notice was also placed on the Municipality of Whitestone website. The closing date for the Tenders was Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

A deposit in the form of a money order/bank draft/cheque certified payable to the Municipality of Whitestone and representing at least 20 per cent of the bidder's tender amount was a requirement. The tender document advised that 'the highest or any offer may not necessarily be accepted'.

**Analysis:**

Two (2) bids were received for Assessment Roll No. 49 39 010 005 03001 (Tahinca Road property) from:

1. Tom Jordan in the amount of \$116,000.00; a tender deposit in the amount of \$32,000 was received in the form of a bank draft; and
2. Robert Black and Candace Black in the amount of \$120,000.00; a tender deposit in the amount of \$24,000 was received in the form of a certified cheque.

The minimum tender amount for this property was advertised at \$108,000.00.

The East Townline Road property – Assessment Roll No. 49 39 010 005 03250 was advertised however there were no bids received.

**Financial Considerations:**

The appraised value of the property that received a bid is \$105,000.00 and the advertisement costs and legal fees are estimated to be approximately \$3,000.00.

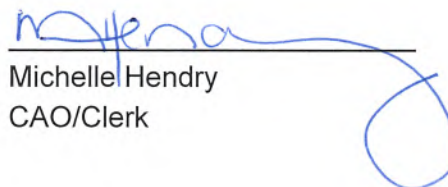
**Link to Strategic Plan:**

2. Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability

**Respectfully submitted by:**

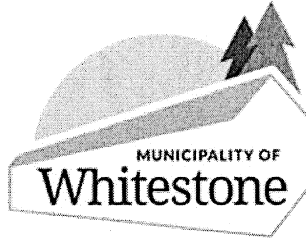
  
Paula Macri  
Planning Assistant

**Reviewed by:**

  
Michelle Hendry  
CAO/Clerk

**Attachments:**

Attachment A -Notice of Sale of Land by Public Tender



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER - SURPLUS PROPERTY

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipality of Whitestone has declared certain property as surplus to the needs of the Municipality and is offering the same for sale by way of tender. Tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and shall be properly signed and sealed, and shall be received by no later than 12:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at the Municipality of Whitestone Office, 21 Church Street, Dunchurch, ON P0A 1G0, by mail or hand delivered to the Municipal Office.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day commencing at 12:15 p.m., at the front window of the Municipal Office located at 21 Church Street in Dunchurch.

**Description of Lands:**

Legal Description: BLK A PL 279 SRO; WHITESTONE  
PIN: 52088-0952 (LT)  
Site Area: 2.04 Acres  
Zoning: WF 1  
Assessment Roll No.: 49 39 010 005 03001  
Tahinca Road, Dunchurch  
**Minimum Tender Amount: \$108,000.00**

Legal Description: CON 8 PT LOT 35 HAGERMAN RP 42R6693 PARTS 2, 3 & 12,  
PART OF PIN 52088-1191 (LT)  
Site Area: 1.84 Acres  
Zoning: RU  
Assessment Roll No.: 49 39 010 005 03250  
East Townline, Dunchurch  
**Minimum Tender Amount: \$38,000.00**

Tenders must be submitted on a prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order/bank draft/cheque certified payable to the Municipality of Whitestone and representing at least 20 per cent of the bidder's tender amount. The highest or any offer may not necessarily be accepted.

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Municipality of Whitestone  
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## BUSINESS MATTERS



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[michelle.hendry@whitestone.ca](mailto:michelle.hendry@whitestone.ca)

November 4, 2021

Mayor George Comrie  
Ms. Michelle Hendry, Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipality of Whitestone  
21 Church Street  
Dunchurch, ON P2A 1B4

Dear Mayor Comrie and Ms. Hendry:

**RE: Township of Seguin  
Proposed Application for Minister's Zoning Order  
MHBC File No. 12141N**

At the Seguin Township meeting of Council on November 1, 2021, Seguin Township announced that they will be seeking a Minister's Zoning order (MZO) to establish the principle of residential development on lands in the northwest portion of the Municipality. The intent of the MZO is to fulfil a need in Seguin and the surrounding West Parry Sound Area for the provision of housing that is both diverse in unit type, and at a price point that is attainable.

Technical studies are currently underway for the study area identified in Figure 1 in order to determine the feasibility of servicing the lands and to ensure that any potential constraints to development from a natural heritage perspective are identified early on in the process.

It is the intention of the Township to bring a recommendation report from Staff back to the Council meeting of December 6, 2021, and pending support from Council, a formal application for a Minister's Zoning Order will be made to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing later in December.

At this time, the Township of Seguin is seeking any comments and feedback from our neighbouring Municipal and First Nations partners, and would appreciate letters of support to share with the Minister as part of the application for the Minister's Zoning Order. Should you have any questions regarding the proposal, please contact Jason Inwood, Chief Administrative Officer at 705 732-4300.

Please direct any correspondence to the clerk, Craig Jeffery at [cjeffery@seguin.ca](mailto:cjeffery@seguin.ca) by December 3, 2021.



# CORRESPONDENCE

November 1, 2021

The Honourable Christine Elliott  
Minister of Health  
Ministry of Health  
777 Bay Street  
College Park 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Elliott:

**RE: Public Health Funding for 2022**

The Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Board) commends the government's financial commitment to public health throughout the pandemic. This trust has enabled public health programs and services, critical to the pandemic response, to continue. There is still much to be accomplished as the pandemic evolves. Vital to achieving future successes is the ability to strategically plan for 2022.

Pursuant to the Health Unit's correspondence of June 24, 2021, the Board is again respectfully requesting the Ministry to urgently establish funding expectations for 2022. This is critical for planning purposes for both the Health Unit and the municipalities we serve.

The Board is urging the Ministry of Health to commit in writing to:

1. Extend COVID-19 funding in 2022 for:
  - a. COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs; and
  - b. COVID-19 Vaccination Extraordinary Costs
2. Establish funding in 2022 for public health recovery efforts
3. Increase provincial funding for public health base budgets with the proportional municipal levy increase needed in 2022 to maintain public health unit capacity

Health units have had only one base funding increase in the past five years; however, wage and benefit increases and general increases to operating costs due to inflation continue. In addition, two public health union contracts are to be negotiated in 2022 with workforces experiencing recruitment and retention issues. A zero percent increase in base funding for 2022 is untenable if health units are to fulfill the requirements for programs, services, and accountability as delineated in the Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability (Standards).

