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**Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 4:00 p.m.  
Dunchurch Community Centre and Zoom Video Conferencing**

- Present:** Mayor George Comrie (in person)  
Councillor Janice Bray (in person)  
Councillor Joe Lamb (in person)  
Councillor Scott Nash (in person)  
Councillor Brian Woods (in person)
- Staff:** Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk (in person)  
Paula Macri, Planning Assistant (in person)
- Guests:** 1 - in person  
3 - via Zoom video or telephone

1. **Roll Call and Call to Order** 4:00 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Mayor George Comrie requested that any pecuniary interest be declared for the record.

Councillor Janice Bray and Mayor George Comrie declared pecuniary interest in regards to item 11.6 of the Agenda, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 394 letter in regards to a funding application for new windows.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2023-409**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**WHEREAS** the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the September 5, 2023 Regular Council meeting;

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

**Carried**

4. **Presentations and Delegations - None**

**Move into Committee of the Whole**

**Resolution No. 2023-410**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone move into Committee of the Whole at 4:05 pm.

**Carried**

**5. Committee of the Whole**

**5.1 DRAFT Animal and Bird Control By-law**

- 5.1.1 Memo dated September 5, 2023 from CAO/Clerk Hendry
- 5.1.2 DRAFT Animal and Bird Control By-law
- 5.1.3 Comments from John Jackson regarding Zoning By-law compliance

**Reconvene into Regular Meeting**

**Resolution No. 2023-411**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvene into the Regular Meeting at 4:41 pm.

**Carried**

**Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole**

**Resolution No. 2023-412**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**5.1 DRAFT Animal and Bird Control By-law**

- 5.1.1 Memo dated September 5, 2023 from CAO/Clerk Hendry
- 5.1.2 DRAFT Animal and Bird Control By-law
- 5.1.3 Comments from John Jackson regarding Zoning By-law compliance

**THAT** the Memo dated September 5, 2023 from CAO/Clerk Hendry, the DRAFT Animal and Bird Control By-law and the comments from John Jackson regarding Zoning by-law compliance, be received for information; and

**THAT** the DRAFT Animal and Bird Control By-law be revised and modified as discussed by Council and brought back to a Council meeting at a future date.

**Carried**

**6. Public Meeting - None**

**7. Consent Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2023-413**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

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

- 7.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes
  - 7.1.1 Regular Council Meeting revised Minutes for Tuesday, June 6, 2023
  - 7.1.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 1, 2023
  - 7.1.3 Regular Closed Session Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 3, 2023
  - 7.1.4 Special Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 8, 2023
  - 7.1.5 Special Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday August 24, 2023
  - 7.1.6 Environmental Stewardship Committee Minutes for Monday, June 12, 2023
- 7.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 4)

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

Regular Council Meeting *revised* Minutes for Tuesday, June 6, 2023  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 1, 2023,  
Regular Closed Session Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 3, 2023,  
Special Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 8, 2023,  
Special Council Meeting for Thursday August 24, 2023; and

**THAT** the Environmental Stewardship Committee Minutes for Monday, June 12, 2023 be received for information; and

**THAT** the Unfinished Business listing contained in the Consent Agenda dated September 5, 2023 be received for information.

**Carried**

## **8. Accounts Payable**

### **Resolution No. 2023-414**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

#### 8.1 Accounts Payable

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$619,895.57 for the period ending August 29, 2023.

**Carried**

## **9. Staff Reports**

### **Resolution No. 2023-415**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

- 9.1 Report PW-2023-12  
Boat Launch Improvements and Expenditures 2023

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Report PW-2023-12 (Boat Launch Improvement and Expenditures 2023).

**AND** directs staff to work with MNRF to determine if a Land Use Permit is required to develop the Snakeskin Lake boat launch, and if so, to apply for one.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-416**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

- 9.2 Report ADMIN-2023-08  
Inventory of Assets, 2125 Highway 124, Dunchurch

**THAT** the Council the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information report ADMIN-2023-08 (Inventory of Assets, 2125 Highway 124, Dunchurch); and

**THAT** the Inventory of Assets located at 2125 Highway 124 be deemed surplus; and

**THAT** staff proceed to sell and dispose of the Surplus Assets, per the Municipality of Whitestone By-law No. 14-2017 being a By-law to a provide Policies with Respect to the Procurement of Goods and Services, Section 32, Surplus Assets.

