



DRAFT Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Dunchurch Community Centre and Zoom Video Conferencing

Present: Mayor George Comrie (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
Councillor Janice Bray (4:55 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Deputy Mayor Joe Lamb (Chair)
Councillor Scott Nash
Councillor Brian Woods

Staff: Nigel Black, CAO/Clerk
Paula Macri, Planning Assistant (10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
Wendy Schroeder, Deputy Clerk
Jessica Sinkowski, Treasurer / Tax Collector
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Invited Guests: Patrick Christie, Parry Sound Area Planning Board
Jamie Robinson, MHBC

Other Guests: 0 in person
12 via audio/videoconferencing

*Deputy Mayor Joe Lamb chaired the meeting, as per Procedural By-law 80-2023, Section 4.8.5
"The Chair must be present in person at an Open Session Council meeting unless the Meeting
is an Electronic-Only meeting."*

1. Roll Call and Call to Order 10:02 a.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-265

Moved by: Mayor Comrie

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the August 19, 2025 Regular Council meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

Move into Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2025-266

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Mayor Comrie

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 10:07 a.m.

Carried

5. Committee of the Whole

Planning Matters

5.1.1 Consent Application No. B16/2025(W) – McRAE, Rodney and Ruthanne

- Memorandum from Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated August 8, 2025

5.1.2 Consent Application No. B17/2025(W) – DAILEY-PLOUFFE, Margaret

- Memorandum from Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated July 25, 2025

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2025-267

Moved by: Mayor Comrie

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into the Regular Meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Carried

Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2025-268

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

5.1.1 Consent Application No. B16/2025(W) – McRAE, Rodney and Ruthanne

WHEREAS Patrick Christie, C.P.T., has prepared a report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated August 8, 2025 regarding Consent Application B16/2025(W) – MCRAE, Rodney and Ruthanne and provided a copy to the Municipality of Whitestone;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives this memorandum as information; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recommends this Consent Application for approval in principle, subject to the following conditions:

1. **THAT** the applicant apply to the Municipality of Whitestone to have Lots 20-22 Plan M-260 deemed not to be lots in a plan of subdivision.
2. **THAT** written confirmation be received from the applicants' solicitor confirming that the lot additions will merge with the benefitting lots; and

3. **THAT** payment of all Municipal planning consultant fees and all other fees associated with the processing of this application be paid.

Recorded vote as per Procedural By-law 80-2023 s.3.20

		YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
	Councillor Bray	Not present		
<u>4</u>	Deputy Mayor Lamb	X		
<u>1</u>	Councillor Nash	X		
<u>2</u>	Councillor Woods	X		
<u>3</u>	Mayor Comrie	X		
Carried				

Resolution No. 2025-269

Moved by: Mayor Comrie

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

5.1.2 Consent Application No. B17/2025(W) – DAILEY-PLOUFFE, Margaret

WHEREAS Patrick Christie, C.P.T., has prepared a report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated July 25, 2025 regarding Consent Application B17/2025(W) – DAILEY-PLOUFFE, Margaret and provided a copy to the Municipality of Whitestone;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives this memorandum as information; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone recommends this Consent Application for approval in principle, subject to the following conditions:

1. **THAT** the right-of-way be extended to the adjoining lots being Parts 1 to 3, on Plan 42R-14175;
2. **THAT** the former right-of-way, being Parts 4 and 5 on Plan 42R-14175 be quit claimed in favour of the registered right-of-way, being Parts 1 to 7, Plan 42R-21763, over the new road; and
3. **THAT** payment of all Municipal planning consultant fees and all other fees associated with the processing of this application be paid.

Recorded vote as per Procedural By-law 80-2023 s.3.20

		YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
	Councillor Bray	Not present		
<u>4</u>	Deputy Mayor Lamb	X		
<u>3</u>	Councillor Nash	X		
<u>1</u>	Councillor Woods	X		
<u>2</u>	Mayor Comrie	X		
Carried				

7. Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-270

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

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

- 7.1 Council Meeting Minutes
 - 7.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2025
- 7.2 Council Committee and Board Minutes
 - 7.2.1 Parry Sound Area Planning Board – May 26, 2025
 - 7.2.2 Draft Whitestone Cemetery Board Minutes – May 8, 2025
 - 7.2.3 West Parry Sound Emergency Management Services Advisory Committee – May 22, 2025
 - 7.2.4 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health – April 23, 2025
- 7.3 Unfinished Business (listed on pages 4 and 5 of the Agenda)

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

- 7.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 7.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025; and

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

- 7.2 Council Committee and Board Minutes
 - 7.2.1 Parry Sound Area Planning Board – May 26, 2025
 - 7.2.2 Draft Whitestone Cemetery Board Minutes – May 8, 2025
 - 7.2.3 West Parry Sound Emergency Management Services Advisory Committee – May 22, 2025
 - 7.2.4 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health – April 23, 2025
- 7.3 Unfinished Business (listed on pages 4 and 5 of the Agenda)

Resolution No. 2025-271

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

THAT the Minutes of the July 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be revised to reflect that, in the “Councillor Items” section, Councillor Woods asked if the CAO could chair Council meetings.

