



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

- Present:** Mayor, George Comrie (in person)  
Janice Bray, Councillor (in person)  
Joe Lamb, Councillor (in person)  
Scott Nash, Councillor (in person)  
Brian Woods, Councillor (in person)
- Staff:** Michelle Hendry, CAO/Clerk (in person)  
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief (in person)
- Guests:** 18 - In person  
7 - via Zoom video or telephone

**1. Roll Call and Call to Order**

The Chair commenced roll call and called the meeting to order at 4:00 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.*

**Resolution No. 2023-319**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Whitestone Procedural By-law 40-2012 as amended provides for the following:

- 11.5 The agenda will be available to the public including staff generated reports, applications and/or other imperative information regarding topics to be discussed

during the scheduled Council meeting at any time after 12 noon two (2) business days preceding the meeting

**AND WHEREAS** the Agenda package for the July 4, 2023 Council meeting was posted on the Municipal website on Thursday June 29, 2023 at approximately 4:00 p.m., and

**AND WHEREAS** the normal Municipal website link did not provide access to the website from approximately early evening Friday June 30 to early morning July 3, 2023 due to technical issues with the website provider;

**AND WHEREAS** an alternate link was posted on the Municipal Facebook page on Saturday July 1, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of Whitestone Procedural By-law 40-2012 as amended provides for the following:

21. Suspension of Rules:
  - 21.1 A procedure required by this by-law may be suspended with consent of a majority of the members present.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 11.5 of the Municipality of Whitestone Procedural By-law 40-2012 as amended be suspended for the purpose of proceeding with the July 4, 2023 Regularly Scheduled Council meeting.

**Carried**

**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. 2023-320**

**Moved by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**WHEREAS** the Members of Council have been presented with an Agenda for the July 4, 2023 Regular Council meeting;

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

**Carried**

**4. Presentations and Delegations**

- 4.1 Kelvin Williamson, Magnatawan Pioneer Association  
Boat Storage, Shore Road Allowance, Bolger Landing

**Resolution No. 2023-321**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**Matters Arising from Presentations and Delegations**

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the presentation from Kelvin Williamson, Magnatawan Pioneer Association regarding Boat Storage, Shore Road Allowance, Bolger Landing

**Carried**

5. **Committee of the Whole** – None

6. **Public Meeting** – None

7. **Consent Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2023-322**

**Moved by:** Councillor

**Seconded by:** Councillor

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

7.1 Council and Committee Meeting Minutes

7.1.1 *Item removed*

7.1.2 Regular Council Meeting, Minutes for June 20, 2023

7.2 Unfinished Business (listed on page 3)

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

The Regular Council Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2023; and

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

- Unfinished Business listing contained in the Consent Agenda dated July 4, 2023

**Carried**

**Matters Arising from Consent Agenda**

8. **Accounts Payable**

**Resolution No. 2023-323**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

8.1 Accounts Payable

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the Accounts Payable listing in the amount of \$213,442.03 for the period ending June 30, 2023.

**Carried**

**9. Staff Reports – None**

**10. By-laws – None**

**11. Business Matters**

**Resolution No. 2023-324**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

Matter from June 20, 2023 Council meeting

11.1 Memorandum

“No Camping” signs at Boat Launches and Water Access points

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry, “No Camping” signs at Boat Launches and Water Access points dated June 20, 2023; and

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby directs Public Works staff to replace the “No Camping” signs at Municipally owned lands and lands that are under the authority of MNRF where a land use permit is in place with the Municipality of Whitestone with signage that reads:

“No overnight camping in the parking and boat launch area”

**Carried**

Matter from June 20, 2023 Council meeting

**Resolution No. 2023-325**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Nash

11.2 Equipment list discussion – Councillor Woods

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Public Works and Building Department Vehicle Equipment List.

**Carried**

Matter from June 20, 2023 Council meeting

**Resolution No. 2023-326**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone ask staff to report on personal use of vehicles by staff and financial implications.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-327**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

- 11.3 West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre, Whitestone agreement conditions – Councillor Lamb

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Whitestone remains committed to supporting the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre per the funding agreement signed October, 2022; and

**WHEREAS** the funding agreement required a review of the operating model, projected operating costs, and reserve requirements for the Facility by independent management consultants with expertise in such reviews, to be completed prior to final design of the Facility, at the Boards' cost; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Whitestone understands that BDO has been engaged to undertake this review;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Whitestone requests a copy of the terms of reference and engagement letter for BDO; and

**THAT** Whitestone would like to caution the Board that this appears to be a cursory review, which may not meet the conditions set out in our agreement; and

**THAT** the review the Municipality of Whitestone is requesting is a new, independent review and not a review of previous studies thus requiring a new, independent review of the cost, revenue, and reserves.