**Defeated**

**Resolution No. 2023-417**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

- 9.3 Report ADMIN-2023-09  
Multi-site Network Connectivity Assessment

**THAT** the Council the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information report ADMIN-2023-09 (Multi-site Network Connectively Assessment).

**Carried**

**10. By-laws**

**Resolution No. 2023-418**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

- 10.1 By-Law No. 57-2023, being a By-law to Close and Stop up that part of the original shore road allowance along the shores of WahWashKesh Lake, in front of Lot 35, Concession 7 in the geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound, designated as Part 2, Plan 42R-42R-22205 and to sell Part 2, Plan 42R-42R-22205- (CAMP MI-A-KON-DA)

**THAT** By-law No. 57-2023 being a By-law to Close and Stop up that part of the original shore road allowance along the shores of WahWashKesh Lake, in front of

Lot 35, Concession 7 in the geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound, designated as Part 2, Plan 42R-22205 and to sell Part 2, Plan 42R-22205 be Read a First and Second time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

**AND FURTHER** Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 5th day of September, 2023 and numbered By-law 57-2023.

**Recorded Vote:**

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Councillor, Janice Bray	X		
Councillor, Joe Lamb	X		
Councillor, Scott Nash	X		
Councillor, Brian Woods	X		
Mayor, George Comrie	X		

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-419**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

10.2 By-Law No. 58-2023, being a By-law to Close and Stop up that part of the original shore road allowance along the shores of WahWashKesh Lake, in front of Lot 28, Concession 5 in the geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound, designated as Parts 6-11, Plan 42R-22220 and to sell Parts 6-11, Plan 42R-22220 (Burrell/Rice/Pottinger/Merritt)

**THAT** By-law No. 58-2023, being a By-law to Close and Stop up that part of the original shore road allowance along the shores of WahWashKesh Lake, in front of Lot 28, Concession 5 in the geographic Township of McKenzie, now Municipality of Whitestone, District of Parry Sound, designated as Parts 6-11, Plan 42R-22220 and to sell Parts 6-11, Plan 42R-22220 be Read a First and Second time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

**AND FURTHER** Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 5th day of September, 2023 and numbered By-law 58-2023.

**Deferred**

**Clerks Note:** Further information was requested as it pertains to Section 9.08.2 and 9.08.3 of the Whitestone Official Plan in respect to the assumed high-water mark and potential EP zones.

**Resolution No. 2023-420**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

10.3 By-law No. 59-2023, being a By-law to enter into an Agreement to Develop and Deliver the Municipality of Whitestone After School Program

**THAT** By-law 59-2023, being a By-law to enter into an Agreement to Develop and Deliver the Municipality of Whitestone After School Program, be Read a First and Second time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

**AND FURTHER** Read a Third time, Passed and properly Signed and Sealed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 and numbered By-law 59-2023.

**Carried**

## **11. Business Matters**

### **Resolution No. 2023-421**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

#### 11.1 Rail Safety Week 2023 Proclamation request

**WHEREAS** Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 18 to 24, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, 232 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2022; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 43 avoidable serious injuries; and

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

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

**WHEREAS** CN has requested that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone supports national ***Rail Safety Week*** to be held from September 18 to 24, 2023.

**Carried**

### **Resolution No. 2023-422**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

#### 11.2 Memorandum – 2023 Capital Project: Lake Planning Initiatives (Proposed Water Testing)

**THAT** the Council the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Memorandum - 2023 Capital Project: Lake Planning Initiatives (Proposed Water Testing); and

**THAT** the 2023 project: Lake Planning Initiatives (Proposed Water Testing) be paused for 2023 until such time as a strategy can be developed to ensure clear direction and parameters are established for Lake Planning and Lake protection in Whitestone, including input from our to-be-awarded planning consultation.

