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**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 17, 10:00 a.m.
Dunchurch Community Centre and Zoom Video Conferencing**

Present: Mayor George Comrie
Councillor Janice Bray
Councillor Joe Lamb
Councillor Scott Nash to 3:20 p.m.
Councillor Brian Woods to 10:45 a.m., returned to meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Staff: Nigel Black, CAO/Clerk
Paula Macri, Planning Assistant
Jamie Osborne, Chief Building Official
Wendy Schroeder, Deputy Clerk
Jessica Sinkowski, Treasurer / Tax Collector
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief

Invited Guests: 6 - Naomi Wachowiak, Teresa Wetselaar, Lead Nurse Practitioner, and Jim Hanna, Director of Transformation and Strategic Partnerships, West Parry Sound Health Centre; Debbie Stivrins, President and Mary Lynne Black, Treasurer, Rotary Club of Parry Sound; Patrick Chrisite, Parry Sound Area Planning Board

Other Guests: 2 in person; 4 by Zoom

1. Roll Call and Call to Order 10:03 a.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

Councillor Nash declared a pecuniary interest with item 15.3, Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(b), and left the meeting before the item was addressed.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2026-049

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS the Members of Council have been presented with an agenda for the February 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting;

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

Carried

4. Presentations and Delegations

4.1 Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic – Whitestone site

- Naomi Wachowiak, Teresa Wetselaar, Lead Nurse Practitioner, and Jim Hanna, Director of Transformation and Strategic Partnerships

4.2 Rotary Club of Parry Sound

- Debbie Stivrins, President and Mary Lynne Black, Treasurer

Matters Arising from Presentations and Delegations

Resolution No. 2026-050

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

- 4.1 **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives the presentation from Naomi Wachowiak, Teresa Wetselaar, Lead Nurse Practitioner, and Jim Hanna, Director of Transformation and Strategic Partnerships, regarding the Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic, Whitestone site, for information, with thanks.

Carried

Councillor Woods left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Resolution No. 2026-051

Moved by: Councillor Nash

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

- 4.2 **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives the presentation from Debbie Stivrins, President and Mary Lynne Black, Treasurer, regarding the Rotary Club of Parry Sound, for information, with thanks.

Carried

Move into Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. 2026-052

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone moves into Committee of the Whole at 11:12 a.m.

Carried

5 Committee of the Whole

5.1 Consent Application B01/2026(W) – SKEBA

Report from Parry Sound Area Planning Board dated January 26, 2026.

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2026-053
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone reconvenes into the Regular Meeting at 11:39 a.m.
Carried

Matters Arising from Committee of the Whole

5.1 Consent Application No. B01/2026(W) – SKEBA, Ilona and Christopher

Resolution No. 2026-054
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Nash

WHEREAS Patrick Christie, C.P.T., has prepared a report for the Parry Sound Area Planning Board regarding Consent Application No. B01/2026(W) – SKEBA, Ilona and Christopher, and has provided a copy to the Municipality of Whitestone.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone receives this report 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 payment of a parkland dedication fee be made in accordance with the current Municipal Fees and Charges By-law;
2. THAT the three (3) new lots receive 911 addressing from the Municipality;
3. THAT the newly created lots be rezoned from the Waterfront Residential 1 – Limited Services (WF1-LS) to the Rural-Limited Services (RU-LS) Zone;
4. THAT the applicants enter into a Section 51.26 Consent Agreement with the Municipality of Whitestone to be registered on title, to include:
 - (i) the implementation of the septic system design measures from the Septic Suitability Assessment as set out in the Hutchison Environmental Sciences Report dated August 31, 2022 to ensure the retention of phosphorous; and
 - (ii) recognition of the private access road for the new lots and to indemnify the Municipality for any responsibility or liability for the access or maintenance;
5. 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
<u>3</u>	Councillor Bray	X		
<u>1</u>	Councillor Lamb	X		
<u>2</u>	Councillor Nash	X		
	Councillor Woods	Not present		
<u>4</u>	Mayor Comrie		X	

Carried

6 Public Meeting – None

7 Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2026-055

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

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

- 7.1 Council Meeting Minutes
 - Special Council Budget Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026
 - 7.1.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2026
 - 7.1.3 Special Council Meeting (Official Plan Review) Minutes – January 29, 2026
- 7.2 Council Committee and Board Minutes
 - 7.2.1 Parry Sound Area Planning Board – December 22, 2025
 - 7.2.2 Parry Sound Area District Social Services Board – December 11, 2025
 - 7.2.3 North Bay District Health Unit – November 25, 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 Meeting Minutes
 - 7.1.1 Regular Council Budget Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026
 - 7.1.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2026
 - 7.1.3 Special Council Meeting (Official Plan Review) Minutes – January 29, 2026

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 – December 22, 2025
 - 7.2.2 Parry Sound Area District Social Services Board – December 11, 2025
 - 7.2.3 North Bay District Health Unit – November 25, 2025

7.3 Unfinished Business (listed on pages 4 and 5 of the agenda)
Carried

8 Accounts Payable

Resolution No. 2026-056
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 \$235,611.29 for the period ending January 31, 2026.