As per the Standards:

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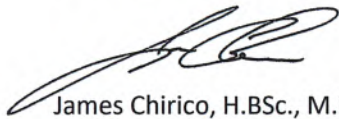
*"Boards of health are responsible for programs and services in all core function areas, demonstrating accountability to the ministry, and monitoring and measuring the effectiveness, impact and success of their programs and services."*

Requisite to realizing Ministry expectations to deliver mandated public health programs is a highly skilled and experienced workforce. They are essential to ensuring the future success of entrusted programs such as healthy growth and development, school health, chronic disease prevention and well-being, substance misuse and injury prevention, healthy environments, food safety, infectious and communicable diseases prevention and control, and immunization.

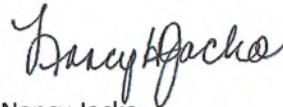
The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that an able-bodied, prepared public health system is more important than ever. Without a base funding increase, public health's capacity will be diminished, with even harder choices having to be made regarding where we can assist in pandemic recovery and building healthier and sustainable communities. A base funding increase for 2022 is necessary to maintain public health services at status quo.

Your assistance and attention to this pressing matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



James Chirico, H.BSc., M.D., F.R.C.P. (C), MPH  
Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer



Nancy Jacko  
Chairperson, Board of Health

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Copy to: Premier Doug Ford  
Hon. Helen Angus, Deputy Minister of Health  
Chief Medical Officer of Health  
Elizabeth Walker, Director, Public Health Accountability and Liaison Branch  
Collen Kiel, Director, Public Health Strategy and Planning Branch  
Vic Fedeli, MPP, Nipissing  
Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka  
John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane  
Ontario Boards of Health  
Member Municipalities (31)  
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)  
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA)  
Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH)  
Andrea Horwath, New Democratic Party of Ontario, Leader, Official Opposition  
Steven Del Duca, Ontario Liberal Party  
Mike Schreiner, Green Party of Ontario  
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November 1, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on October 18, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding the vaccine passport program:

"WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has been both a health crisis and an economic crisis; and,

WHEREAS lockdown and physical distancing measures have caused significant hardship to businesses, particularly those dependent on in-person delivery or experience (ex: retail, restaurant, hospitality, personal service, etc.); and,

WHEREAS vaccinations have proven to be an effective means of keeping Ontarians safe and can enable businesses to safely remain open without compromising the health of their customers and employees; and,

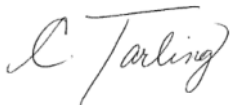
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo are the primary authorities governing public health in the city of Kitchener;

WHEREAS the Economic Development Advisory Committee expressed concerns about financial supports for businesses and the City's ability to support, maintain and grow the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener thank the Province of Ontario for developing the vaccine passport program, but urge the Province to provide financial supports for businesses to cover capital and human resource costs necessary to execute the program; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and, all other Ontario municipalities."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Tarling".

C. Tarling  
Director of Legislated Services  
& City Clerk

c: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities



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November 1, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on October 18, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding "Renovictions":

"WHEREAS safe and adequate housing is recognized as a fundamental human right by the Federal Government, whose effect as a major social determinant of health and wellbeing goes well beyond a basic requirement for shelter; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener's housing situation has dramatically shifted since 2016, a Housing Needs Assessment demonstrating the average price for a house increased by 104% between 2009 to 2019, with the greatest increase since 2016, and rents increased by an average of 41%; and,

WHEREAS the City is experiencing a gap in the provision of housing, in particular the need for 450 units of supportive housing, over 5,000 units of community housing and 9,300 units of affordable rental housing to address the gaps in the existing supply; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has adopted "Housing for All – The City of Kitchener's Housing Strategy" demonstrating a commitment to realizing the right to housing locally and addressing the housing crisis within the municipality; and,

WHEREAS landlords and investors are adding to the strain on the housing supply through the unscrupulous act of "Renovictions" by claiming they are completing major renovations and evicting and displacing existing tenants, and subsequently raising rents which affects those generally identified as lower income earners and their ability to find safe, adequate and affordable housing; and,

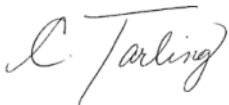
WHEREAS citizens and communities are hurt by these practices which can and does directly impact the housing and homelessness crisis, as well as inflict damage and trauma (both financially and mentally) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener lobby the Province of Ontario to take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of “Renovictions”;

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener urge all levels of government to collaborate in data sharing and collection related to renovations, specifically the impacts of renovations on tenancy;

THAT IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, the Region of Waterloo and other Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement.”

Yours truly,



C. Tarling  
Director of Legislated Services  
& City Clerk

- c: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
William Short, Regional Clerk, Region of Waterloo  
Ontario Municipalities



MUNICIPAL  
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D.

Good afternoon Michelle,

Today, as part of the [\*Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario\*](#) the government announced the continued postponement of the province-wide assessment update.

This means that property taxes for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date. Property assessments will remain the same as they were for the 2021 tax year, unless there have been changes to the property.

This announcement does not change the work we do to maintain the assessment roll, including the addition of new assessment. We understand the importance of revenue generated from ongoing construction and renovation projects, and we will continue to capture the value of these changes throughout the year.

We will also continue our work to provide you with market analysis and insights to support you in managing your assessment base and planning for the future.

In addition to the postponement, other relevant highlights from today's *Fall Economic Statement* include:

- Temporary suspension of the five per cent cap on the payments in lieu of property tax (PILT) to municipalities until passenger volumes return to pre-pandemic levels for each airport.
- Simplifying the legislative requirements with respect to the assessment of pipeline properties, including the designation of pipelines by owners.
- Several farm property-related measures: Changes to small-scale on-farm business subclass, extending the farm property tax treatment that currently applies to the processing of maple sap to include all edible tree saps and increasing the current limit on the property tax exemption for farm woodlots from 20 to a proposed 30 acres.
- Streamlining and simplifying application processes for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program.
- Our work to develop an annual performance report beginning in 2022, which will contain many elements from our Service Level Agreement and is one of the ways we will demonstrate accountability and transparency in our work.

Over the coming weeks we will be meeting with our municipal partners to talk about how we will continue to work in partnership with you to support efforts to modernize the sector, and ensure we are in the best possible position to deliver the next assessment update.

We thank you for your partnership and we are here to continue to support you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your local account manager.

Sincerely,

Nicole

Nicole McNeill  
President and Chief Administrative Officer

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)  
1340 Pickering Parkway, Suite 101  
Pickering, ON L1V 0C4



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From: Minister of Infrastructure <[Minister.MOI@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MOI@ontario.ca)>  
To: Minister of Infrastructure <[Minister.MOI@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MOI@ontario.ca)>  
Date: November 4, 2021 at 3:48 PM  
Subject: Ontario government re-affirms commitment to small, rural and northern municipalities

Good afternoon,

I'm reaching out to you to share some exciting news that will have a positive impact on your community and the people who call it home.

