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DRAFT Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 20 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Held at the Dunchurch Community Center and by Zoom Video Conferencing

Present: Mayor George Comrie
Councillor Janice Bray
Councillor Joe Lamb
Councillor Scott Nash
Councillor Brian Woods (left meeting at 10:07, rejoined at 10:09)

Staff: Nigel Black, CAO/Clerk
Mike Huggins, Manager of Public Works
Wendy Schroeder, Deputy Clerk
Jessica Sinkowski, Treasurer
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief

Invited Guests: Rebecca MacDonald, Pahapill and Associates
Patrick Townes, MHBC Planners

Other Guests: 1 in person
8 by Zoom

1. Roll Call and Call to Order 10:05 a.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

Councillor Woods declared a pecuniary interest with Item 14 – Questions from the Public. This was declared when the member of the public asked to speak.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 2026-312
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an agenda for the October 20 2026 Regular Council meeting;

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

Amendment proposed by Councillor Nash:

THAT Procedural By-law 80-2023 be suspended to add Item 4.1 to the agenda.

In the absence of a seconder the motion died

Amendment proposed by Councillor Nash:

Resolution No. 2026-313
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT Item 9.1 be deferred to a future meeting as per Municipality of Whitestone Policy A06-C00-06, Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes, s. 5.8.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Nash

		YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
4	Councillor Bray	X		
1	Councillor Lamb	X		
2	Councillor Nash	X		
3	Councillor Woods	X		
5	Mayor Comrie	X		

Carried

Amendment proposed by Councillor Nash:

Resolution No. 2026-314
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT Item 11.4 be deferred to a future meeting as per Municipality of Whitestone Policy A06-C00-06, Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes, s. 5.8.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Nash

		YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
3	Councillor Bray	X		
4	Councillor Lamb	X		
1	Councillor Nash	X		
2	Councillor Woods	X		
5	Mayor Comrie	X		

Carried

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 2026-312
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an agenda for the October 20 2026 Regular Council meeting;

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

4. Presentations and Delegations

4.1 Rebecca MacDonald, Pahapill and Associates Professional Chartered Accountants
- Draft 2025 Consolidated Financial Statements

As per resolution 2026-312 this item was deferred to a future meeting.

5. Move into Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2026-315
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone moves into Committee of the Whole at 10:45 a.m. for the following matter:

5.1 Application to Purchase Shore Road Allowance – MORRISON / HART
Carried

Reconvene into Regular

Resolution No. 2026-316
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvenes into the Regular Meeting at 11:14 a.m.
Carried

Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole

5.1 **Resolution No. 2026-317**
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives the Report dated October 20, 2026, regarding the request to purchase a portion of the shore road allowance located at 24311 Wah Wash Kesh Lake, submitted by MHBC Planners; and,

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone agrees to the closure and transfer of a portion of the shore road allowance as applied for by owners Hart Morrison and Daphne Hart at 24311 Wah Wash Kesh Lake subject to the following:

1. That the owners obtain a survey to confirm the area to be closed and purchased on a portion of the shore road allowance to accommodate the dryland boathouse building; and,

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2. That the practices, procedures and fees of the Municipality be followed for the closing of shore road allowances, including notification of adjoining property owners.

Recorded vote as per Procedural By-law 80-2023 Section 3.19

		YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
2	Councillor Bray		X	
3	Councillor Lamb		X	
4	Councillor Nash		X	
1	Councillor Woods		X	
5	Mayor Comrie	X		

Defeated

5.1.1 **Resolution No. 2026-318**
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT Council of the Municipality of Whitestone understands that the Shore Road Allowance fee for 24311 WahWashKesh Lake has been paid and the applicants may re-apply for the purchase of the entire shore road allowance under this application fee.

Recorded vote as per Procedural By-law 80-2023 Section 3.19

		YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
1	Councillor Bray	X		
2	Councillor Lamb	X		
3	Councillor Nash	X		
4	Councillor Woods	X		
5	Mayor Comrie	X		

Carried

6. Public Meeting - none

7. Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2026-319
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Consent Agenda as presented in the October 20 2026 agenda package,

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

7.1 Council Meeting Minutes
7.1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - September 15 2026

AND that Council receives for information the following Council Committee and Board Minutes:

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7.2 Council Committee and Board Minutes
7.2.1 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board – September 10 2026
7.2.2 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – September 23 2026
Carried

8 Accounts Payable Report

Resolution No. 2026-320
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of $747,651.63 for the period ending September 30 2026.
Carried

9 Staff Reports

9.1 This item was deferred to a future meeting as per Resolution 2026-312.

9.2 **Resolution No. 2026-321**
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives Report ADMIN-2026-18, Council Attendance in the Current Term (November 2022 to September 2026), for information
Carried

9.3 **Resolution No. 2026-322**
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Nash

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Report ADMIN-2026-14, Municipal Finance Officer's Association Resolution of support - OCIF; and

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*; and

WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure; and

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WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200M/year to $400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026; and

WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality; and

WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of Whitestone supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.
Carried

10 By-laws – None

11 Business Matters

11.1 **Resolution No. 2026-323**
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Memorandum - Municipal Office and Landfill Sites, Holiday Schedule 2026; and

THAT Council approves the Municipal Office and Landfill Sites Holiday Schedule for 2026.