Carried

Recess 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

9 Staff Reports

9.1 Report FIRE-2026-01 - Fire and Rescue Services Q4 2025

Resolution No. 2026-057
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone, receives for information Report FIRE-2026-01, Fire and Rescue Services Q4 2025.

Carried

9.2 Report PLN-2026-01 - Planning Services Q4 2025 Statistics

Resolution No. 2026-058
Moved by: Councillor Bray
Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone, receives for information Report PLN-2026-01, Planning Services Q4 2025 Statistics.

Carried

9.3 Report BLDG-2026-01 - Building Services Q4 2025

Resolution No. 2026-059
Moved by: Councillor Lamb
Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone, receives for information Report BLDG-2026-01, Building Services Q4 2025.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Nash

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

Carried

10 By-laws - None

11. Business Matters

11.1 Bottle Shed Collection Update

Resolution No. 2026-060

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Whitestone receives the update regarding bottle shed collection from Robert Dreyer, Treasurer, Whitestone McKellar Lions Club, with thanks.

Carried

11.2 Proclamation Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Whitestone Public Library and Technology Centre

Resolution No. 2026-061

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS libraries play an essential role in strengthening communities by fostering literacy, supporting lifelong learning, and providing equitable access to knowledge, culture, and technology; and

WHEREAS the **Whitestone Public Library and Technology Centre** has, since its founding in **1976**, served as a cornerstone of the community, offering resources, programs, and welcoming spaces that enrich the lives of residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS over the past five decades, the Whitestone Public Library and Technology Centre has continually evolved to meet the changing needs of the community, embracing innovation, expanding technological access, and championing digital literacy while remaining committed to its core mission of public service; and

WHEREAS the year **2026** marks the **50th anniversary** of the Whitestone Public Library and Technology Centre, a milestone made possible through the dedication of its staff, volunteers, supporters, and patrons who have contributed to its growth and success; and

WHEREAS this anniversary provides an opportunity to honour the library's history, celebrate its achievements, and recognize its ongoing impact as a hub for learning, creativity, and community connection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone, hereby recognizes **2026 as the 50th Anniversary Year of the Whitestone Public Library and Technology Centre**, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating this remarkable milestone and the invaluable contributions the library continues to make to our community.

Carried

12. Correspondence

Resolution No. 2026-062

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has reviewed the Correspondence Items as listed on page 6 of the February 17 Council Meeting agenda,

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

D South River Volunteer Firefighter Certification issues – resolution of support to be brought at March 17 Council meeting

Carried

13. Councillor Items

Councillor Nash:

- Congratulated Megan Oldham on her Olympic successes
- believes the purchase of an ice resurfacer is important based on positive feedback
- supports the suggestion of the donation to the school

Councillor Lamb

- asked when the next meeting for the Official Plan will be scheduled – CAO/Clerk Black indicated he is working with MHBC to set a date
- asked if an RFP would be issued soon with regards to a grant-writing company

14. Questions from the Public – none

15. Closed Session

Move into Closed Session

Resolution No. 2026-063

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT this meeting be adjourned into a Closed Session meeting at 2:50 p.m. for the following matters:

15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting December 16, 2025

15.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(b)

- Volunteer Appointments to OPP Board

15.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(b)

- Council's approval for the payment of fees for legal opinion

Carried

RECORDING PAUSED

Councillor Woods returned to the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Pecuniary interest declared by Councillor with respect to Item 15.3. Councillor Nash left the meeting at 3:20 p.m., prior to the item being discussed.

Reconvene into Regular Meeting

Resolution No. 2026-064

Moved by: Councillor Bray

Seconded by: Councillor Lamb

THAT this meeting be reconvened to a Regular Meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Carried

RECORDING RESUMED

Matters Arising from Closed Session

15.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Closed Session Council meeting of Wednesday January 21, 2026

Resolution No. 2026-065

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby approves the Regular Closed Session Council meeting minutes of Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Carried

15.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(b)

Resolution No. 2026-066

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby supports the appointments of Lesley Harries-Jones and Christine Kasulke as citizen representatives to the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board.

Carried

15.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(b)

This matter was addressed in closed session.

16. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2026-067

Moved by: Councillor Lamb

Seconded by: Councillor Bray

THAT By-law No. 11-2026 being the Confirmatory By-law for the Regular Council Meeting of the Municipality of Whitestone on February 17, 2026 is hereby enacted this 17th day of February, 2026.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2026-068

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 3:58 p.m. until the Regular Council Budget Meeting of Wednesday March 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

Carried



George Comrie

Mayor



Nigel Black

CAO / Clerk