Through the Fall Economic Statement (FES) released today, our government is increasing funding to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that will help small, rural and northern municipalities – such as your own – design, modernize, repair and construct core infrastructure projects that will support your residents and provide them with the safe and accessible services they deserve.

By providing additional funding to the municipalities covered under OCIF, our government is further fulfilling its commitment to Building Ontario and setting communities on a path towards successful economic growth and recovery.

To learn more about this exciting news and changes made to the funding formula, please find my additional remarks attached to this email.

I look forward to our continued partnership and further discussions on how we can work together to build up the province.

Take care and stay safe,

The Hon. Kinga Surma

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Dear Municipality of Whitestone Council:

On behalf of CUPE Ontario's nearly 125,000 active members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), I am writing today to express our serious concerns with OMERS' investment performance.

In 2020, OMERS posted a net loss 2.7%, representing three billion dollars in losses. This was during a year that comparable defined benefit pension plans and funds in Canada posted substantial investment gains. CUPE Ontario investigated further and tracked investment returns at OMERS for ten years. We found that OMERS has underperformed relative to other large pension plans and funds, as well as relative to its own benchmarks. We also found that OMERS no longer shares this critical information in their annual reporting, making it difficult for plan members to hold their investment managers accountable.

Attached you will find a report detailing OMERS investment underperformance. Also attached, you will find the analysis of a third-party actuary (PBI Actuarial consultants) who confirmed that our reasoning and conclusions were sound.

CUPE Ontario believes plan members and employers have the right to know why OMERS' investments have, over a ten-year period, underperformed other large defined benefit pension plans and funds. If OMERS had performed in line with the average large Canadian public pension plan, it would have a substantial, multi-billion-dollar surplus, versus the deficit it currently faces.

Considering the significant impact such underperformance could have on plan members and on all sponsors who hold the liabilities of the plan, **we are calling on OMERS to cooperate fully with an independent and transparent third-party review of its investment performance** transparent and accountable to plan members, sponsors like CUPE Ontario, other unions, and employers like the Municipality of Whitestone.

We are hoping that the Municipality of Whitestone Council will join our call for an independent expert review of OMERS. **We are asking you, and other municipal councils across the province, to debate the following motion or to pass a similar motion calling for a third-party expert review of OMERS.** The terms of such a review would need to be agreed upon by sponsors and they could explore whether reasonable costs could be funded from the plan.

We simply cannot afford another decade of investment returns so far below other pension plans and funds. We know that ensuring strong investment returns is a goal shared by employers like the Municipality of Whitestone and by unions like CUPE.

CUPE Ontario staff person Liam Bedard is available to answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at [ibedard@cupe.on.ca](mailto:ibedard@cupe.on.ca).

All materials are available in French at [cupe.on.ca/francaisomers](http://cupe.on.ca/francaisomers).

It's time for all of us to work together to #FixOMERS.

Thank you,



Fred Hahn  
President of CUPE Ontario

## **Proposed Motion – Independent Review of OMERS’ Investment Performance**

1. The Municipality of Whitestone Council is calling for an immediate, comprehensive and independent third-party expert review of OMERS’ investment performance and practices over the past ten years, conducted by the OMERS Pension Plan’s sponsors and stakeholders.
2. Such a review would, at a minimum:
  - a. Compare OMERS plan-level, and asset class-level performance to other comparable defined benefit pension plans and funds, OMERS internal benchmarks, and market-based benchmarks.
  - b. Examine OMERS decision-making processes around the timing of various investment decisions.
  - c. Assess the risk management policies and protocols that were in place and determine if they were followed and/or if they were sufficient to protect the plan from undue risk.
  - d. Assess whether the disclosures provided to the OMERS Administrative and Sponsorship Boards were sufficient evidence to allow the Boards to respond appropriately and in a timely manner.
  - e. Examine executive compensation, investment fees and investment costs at OMERS in comparison to other major defined benefit pension plans and funds.
  - f. Examine other relevant issues identified by the third-party expert review.
  - g. Make recommendations for changes at OMERS to ensure stronger returns moving forward.
  - h. Issue their final report and recommendations in a timely manner.
  - i. Publicly release its full report and recommendations to ensure that it is available to OMERS sponsors, stakeholders, and plan members.
3. The Municipality of Whitestone Council further calls on the OMERS Administrative Corporation to:
  - a. Provide all requested data, documentation and information required of the review panel to fulfill its mandate.
  - b. Establish a step-by-step plan, with OMERS sponsors and stakeholders, to implement any recommendations set out in the review report.



April 27, 2021

To: Fred Hahn, President CUPE Ontario  
CUPE Ontario

From: Bradley Hough

Subject: **OMERS Performance Review**

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### **Scope of review**

CUPE has asked PBI to review “CUPE Ontario Concerns With OMERS Investment Returns”. PBI has reviewed the performance data, methods, and comparisons of OMERS with peer pension plans and funds in CUPE’s report.

The intention of our review is to determine:

- a) if comparisons made between the pension plans and funds and their respective benchmarks are reasonable; and
- b) if the analysis completed by CUPE supports the conclusions of their report.

We have reviewed the performance comparisons in CUPE’s report by reviewing public information provided by the plans and funds referenced. Statements of investment policies and procedures, actuarial valuation reports, annual reports and other governance documents were reviewed to add as much context around plan performance as possible with the public information available.

### **Summary**

We conclude that the comparisons made by CUPE are reasonable and show that there is a significant gap in performance between OMERS and other comparable public pension plans and funds. In our opinion, public information is unable to fully explain the performance gap. More information is required to truly understand why performance is so different between OMERS and comparable public pension plans and funds.

In our opinion, the comparisons and analysis in the report support CUPE’s request for further review of performance.

### **Review**

#### **Is the choice of peer universe reasonable?**

CUPE has chosen a universe of large public sector defined benefit plans (“plans”), or public sector investment managers managing assets (“funds”) including, but not exclusively, defined benefit pension plans. Scale gives public plans and funds a different opportunity set versus smaller private sector plans as a result of the size of assets and also investment opportunities. We therefore believe that CUPE’s approach of focusing on a limited universe of public sector peers rather than a broader pension plan universe is reasonable and fair.

Of the universe supplied, HOOPP, OTPP, BCMPP and LAPP are easier to directly compare given they are pension plans rather than funds; however, the public sector investment managers referenced by CUPE are still useful



points of reference when looking at comparable performance. Performance of funds such as PSP, CDPQ, BCI and AIMCO suggests that client defined benefit plans are likely to have higher absolute returns than OMERS for 2020.