Carried

8. Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2025-272

Moved by: Mayor Comrie

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

8.1 Accounts Payable

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$307,676.85 for the period ending July 31, 2025.

Carried

9. Staff Reports – None

10. By-laws – None

11. Business Matters

RECESS: 12:25 to 1:50

Mayor Comrie left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

RECESS: 2:50 to 3:00

Councillor Bray joined the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Resolution No. 2025-273

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

CURFEW 5:40 p.m.

WHEREAS Section 6.5.2 Daytime meetings (commencing prior to 4:00 p.m.) of the Municipality of Whitestone Procedural By-law No. 80-2023, being a By-law to establish protocols governing the proceedings of Council, Committee and Boards of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone, states:

No item of business may be dealt with at a Council meeting after seven (7.0) hours of the meeting unless authorized by a resolution supported by a majority of the Members present, to allow an additional agreed upon length of time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby continues the August 19, 2025 Regular Council Meeting past the allotted time of seven (7.0) hours at 5:40 p.m. and continues for an additional one and a half hours.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-274

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

11.1 Draft 1.2 – Official Plan Review

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Report associated with the Official Plan Review, dated August 19, 2025; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone directs staff / planning staff to amend the Plan and bring it back to Council at a date to be determined.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-275

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

11.2 CN Request for Support of Rail Safety Week September 15 to 21, 2025

WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 15 to 21, 2025;

WHEREAS 264 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2024; resulting in 68 avoidable fatalities and 58 avoidable serious injuries;

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 15 to 21, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-276

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

11.3 Road Grant Application Process Update

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Memorandum from Treasurer / Tax Collector Jessica Sinkowski dated August 19, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-277

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone directs staff to administer Road Grant Protocol with respect to timing of payment as has been done in previous years and to revise the Policy to reflect this change.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Lamb:

		YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
<u>1</u>	Councillor Bray	X		
<u>4</u>	Deputy Mayor Lamb	X		
<u>2</u>	Councillor Nash			X
<u>3</u>	Councillor Woods	X		
	Mayor Comrie	Not present		

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-278

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

11.4 Photos from Bolger Lake

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the photographs provided by Councillor Woods.

Carried

12. Correspondence

Resolution No. 2025-279

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 6 of the August 19, 2025 Council Meeting agenda,

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

- none -

Carried

13. Councillor Items

Councillor Bray

- thanks the public works staff for installing the "Green Light" sign (indicating volunteer firefighter)

Councillor Nash

- invasive species signs have been installed and the tools on the signs are being used to clean boats

Councillor Woods

- fall fair was another success; thankful for winning the raffle prize donated by TXM Motorsport.

14. Questions from the Public

Jacqueline Head from Bolger Lake, attending electronically, asked if Councillors Nash or Woods could tell her and other residents why they were taking photos of her on her property; what they were doing on the lake; and why they did not identify themselves when they were on the lake. Their answer was because they could be there, as it is a public lake.

15. Closed Session

Move into Closed Session

Resolution No. 2025-280

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT this meeting be adjourned into a Closed Session meeting at 6:35 p.m. for the following matters:

- 15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of Tuesday, July 15, 2025
- 15.2 Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, pursuant to the Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(f)
 - Correspondence from Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP
- 15.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2) (b)
 - Volunteer resignation from WESC

Carried

RECORDING PAUSED

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2025-281

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT this meeting be reconvened to a Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Carried

RECORDING RESUMED

Matters arising from Closed Session

Resolution No. 2025-282

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

- 15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of Tuesday July 15, 2025

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves the Regular Closed Session Council meeting minutes of Tuesday July 15, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-283

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

- 15.2 Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(f)
- Correspondence from Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP

THAT Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives the correspondence from Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP, for information.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-284

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Woods

- 15.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b)
- Volunteer resignation from Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone acknowledges and accepts Jo-Anne Boyle's resignation from the Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee, and thanks her for her volunteer time and valuable contributions to the Committee.

Carried

16. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2025-285

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT By-law No. 31-2025 being the Confirmatory By-law for the Regular Council meeting of the Municipality of Whitestone on August 19, 2025 is hereby enacted this 19th day of August, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-286

Moved by: Councillor Woods

Seconded by: Councillor Nash

17. Adjournment

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday September 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

Carried

Joe Lamb

Deputy Mayor

Nigel Black

CAO / Clerk