Amendment proposed by Councillor Lamb:

Resolution No. 2026-324
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the landfill will be open Sunday December 27 and Thursday December 31.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Lamb

		YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
4	Councillor Bray	X		
1	Councillor Lamb	X		
2	Councillor Nash		X	
3	Councillor Woods	X		
5	Mayor Comrie	X		

Carried

11.1 **Resolution No. 2026-323**
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information Memorandum - Municipal Office and Landfill Sites, Holiday Schedule 2026; and

THAT Council approves the Municipal Office and Landfill Sites Holiday Schedule for 2026 as amended.
Carried

11.2 **Resolution No. 2026-325**
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the letter from Integrity Commissioner Tony Fleming dated September 24, 2026; and

THAT Council thanks Mr. Fleming for his advice, guidance, and assistance in his role as the Municipality's Integrity Commissioner; and

THAT staff be directed to bring forward a report to Council at a future meeting with recommendations respecting options for the appointment of a new Integrity Commissioner.
Carried

11.3 **Resolution No. 2026-326**
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Council Briefing Note from Deborah Comrie and Mayor George Comrie of the Whitestone Recreation Committee; and

THAT staff are directed to proceed with the purchase of equipment as outlined in the proposal, following the Municipality's Policy A06-F00-01, Procurement of Goods and Services.
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11.4 This item was deferred to a future meeting as per Resolution 2026-312

11.5 **Resolution No. 2026-327**
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Council Briefing Note from Mayor Comrie on the subject of the loss of cellular telephone, internet and 9-1-1 service in parts of Whitestone; and

THAT the Municipality continues to monitor the uptime of telephone, internet, and 911 services in the Municipality, and advise the carriers, the Ontario Ministry of Energy and Mines, and the CRTC of any failures or shortcomings.
Carried

Recess 12:30 to 12:35

12. Correspondence

Resolution No. 2026-328
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 6 of the October 20 2026 Council Meeting agenda and selected the following items for action:

G	Grace Fuscaldo	L Woods Bursary recipient – thank you to Council - Councillor Woods; for discussion only
H	Resident Rob Black	Winter parking at Shawanaga Lake - Councillor Bray; for discussion only
J	Cramadog Snowmobile Club	Thanking Council for donation - Councillors Woods and Lamb; for discussion only

Carried

13. Councillor Items/Questions to Staff

Councillor Nash:
- asked whether staff had looked into recording closed meetings; staff had noted the matter
- WESC updates: garbage cans have been installed at Farley's Road boat launch, the ball diamond, Maple Island Commons; one more to be purchased and installed; invasive species signs have been made and will be installed in the next few weeks at five locations
- thanked staff for their work purchasing the ATV, tractor and ice resurfacer and installing the speed signs
- Public Works is working on obtaining a Land Use Permit with the MNR at Labrash Lake Road
- asked about rustproofing vehicles; staff indicated it is on the job list

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Councillor Lamb
- as this is the last Council meeting of this Council, thanked all for the good work that has been done: increasing reserves, keeping tax rate reasonable

Councillor Bray
- also thanked Council for the past term
- reminded residents there are a lot of events planned for the next few months and encourages everyone to attend and support events such as the Christmas bazaar, the Halloween Haunt, the Hunters Dinner, etc.

Mayor Comrie
- wished Councillor Lamb a happy birthday on behalf of Council

14. Questions from the Public

Councillor Woods declared a pecuniary interest with respect to this item and disconnected from the meeting during the discussion. He rejoined the meeting once advised Council was moving to the next item.

Brian Woods Sr. attended to ask inform Council of an issue he has with documentation regarding properties near his. CAO/Clerk Black will be in touch with him to discuss.

15. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2026-329
Moved by: Councillor Nash
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone moves into the Closed Session at 1:11 p.m. for the following matters:

15.1 Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting Closed Session – September 15 2026
Carried

Recording paused

Resolution No. 2026-330
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Nash

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvenes into the Regular Meeting at 1:24 p.m.
Carried

Recording resumed

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15.1 **Resolution No. 2026-331**
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT Council for the Municipality of Whitestone approves the Regular Council Closed Session minutes from September 20 2026.
Carried

15.2 This item was discussed in the Closed Session.

16. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2026-332
Moved by: Councillor Woods
Seconded by: Councillor Nash

THAT By-law No. 33-2026 being the Confirmatory By-law for the Regular Council Meeting of the Municipality of Whitestone on October 20 2026 is hereby enacted this 20th day of October 2026.
Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2026-333
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Woods

WHEREAS the business of this Meeting has concluded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 1:26 p.m. until the Inaugural Council Meeting of the 2026 to 2030 term of Council on Tuesday November 17 2026 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the chair.
Carried

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George Comrie **Mayor**

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Nigel Black **CAO / Clerk**

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