LAPP and AIMCO have not published full performance information for 2020.

**Would conclusions change if the universe of plans was expanded?**

Defined benefit plans have different benefits, contributions, funding policies, and member demographics. Making comparisons across universes of defined benefit plans requires caution and it is difficult to draw firm conclusions. However, it is worth noting that OMERS performance is significantly below not only public peers, but wider universes of defined benefit plans.

RBC’s universe of pension plans shows a median return of 9.2% for 2020<sup>1</sup>. PBI has access to the Northern Trust universe of Canadian defined benefit pension plans<sup>2</sup> and note that the median return is similar to RBC (full year 2020 median return is 9.9%). The lowest return in the Northern Trust Universe is 5% for 2020. We are not aware of an absolute return for PBI clients below 5%.

**Could ‘context’ such as different asset mixes driven by Plan demographics or situation explain OMERS performance?**

**a. Asset Mix**

We compared asset mixes with HOOPP, BCMPP and OTPP. HOOPP has a liability driven investment strategy and has a higher fixed income allocation. BCMPP and OTPP are return focused like OMERS. OMERS has a higher proportion in real assets and credit than these plans and lower fixed income assets. OTPP has a specific inflation management strategy. However, at a high level, asset allocations between OMERS, BCMPP and OTPP make use of similar asset classes and are comparable.

Asset Class	OMERS	BCMPP	OTPP	HOOPP
Public Equity	31%	33%	19%	23%
Fixed Income	6%	21%	16%	86%
Private Equity	14%	10%	19%	13%
Real Assets	34%	27%	21%	15%
Credit/Mortgages	17%	6%	8%	0%
Inflation Sensitive	0%	0%	17%	0%
Innovation	0%	0%	2%	0%
Absolute Return Strategies	0%	0%	6%	0%
Money Market	-2%	2%	-8%	-37%

Source: annual reports as of December 31, 2020, except for BCMPP, which is as of December 31, 2019.

<sup>1</sup> The RBC pension plan universe is published by RBC Investor and Treasury Services. “All Plan Universe” currently tracks the performance and asset allocation of a cross-section of assets under management across Canadian defined benefit pension plans.

<sup>2</sup> The Northern Trust universe of defined benefit plans is provided to PBI by Northern Trust. It consists of 34 defined benefit plans ranging from \$16.4M to \$8.7B in size. Average plan assets are \$1.9B, median plan assets are \$627M as of December 31, 2020.



As the differences in performance are so large between OMERS and two plans with comparable asset mixes (albeit with some differences), more information on specific strategies within each asset class, such as style of equity manager, exposure to office, retail, and industrial real estate within real assets, use of leverage/overlay strategies and derivatives, currency hedging, and approach to liquidity management would be required to explain differences in performance.

We note that on page 43 of the OMERS 2020 Annual Report, losses were incurred on foreign currency hedging positions due to actions taken to protect liquidity. This contributed \$2.2B to the overall loss. Again, this indicates that a review, significantly beyond simple asset mix comparisons, is required to truly understand performance differentials.

Finally, understanding the role of the 'Total Portfolio Management' approach in determining asset allocations and strategies would be helpful to putting context around the asset mix choices and investment strategies.

#### **b. Membership Demographics**

We note that BCMPP and HOOPP have broadly similar membership demographics to OMERS. OTPP is more mature with a greater proportion of retirees. PBI does not believe plan demographics are different enough to render comparisons between the plans invalid.

#### **Comments on CUPE's five principal findings:**

- 1) **OMERS 10-year annualized performance was below peer group as of December 31, 2019.** PBI believes the comparisons made are reasonable and agree with the conclusion.
- 2) **OMERS performance in 2020 was significantly below peers.** PBI agrees with this conclusion and notes that expanding the peer group adds weight to this conclusion.
- 3) **OMERS does not report comparisons of its annualized long-term returns to its own benchmarks**  
Page 143 of the 2020 report has a comparison of calendar year returns vs benchmarks to 2011. We could not find a comparison of annualized long term performance vs benchmarks for OMERS.

We understand benchmarks are set annually by OMERS and approved by the Administration Corporation Board. From the information made public by OMERS, we would need more detail on the methodology used to derive the absolute return benchmark to interpret performance.

- 4) **5 to 10-year returns versus 5 to 10-year benchmarks.**

PBI verified the calendar year returns shown by CUPE. We were unable independently to verify the 5 and 10-year performance versus the benchmark as this was provided verbally to CUPE by OMERS and is not published. The peer group of public plans and funds all take different approaches to benchmarking. Some use composites of public market indices/asset class benchmarks according to their target allocations. PSP uses a reference portfolio approach and HOOPP may use a liability focused benchmark. We note that comparisons of relative performance vs stated benchmarks across peer group plans are challenging because of the differences in methodology.

However, in our opinion the analysis is sufficient to show that OMERS is the only Plan underperforming their internal benchmark over a 10-year horizon. Understanding why requires a deeper understanding



of performance and benchmarking methodology beyond the information made public. In our opinion this adds weight to CUPE's request for a review of performance.

- 5) **OMERS 20-year return is not above its 20-year benchmark.** We were unable to independently verify this point as the performance versus the benchmark was provided verbally to CUPE by OMERS and is not publicly available.

### Conclusions

The comparisons made by CUPE are high level and broad by the nature of information made public. However, we believe the comparisons are reasonable and that CUPE has chosen similar public plans and funds as practically possible. Overall, we believe the analysis is sufficient to conclude that OMERS investment performance in 2020 and longer term is significantly lower than other comparable plans.

PBI would require considerably more information than made public on OMERS' total portfolio management approach, investment strategies, third party managers, asset mix policies, liquidity management approach and derivative positions to interpret performance.

In our opinion, the comparisons made demonstrate that the longer-term performance gap between comparable peers is significant and supports CUPE's request for a further, more detailed review of performance beyond the information made public.

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# NOT JUST ONE "TOUGH YEAR": THE NEED FOR A REVIEW OF OMERS INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

May 2021





# Executive Summary

CUPE Ontario represents nearly half of the 289,000 active members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) – the province’s Defined Benefit (DB) pension plan for municipal, school board and certain other public sector workers.

While most pension plans had strong returns in 2020, OMERS recently reported billions of dollars of losses over the year. This has prompted CUPE Ontario to examine how OMERS investments have performed compared to other large pension plans and funds. We have also looked at how OMERS has performed against its own internal benchmarks.

We find that OMERS underperformance is not a new or a short-term problem. Specifically, we find that:

- 1) OMERS longer-term performance has significantly lagged behind other large pension funds and plans, in periods both before and after 2020 results were in.
- 2) OMERS has now fallen behind even some of its own internal longer-term return benchmarks – a troubling fact that, contrary to industry standards, is not disclosed in OMERS Annual Report.

