



# February 2016 Newsletter

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## WHITESTONE-HAGERMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Council would like to congratulate Whitestone Public Library as the recipient of the **2015 Angus Mowat Award of Excellence** for their iLearn program. iLearn was a successful technology program targeting seniors in the community. The library purchased 9 iPads to loan, created a 4 week introductory workshop and trained 2 senior mentors who guided the groups through each session. This program effectively empowered and engaged seniors in a technology that was new to them and resulted in new library members. Many participants purchased their own devices after gaining confidence in the program. Special thanks goes out to the New Horizons for Seniors Grant, the volunteers and staff who got the program up and running and most of all, the enthusiastic seniors who participated.

### March Break Activities:

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm **Bingo**

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm **Minecraft**

Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm Movie Afternoon “**The Good Dinosaur**”

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am and 1:00 pm **Minecraft**



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## POLICING

The Municipality of Whitestone has attended meetings with several West Parry Sound Municipalities to investigate our own Police Force to potentially reduce Policing costs. We determined that it is not feasible at this time.

We will continue to canvass the Provincial Government with other Municipalities to produce a more equitable costing formula for rural Municipalities. The OPP have an Internet based Reporting System, email <http://www.opp.ca> and phone number 1-888-310-1122 to use in place of 911 for non-emergency reporting. The use of this service will reduce Cost per Call charges to the Municipality of Whitestone for non-essential calls. An officer will only be sent out after assessing the need to do so. Savings will be substantial. Example of incidents reported online: lost or missing property, theft from vehicles, traffic complaints, stolen plates or stickers, etc.



## ROADS DEPARTMENT

When ploughing your driveway or roadways, please remember not to leave any snow or ice on the Municipal roadways, shoulders or turnarounds. By-Law No. 12-2009 prohibits the deposit of ice and snow on any Municipal road without permission in writing to do so granted by the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone.

### ROAD GRANT PROTOCOL

Applications are now being accepted for the **2016 Road Grant Program**. Council has approved a budget of \$71,500 for this year. The deadline to submit an application is **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Applications can be picked up at the Municipal office or on our Municipal website.



## LANDFILL SITES

The Landfill Sites will continue with their winter hours (**Tues, Thurs, Sat & Sun 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm**) until the long weekend in May. As per Ministry of Environment Regulations, the walk-through gate will be closed at all other times. **Landfill access cards are required at both Landfill Sites.** Please note: Compact florescent lights are still florescent lights and need to be disposed of as hazardous waste!

*Help extend the life of our Landfill Sites... PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!*



## RECREATION COMMITTEE & EVENTS

Happy New Year from the Whitestone Recreation Committee!!! Here are a few upcoming events to watch for:

**March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am - Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am - \$5 for adults**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am - Home Based Business Fair (details will be posted on Municipal website)**

**To Be Announced - Murder Mystery Evening & Yoga will be returning in March.**

### Ongoing Programs:

**Walk Fit** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Parents & PeeWees Playgroup** Every other Tuesday 9:30 am – 11:30 am children 4 & under

The **Recreation Committee** would like to hear your thoughts and ideas on a variety of programs and activities that can be offered in the Municipality of Whitestone. We have created a **Survey** which can be found throughout the community.

There are currently four (4) **Survey Boxes** at the following locations: **Municipal Office, Dunchurch Community Centre, Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library, Duck Rock General Store**

We are open to suggestions and ideas... Your opinion matters to us! Simply fill out a Survey, fold it in half and insert it into the **Survey Box**. *Thank-you... We appreciate your feedback!*

**Check our Municipal website and Social Media pages often for updates on new and ongoing events.**

**Recreation Committee's mandate is to provide programs and events for the community! In order for this to happen, we need volunteers to help. Contact the Municipal office for information on how to apply.**



## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The CEDC is pleased to invite business owners and entrepreneurs in the community to an **Open House on April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the Dunchurch Community Centre. Please come out and meet the Committee. Let us know what you feel are the advantages and disadvantages you face with running your local business. We would love to brainstorm with you and find out what you would like to see the CEDC do for you and the community. --- A reminder to local businesses that we are compiling our '**Welcome to Whitestone**' kits which are given to new residents when they move into our area. If you are interested in promoting your business in this kit, please drop off at the municipal office, 50 (or more) of your business cards, brochures, pens, menus, magnets, anything with your business name on it to promote your business, committee, board or service group. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with new members of the community. --- And, as always, new members are welcome. The purpose of the Committee is to promote economic development in the Municipality of Whitestone. The Committee generally meets the last Tuesday of each month at the municipal office. Please join us for a meeting and see if this is something that may interest you.



## BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

As per By-Law No. 25-2010, no person shall park any vehicle on any highway or park any unauthorized vehicles on Municipal property within the Municipality of Whitestone at any time from **November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>** each year. Vehicles in contravention will be tagged and/or towed away at owners' expense. As per By-Law No. 42-2005, the **2016 dog tags** are now available for sale at the Municipal office for **\$10.00 per tag**. For information or to report the contravention of any By-Laws, please leave a detailed message including name and phone number for **Paul Rossiter, By-Law Enforcement Officer at 705-389-2466 Ext. #45**. All calls will be kept confidential.



## WHITESTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Dial 9-1-1 for Police, Fire or Ambulance**

Please note: Both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are now mandatory on every level in cottages, houses and trailers. **INSTALL BOTH SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS... IT'S THE LAW**. Smoke alarms can be obtained at the Municipal office and at the Fire Hall for \$6.00 each and carbon monoxide alarms for \$24.00 each. Remember to change your batteries at least twice a year! With wood burning season still upon us, remember to check your stove and chimney before burning. Fire Permits are required from **April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>** each year and can be obtained at the Municipal office or by contacting **Bob Whitman, Fire Chief at 705-774-1967**.



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building without a permit is in contravention of By-Law No. 30-2006 and the Building Code Act S.O. 1992 Section 8(1). Residents are encouraged to make a **phone call which will be kept confidential** and include the address of construction sites to report any contraventions of any structure greater than 10 m sq. (108 sq. ft.).

**Winter hours for the Building Department are: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am - 4:30 pm & Fri 8:30 am - 2:00 pm.**



## MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

On **Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>** we would like to welcome everyone back to the Maple Island Thrift Shop for our 2016 Spring Season. The Thrift Shop will be open Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Keep watching for hours to increase for the Summer Season. After hours, call: **Elizabeth at 705-389-2207 or Peggi at 705-389-1375**.



## E-NEWSLETTER

Would you like to sign up to receive your copy of our **Newsletter by e-mail** instead of regular postal mail? If this is something that you would be interested in, please send Melissa an email at [info@whitestone.ca](mailto:info@whitestone.ca) to be added to our **Newsletter subscription list**. For your privacy and protection, email addresses gathered will only be used to carry out this service.



## WIFI

There are currently four (4) **OPEN INTERNET HUBS** available to our ratepayers throughout the Municipality of Whitestone! These hubs are for public use, and there are **no passwords required!** They are located at:

- ~ **Dunchurch Community Centre**, 2199 Hwy 124 ~ **Municipal Roads Garage**, 2125 Balsam Rd. ~
- ~ **Maple Island Hall**, 1 Maple Island Rd. ~ **Ardbeg Fire Hall**, 6 McDonald Dr. ~



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