**Carried**

### **Curfew**

#### **Resolution No. 2023-423**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**WHEREAS** Section 9 of the Municipality of Whitestone Procedural By-law No. 40-2012 as amended, being a By-law to govern the proceedings of Council, its Committees and Boards of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone states:

No item of business may be dealt with at a Council meeting after three and a half (3.5) hours of the meeting unless authorized by a resolution supported by two-thirds of the members to an additional one-half (1/2) hour.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby continues the September 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting past the allotted time of three and a half (3½) hours (4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) and continues for an additional one-half (1/2) hour.

**Carried**

#### **Resolution No. 2023-424**

**Moved by:** Councillor

**Seconded by:** Councillor

11.3 Municipal Planning Services: date selection for a Special Council meeting to meet with the short list of proponents

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby set the date for a Special Closed Session Council meeting to meet with the short list of proponents in regards to Municipal Planning Services Request for Proposal 2023-09 on:

**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.** via Zoom only

**Clerks Note:** This motion was voted on and carried by a majority vote however there was no mover or seconder.

#### **Resolution No. 2023-425**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

11.4 Procedural By-law review and update: date selection for a Special Council meeting

**THAT** the that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone does hereby set the date for a Special Council meeting in regards to finalizing the Procedural By-law review and update on:

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.** via Zoom only

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-426**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

11.5 District of Parry Sound Municipal Association - Fall Meeting on Friday, September 29, 2023

**THAT** the following members of Council and Staff be approved to attend the Fall Meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association to be held on Friday, September 29, 2023, hosted by the Municipality of Whitestone:

- Councillor, Janice Bray
- Councillor, Joe Lamb
- Councillor, Scott Nash
- Councillor, Brian Woods
- Mayor, George Comrie
- CAO-Clerk, Michelle Hendry

**Carried**

**Mayor George Comrie relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Joe Lamb.**

**Resolution No. 2023-427**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

11.6 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 394 letter in regards to a funding application with respect to new windows

**THAT** the Council the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 394 correspondence in regards to a funding application with respect to new windows; and

**THAT** that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone requests that staff prepare a letter of support for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 394 in regards to a funding application to Employment and Social Development Canada, New Horizons for Seniors Program.

**Carried**



**Mayor George Comrie reassumed the chair.**

**12. Correspondence**

**Resolution No. 2023-428**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 8 of the September 5, 2023 Council agenda;

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

F. John Jackson, Planner Memo dated August 4, 2023 regarding Origin of Flood elevation Policy – Whitestone

O. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing letter regarding Building Faster Fund  
**Carried**

**Clerks Note:** Council briefly discussed the correspondence items extracted; no action was requested.

**13. Councillor Items**

**Councillor Brian Woods**

- Noted the Fireworks evening on September 2, 2023 was a great event
- Noted that kids are back in school and we should all 'slow down'
- Thank you to staff for all their good work this summer. CAO/Clerk Hendry to share this with the Public Manager and Staff

**Councillor Janice Bray**

- Advised that the Parry Sound OPP Detachment Commander has moved to a new position and the interim Detachment Commander is Shelley Van Erp

**Councillor Lamb**

- Noted the 'speed sign' in Dunchurch on Highway 124 west bound is working and asked staff to consider a second sign for the 2024 budget

**Councillor Scott Nash**

- Noted that he travelled to Bolger Landing today and made note of the number of shore dockers and docks on the shore road allowance adjacent to the Landing as well as numerous signs that he suggested needed to be removed

**14. Questions from the Public**

**15. Confirming By-law**

**Resolution No. 2023-429**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**THAT** By-law No. 60-2023 Being the Confirmatory By-law for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2023, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

**Carried**

**16. Adjournment**

**Resolution No. 2023-430**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

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


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m. until the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

**Carried**



George Comrie

Mayor



Michelle Hendry

CAO/Clerk