Since investment returns fund the vast majority of pensions paid from the plan, returns are incredibly important to DB plan members. Lower investment returns may lead to members being asked to pay more into the plan, or could result in additional pressure for more benefit cuts.

Despite requests, OMERS has not committed to an independent, transparent review of its investment decisions.

CUPE Ontario feels these issues are so serious that a fully transparent expert review of OMERS investment strategies, returns, and internal performance assessment is urgently needed. This review should be conducted by the plan sponsors and stakeholders themselves (the risk-bearing parties to OMERS) and should be fully independent of OMERS staff, who have a clear conflict of interest in conducting a review of their own performance. We invite the other sponsors of OMERS, including our employer counterparts and the broader community of the plan’s organizational stakeholders, to support this proposal and to work with us to conduct this review.



# Introduction

CUPE Ontario represents 125,000 plan members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS). We are the largest sponsor in this defined benefit (DB) pension plan that is – at least in theory – jointly-controlled by plan sponsors like CUPE Ontario and other unions and employers.



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CUPE Ontario strongly believes that DB pension plans are the best way to provide a decent and secure retirement for our hard-working members. Large public sector DB plans like OMERS allow for an efficient pooling and sharing of costs and risks between employers and plan members. DB plans allow members to know what their pensions will be in retirement. This security is incredibly important for plan members. However, it is not only retirees who benefit from good, secure pension benefits. DB pension plans have been shown to have positive macroeconomic effects on the economy as a whole.<sup>1</sup> The concerns we raise in this report are not concerns with the DB model itself; we continue to strongly believe that DB plans are a model worth not only defending, but extending to all workers.

For a number of years, we have been concerned with the lower level of OMERS pension fund investment returns in comparison to those of other similar plans. OMERS recently reported that the plan had a very bad year in 2020. This has led CUPE Ontario to perform a more in-depth examination of publicly-available annual reporting documents to determine how, in our view, OMERS is performing compared to the seven other large (\$50 billion+) pension plans and funds in Canada.<sup>2</sup> OMERS themselves refer to this club of large plans and funds as the “eight leading Canadian pension plan investment managers,” and occasionally takes coordinated activity with them.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Conference Board of Canada, “Economic Impact of British Columbia’s Public Sector Pension Plans,” October 2013; Boston Consulting Group, “Measuring Impact of Canadian Pension Funds,” October 2015; Ontario Teachers Pension Plan News Release, “New analysis confirms that defined benefit pensions provide significant benefits to Canadian economy,” October 22, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise specified, the data in this document has been compiled from publicly-available annual reporting of the respective plans. With the exception of CDPQ, returns are as reported in these documents, and are net. CDPQ results were reported gross of some expenses, and have been reduced by 0.2% to best approximate a net return. Longer-term periods are annualized, and are as reported by the respective plans.

<sup>3</sup> OMERS News Release, “CEOs of Eight Leading Canadian Pension Plan Investment Managers Call on Companies and Investors to Help Drive Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth,” November 25, 2020.



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Due to their scale, these large pension plans and funds are able to invest in asset classes that are typically not available to smaller investors or individuals. At the same time, we acknowledge that these eight plans are not completely similar: they have their own governance structures, asset mixes, risk appetites, and reporting periods, all of which are described in the public documents of the respective plans. However, we also acknowledge that many of these differences are the result of specific investment decisions made by the respective plans and funds. We therefore believe that there is value in comparing the performance of this small set of large funds, particularly over longer-term periods.

Acronym	Name	Assets Under Management (\$ Billion)	Funded Status in Most Recent Annual Report	Most Recent Annual Reporting Date
<b>CPIIB</b>	Canada Pension Plan Investment Board	410	N/A	March 31, 2020
<b>CDPQ</b>	Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec	366	108% (RREGOP)	Dec 31, 2020
<b>OTPP</b>	Ontario Teachers Pension Plan	221	103%	Dec 31, 2020
<b>PSP</b>	Public Sector Pension Investment Board	170	111% (Public Service Plan)	March 31, 2020
<b>OMERS</b>	Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System	105	97%	Dec 31, 2020
<b>HOOPP</b>	Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan	104	119%	Dec 31, 2020
<b>BC MPP</b>	BC Municipal Pension Plan (investments managed by BCI, the BC Investment Management Corporation)	59 (MPP) 171 (BCI)	105%	Dec 31, 2019 (MPP) March 31, 2020 (BCI)
<b>LAPP</b>	Alberta Local Authorities Pension Plan (investments managed by Alberta Investment Management Corporation)	50 (LAPP) 119 (AIMCO)	119%	Dec 31, 2019

In some cases, the pension funds above manage the investments of several pension plans (CDPQ, PSP, BCI, AIMCO are all such cases). In those cases, we look most closely at the returns at an individual plan level for the respective client plan that most closely compares to OMERS.

We have also looked at how OMERS has performed against its own internal benchmarks.

This review has resulted in some very troubling findings which suggest that, as bad as OMERS performance was in 2020, this is not a new or a short-term problem. We found evidence that OMERS longer-term return performance has significantly lagged behind



**HIGHER INVESTMENT RETURNS WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR OMERS PLAN MEMBERS, AND FOR OMERS EMPLOYERS.**

other large pension funds and plans. We also found that OMERS has now fallen behind even some of its own internal longer-term return benchmarks – a troubling fact that, contrary to industry standards, is not disclosed in OMERS Annual Report.

Investment results are incredibly important to DB plan members because compounded returns typically fund the vast majority of the pensions that are eventually paid. OMERS indicates that investment returns are expected to fund approximately 70% of the pensions paid by the plan.<sup>4</sup> When investment returns are insufficient, it can put upward pressure on required contribution rates for both members and employers. Most other plans have now returned to pension surpluses since the global financial crisis more than a decade ago, but OMERS continues its long climb out of deficit. Contribution levels were a central talking point from OMERS when plan decision-makers removed guaranteed indexation in 2020. And we expect that, in the months to come, OMERS will once again be looking to plan members to bear the burden of plan funding issues that are, in part, a result of these investment returns. Meanwhile other pension plans, who have had better returns, are currently holding significant surpluses, many have lower contribution rates and some are even improving pension benefits.<sup>5</sup> Higher investment returns would have been better for OMERS plan members, and for OMERS employers.