**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. 2023-328**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

11.4 Memorandum – August 1, 2023 Council meeting, Ardbeg Community Club

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives for information the Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry regarding the August 1, 2023, Regularly Scheduled Council meeting, Ardbeg Community Club, dated July 4, 2023; and

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby amends the current 2023 Schedule of Council meetings as follows:

Regular Council meeting  
August 1, 2023

**Revised** Location: Dunchurch Community Centre

**Resolution No. 2023-329**

**Moved by:** Councillor Joe Lamb

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brian Woods

Memorandum – Strategic Priorities

11.5 **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receive for information the Memorandum from CAO/Clerk Hendry, Strategic Plan – moving forward with 2023 priorities, Update from June 20, 2023 Council meeting, dated July 4, 2023; and

**THAT** the recommendations in the above referenced Memorandum are hereby accepted in respect of bringing forward to Council a draft updated Rental Unit By-law, Trailer By-law, Parking By-law and the draft Animal and Bird By-law.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-330**

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Nash

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

11.6 2023 Benthic Monitoring program – Councillor Nash

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone acknowledges and supports the 2023 Benthic monitoring program being undertaken by Georgian Bay Biosphere for the following lakes:

Lake WahWashKesh  
Lorimer Lake and  
Whitestone Lake

**AND THAT** the Benthic Monitoring cycle for 2024 and going forward be reviewed in concert with a professional environmental consultant and the Georgian Bay Biosphere staff.

**Carried**

## 12. Correspondence (listed on page 6 of the Agenda)

### Resolution No. 2023-331

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 6 of the July 4, 2023 Council agenda;

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

- New Correspondence
  - Item A(h): Dale Duffy re Bolger
  - Item E: MNRF re Public Lands Act

**Matters Arising from Correspondence - None**

## 13. Councillor Items

### Councillor Lamb

- At the Parry Sound Area Planning Board (PSAPB) there were twenty cases in two months
- The PSAPB will be releasing an RFP to replace the planning services John Jackson currently provides for the planning board
- The Municipality of McDougall recommends a tender for the support staff positions as well, so that is also underway
- Carling Township is seeking support to opt out of the PSAPB
- Saturday July 1 was a really good event. The Recreation Committee should be congratulated

### Councillor Woods

- The July 1 event was successful, especially the cardboard boat races
- Recent compliments from ratepayers include the upgraded Farley's Road boat launch (increased space) and Maple Island Commons improvements. Staff are to be congratulated

### Councillor Lamb

- There is a misunderstanding that the Farley's Road boat launch is now open to the public, sharing with the deeded access property owners. It was suggested that this could be resolved at the next available Council meeting

**Councillor Nash**

- Asked about the possibility of shared Star Link service between the Library and the Community Centre
- Mentioned the Road Grant application and the required protocol in respect of documentation
- Asked about enforcement at the landings, in particular WahWahKesh regarding vehicles in handicap parking spaces
- Noted a concern that a non-member of a Task Force was copied on Task Force meeting information

**Councillor Bray**

- Advised that she attended the Whitestone Public School graduation and gave out the 2023 Citizenship Award to Charlotte Matthews. There were twelve (12) graduates this year

**Councillor Nash**

- Noted that the Bunny Trail radar is working as people are noticing

**Councillor Lamb**

- Attended the York Landfill site and the bottle shed was so clean and impeccable
- The Lions Service Club sign has now been moved to York Street and is very visible coming out of the York Street Landfill

**14. Questions from the Public**

**15. Confirming By-law**

**Resolution No. 2023-332**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray

**THAT** By-law 46-2023 Being the Confirmatory By-law for the Council meeting of Tuesday, July 4, 2023, be given a First, Second, Third and final reading and is passed as of this date.

**Carried**

**16. Adjournment**

**Resolution No. 2023-333**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian Woods

**Seconded by:** Councillor Janice Bray



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

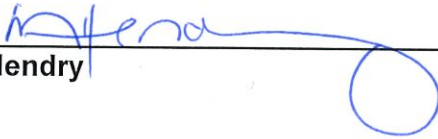
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 7:29 p.m. until the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

**Carried**



George Comrie

Mayor



Michelle Hendry

CAO/Clerk