Despite requests<sup>6</sup>, OMERS has not committed to an independent, transparent review of its investment decisions. Any reviews that have taken place have been behind closed doors at OMERS and have not been shared with sponsors or described in any detail. While OMERS has outlined several investment policy changes it plans to make, its overriding message remains: “the fundamentals of our long-term strategy remain sound, and we will continue to advance that strategy.”<sup>7</sup>



**A FULLY TRANSPARENT EXPERT REVIEW OF OMERS INVESTMENT STRATEGIES, RETURNS, AND INTERNAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT IS URGENTLY NEEDED.**

**CUPE Ontario feels these issues are so serious that a fully transparent expert review of OMERS investment strategies, returns, and internal performance assessment is urgently needed. This review should be conducted by the plan sponsors and stakeholders themselves (the risk-bearing parties to OMERS) and should be fully independent of OMERS staff, who have a clear conflict of interest in conducting a review of their own performance. We invite the other sponsors of OMERS, including our employer counterparts and the broader community of the plan’s organizational stakeholders, to support this proposal and to work with us to conduct this review.**

<sup>4</sup> OMERS 2020 Annual Report, p. 2.

<sup>5</sup> HOOPP News Release, “HOOPP posts 11.42% return in 2020, surpasses \$100 billion in assets,” March 31, 2021.

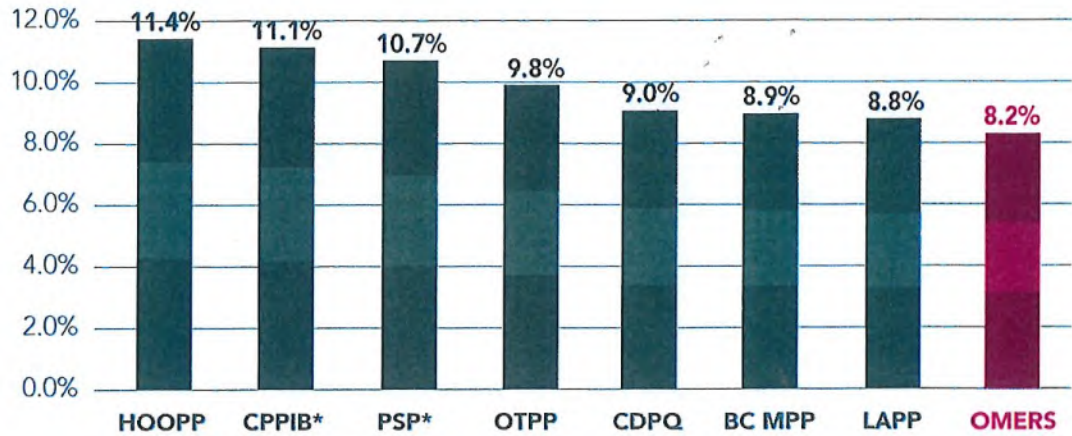
<sup>6</sup> CUPE Ontario Press Release, “We won’t pay for the mistakes of OMERS executives,” February 25, 2021.

<sup>7</sup> OMERS 2020 Annual Report, p. 23.

Our five principal findings are as follows:

1. **CUPE Ontario's concerns go beyond one "difficult" year in 2020. OMERS 10-year annualized returns trailed those of the other major funds and plans before the COVID crisis hit.**

### 10-Year Annualized Returns at 2019



\*To March 31, 2019, otherwise to Dec 31, 2019

Source: Respective Annual Reports



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2. **OMERS 2020 investment performance was especially poor**

OMERS 2020 annual return (-2.7%) fell far short of the plan's own benchmark for the year of +6.9%. This was a historic annual underperformance compared to benchmarks.

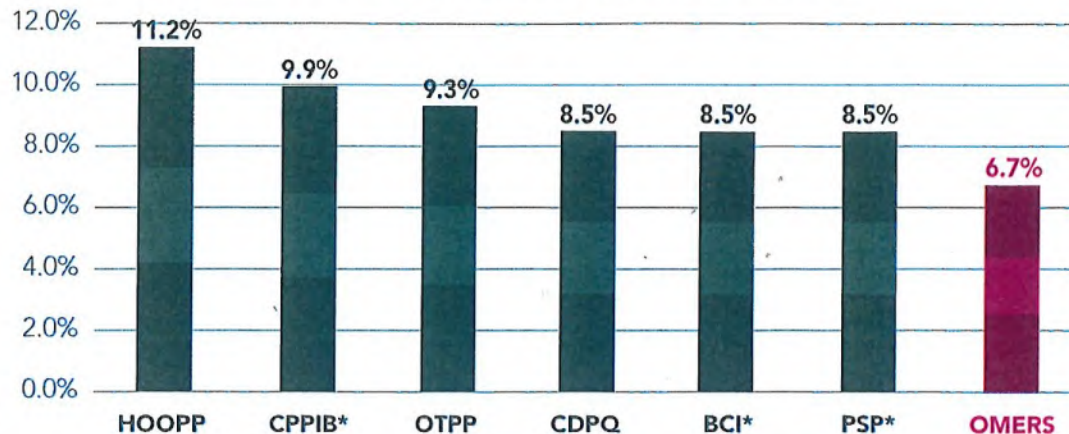
Other plans, however, have reported very strong annual returns for calendar year 2020:

2020 ANNUAL RETURNS	
HOOPP	+ 11.4%
RBC Pension Plan Universe <sup>b</sup>	+ 9.2%
OTPP	+ 8.6%
CDPQ	+ 7.5%
OMERS	- 2.7%

<sup>b</sup> RBC Investor & Treasury Services, "Canadian DB pensions post near-double-digit returns despite historic, turbulent year," January 29, 2021.

This negative result led OMERS 10-year annualized return to fall from 8.2% to 6.7%.

### 10-Year Annualized Returns at 2020



\*To March 31, 2020 otherwise to Dec 31, 2020

The chart above reports the most recent available return information for the respective funds and plans as disclosed in their annual reports. LAPP and BC MPP have yet to report their December 31, 2020 results. AIMCO has also not fully reported its 2020 results. However, BCI (the investment agent for BC MPP and other BC public sector plans) has reported its March 31, 2020 results and has been included here. The chart can be updated as more plans report their 2020 investment returns.



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### 3. OMERS does not report comparisons of its annualized long-term returns to its own benchmarks.

Benchmarking is a common practice where an investment *standard or goal* is set, against which *actual plan returns* are compared for ongoing assessment of investment performance. OMERS itself describes a benchmark as "a point of reference against which the performance of an investment is measured."<sup>9</sup> Comparisons of returns vs. benchmarks are typically done on a 1-year basis, but it is very common for long-term annualized comparisons to also be disclosed. Reporting these benchmarks is standard practice for pension plans and third-party investment managers. Even individual investment vehicles like mutual funds and ETFs typically provide details on how their performance compares to both annual and long-term benchmarks.

The OMERS Administration Corporation (AC) sets OMERS benchmarks each year, as described in the "Performance Management" section of the OMERS investment policy document.<sup>10</sup> OMERS Annual Reports describe how these benchmarks are constructed for each asset class. For many years, these reports stated that "Our goal is to earn stable returns that meet or exceed our benchmarks." OMERS Annual Reports compare OMERS single-year returns to the plan's single-year benchmarks. However, in sections describing investment performance, **OMERS does not report clear comparisons of the plan's long-term annualized returns to its corresponding long-term benchmarks.** While the Annual Report does compare performance to the plan's discount rate and a long-term return expectation set by the AC Board, it omits comparisons of the plan's long-term performance against their own long-term benchmarks.

<sup>9</sup> OMERS 2015 Annual Report, p. 131.

<sup>10</sup> OMERS "Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures – Primary Plan," January 1, 2021.



IN THE ABSENCE OF LONGER-TERM COMPARATIVE DATA, STAKEHOLDERS FACE SERIOUS OBSTACLES IN EVALUATING PERFORMANCE

OMERS believes that "paying pensions over decades means a long-term approach."<sup>11</sup> But in the absence of longer-term comparative data, stakeholders face serious obstacles in evaluating performance. A review of historical Annual Reports shows that OMERS had a longstanding practice of reporting these long-term comparisons, but OMERS stopped this reporting, without explanation, in 2013. **This is dramatically out of step with other pension plans and is, in our view, a serious lack of transparency from OMERS.**

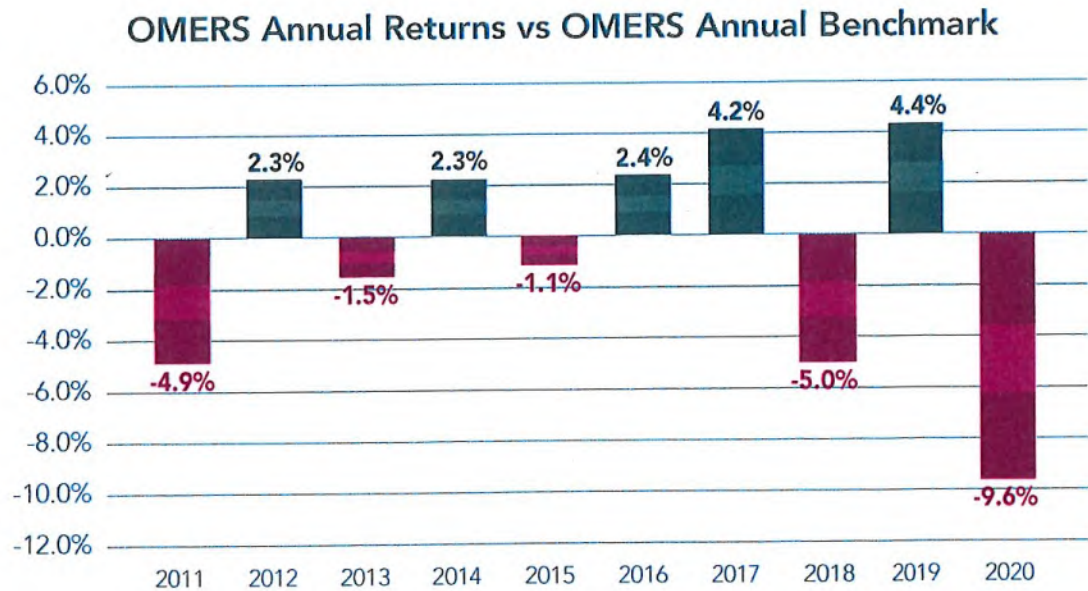
	HOOPP	CPPIB	PSP	OTPP	CDPQ	BC MPP	LAPP	OMERS
Does annual report compare annualized longer-term returns to corresponding benchmarks?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO



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The OMERS Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures states that "performance reporting is consistent with industry recognized practices."<sup>12</sup> The OMERS Statement of Investment Beliefs says that "articulating our investment goals and performance measures helps ensure clear accountability."<sup>13</sup> We do not believe OMERS is meeting these standards of reporting and accountability on this point.

**4. OMERS 5 and 10-Year Returns are now below OMERS own benchmarks for these periods.**



Source: OMERS 2020 Annual Report, Ten-Year Financial Review, p. 142.

<sup>11</sup> OMERS News Release, "OMERS Reports 2020 Financial Results: paying pensions over decades means a long-term approach," February 25, 2021.

<sup>12</sup> OMERS "Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures," January 1, 2021. [www.omers.com/governance-manual-policies-and-guidelines](http://www.omers.com/governance-manual-policies-and-guidelines)

<sup>13</sup> OMERS "Statement of Investment Beliefs," January 1, 2020. [www.omers.com/governance-manual-policies-and-guidelines](http://www.omers.com/governance-manual-policies-and-guidelines)

	OMERS Return	OMERS Benchmark	Difference
5-Year Annualized	6.5%	7.4%	-0.9%
10-Year Annualized	6.7%	7.3%	-0.6%

Source: Returns from OMERS 2020 Annual Report  
 Annualized Long-Term benchmarks not referenced in Annual Report and were reported verbally to CUPE by OMERS on our request.

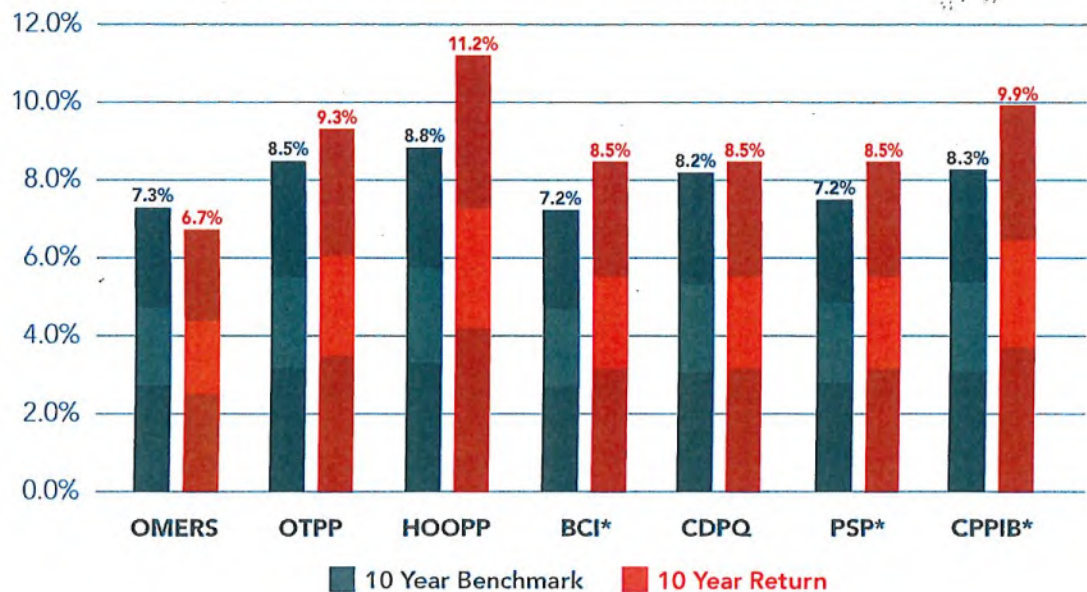
The 5 and 10-year annualized benchmark figures above were not disclosed in the OMERS 2020 Annual Report. OMERS provided these numbers verbally to CUPE Ontario upon our request. Previous OMERS Annual Reports normally included a statement that "Our goal is to earn stable returns that meet or exceed our benchmarks."<sup>14</sup> This statement appears to have been struck from the 2020 Annual Report.

We also note that, OMERS benchmarks are comparatively low over this period when examined alongside other plans. We believe this is due to a different benchmarking methodology for certain investments at OMERS compared to industry standards. The other major plans and funds that have reported 2020 results, however, are all ahead of their 10-year benchmarks as of their most recent annual reports.



THE OTHER MAJOR PLANS AND FUNDS THAT HAVE REPORTED 2020 RESULTS, HOWEVER, ARE ALL AHEAD OF THEIR 10-YEAR BENCHMARKS AS OF THEIR MOST RECENT ANNUAL REPORTS.

### 10-Year Returns vs 10 Year Benchmarks to 2020



\*To March 31, 2020 otherwise to Dec 31, 2020

<sup>14</sup> 2010 Annual Report p. 27; 2011 Annual Report p. 25; 2012 Annual Report p. 23; 2013 Annual Report p. 22; 2014 Annual Report p. 12; 2015 Annual Report p. 9; 2016 Annual Report p. 33; 2017 Annual Report p. 33; 2018 Annual Report p. 33; 2019 Annual Report p. 42; 2020 Annual Report N/A.



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The impact on OMERS of these longer-term below-benchmark returns has been significant. The difference of 0.6% between OMERS actual annualized 10-year investment returns of 6.7% and its benchmark of 7.3% has meant an absolute return outcome that would have been roughly 6% higher after these 10 years (all other factors being equal). Even achieving just this benchmark return on an annualized 10 year basis would have resulted in an asset base of roughly \$6 billion higher current plan assets.<sup>15</sup> This better result would have brought OMERS reported funding level into surplus.

This difference is even greater if we were to compare the impact of OMERS investment performance to that of any of these other large plans. For example, had OMERS achieved the actual 10-year annualized returns of the OTPP of 9.3% (just below the average of the other six plans listed above), the OMERS asset base would now be (all other factors being equal) approximately 27% higher than OMERS actual asset level. In dollar-value terms, this difference represents roughly \$28 billion more in assets after the 10-year period from 2011 to 2020. Had OMERS achieved these better results, the plan would now hold a very substantial surplus.

#### **5. OMERS 20-year return is not above its 20-year benchmark.**

Upon request from CUPE Ontario, OMERS also verbally disclosed that its 20-year return is equal to its 20-year benchmark of 6%. In our view, it is troubling that the plan has not outperformed its benchmark over this long period, and that this comparison is also not disclosed in OMERS annual reporting.

<sup>15</sup> The alternative scenarios for investment performance results outlined in this section are necessarily approximate as they are based on data that is made publicly available by OMERS, and were generated using the reported OMERS asset base as at December 31, 2010 of \$53.3 billion.



# Conclusion

CUPE Ontario has serious concerns with OMERS investment performance, and with what we believe is a troubling lack of transparency about these issues. In our view, these issues cannot be dismissed as a one-year problem.



**THESE ISSUES CANNOT BE DISMISSED AS A ONE-YEAR PROBLEM.**

We anticipate that these long-term, below-benchmark investment returns are very likely to lead directly to yet another round of proposals to reduce pension benefits payable to current actives and future retirees. OMERS has already eliminated the guarantee of indexation of pension benefits for service after 2022, and OMERS management has indicated it will be examining further changes in plan design. OMERS has recently stated in writing to CUPE that “the OMERS pension plan has been facing sustainability issues for some time now and the investment results of 2020 have amplified the need to address those issues.” At the recent 2021 OMERS AGM, OMERS Sponsors Corporation CEO Michael Rolland stated that “There are no guarantees as to what decisions we will have to make based on our performance...it’s a long term performance we need to look at...the results of 2020 did have an impact...and that’s why we’re taking a look at it.”



**WE ANTICIPATE THAT THESE LONG-TERM, BELOW-BENCHMARK INVESTMENT RETURNS ARE VERY LIKELY TO LEAD DIRECTLY TO YET ANOTHER ROUND OF PROPOSALS TO REDUCE PENSION BENEFITS PAYABLE TO CURRENT ACTIVES AND FUTURE RETIREES.**

CUPE Ontario is the largest sponsor representing plan members in OMERS, with over 125,000 active members in the plan. It is true that CUPE Ontario appoints representatives to both the OMERS Administrative Corporation and the OMERS Sponsors Corporation. However, because of restrictive confidentiality rules at both boards, our representatives are unable to keep CUPE Ontario fully-informed about what is really happening at OMERS governing boards, and the decisions that are being made about our members’ hard-earned retirement savings. We do not believe this is how well-governed jointly-sponsored pension plans are supposed to function. The result is that we feel that we are a plan sponsor in name only. Our members are not being well-served by a structure that effectively cuts them out of playing the oversight function they should over their pension plan.



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These barriers will not stop CUPE Ontario from doing everything we can to ensure these concerns about OMERS investment performance are addressed. Based on their public comments to date, we are not confident that OMERS management itself has taken, or is planning to take, sufficient steps to critically examine its own performance, nor are we confident that plan members or sponsors and organizational stakeholders will receive a transparent reporting of any such review.

Therefore, CUPE Ontario is calling on other plan sponsors from both sides of the table to work with us to commission a fully transparent and independent expert review of the investment program at OMERS. This review should be conducted in the open by the sponsors and stakeholders themselves, and not behind closed doors at OMERS. Ensuring our pension returns are as strong as they can be is not a partisan issue, nor is it an issue that the member and employer side of the table should have a difference of opinion on. We want to work with other OMERS sponsors and stakeholders to address these issues for the good of all OMERS members.



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