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WHITESTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

REDUCING THE CARBON MONOXIDE RISK:

- Have your fuel-burning home equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, wood and coal stove, space and portable heaters) inspected by a professional every year.
- Keep dryer, stove, furnace, and fireplace vents clear of ice, snow, dirt, leaves and other debris.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Only use BBQ grills and generators outside, away from all doors, windows and vent openings. Never use them in the home or garage, or near building openings.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone will hold a **Public Open House** on September 5, 2017 from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre concerning a new **Zoning By-Law** as a follow-up to the updated **Official Plan, Dock Regulation, Boathouses/ Boatports, Shipping Containers, Accessory Uses, Marine Storage Building, Prohibited Uses**, are the few examples of the proposed changes to the new Zoning-By-Law. A copy of the proposed new Zoning By-Law is **available on our Municipal website**. Printed copies will also be available at the Municipal Office.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

The Municipality of Whitestone Council would like to thank all of the Volunteers and attendees at the **July 1st Canada 150 Celebration** for making this event such a success.

The **Municipal Waterfront** on Church Street will be undergoing improvements this Summer and Fall:

- Renovations to the **Dun Dome Pavilion** are substantially complete and include year round, accessible washrooms and spacious change rooms. We are very thankful for the \$68,000.00 FedNor funding that we received which made this renovation possible.
- Reconstruction of the **public dock** on Church Street is scheduled to begin on August 7th. Please be advised that access to Whitestone Lake will be available at the Dunchurch Marina from Sunday-Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Friday - Saturday from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm at no charge to the users.
- The **Playground Project** is becoming a reality, with site preparation to begin the week of August 21st and playground equipment to be installed early September. Council has placed monies into reserve over the past five years for the equipment. Donations are now being accepted at the municipal office for the purchase of accessories such as benches, picnic tables, garbage & recycling receptacles, and etc.

Additional construction projects:

- The **Dunchurch Community Centre** is nearing completion. The final kitchen renovations are underway and the expected completion is mid August.
- The **Municipal Roads Garage** addition and renovations are well underway. Construction to be completed early Fall.
- The **Bunny Trail** improvements are scheduled to start in August which include an application of slurry seal on 9 km, starting at the Whitestone/McDougall border, and reconstruction of 3.3 km of the Bunny Trail starting at Highway 520. In 2018, 3.3 km will receive an application of surface treatment and the Shawanaga River multi-plate culvert will be replaced. It is anticipated that this portion of work will begin in June, 2018.

We are pleased to advise that we have been successful in securing a grant for the **Whitestone Public Library** to undertake renovations to address accessibility issues, which includes an automatic door and ramp improvements. The tender is being finalized and it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in September.

The **2017 Road Grant Application** deadline is September 30th, and applications can be obtained on our Municipal Website or at the Municipal Office. **Please remember** that in order to be eligible for next year's grant funds, you must submit a written summary of expenses as well as copies of supporting invoices.

Notice to Boat Access Residents on South Magnetawan River: A bulk item bin will be in place at the Harris Lake Marina for the Labour Day Weekend to dispose of any large items.

Reminder: Council meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to receive a copy of the Council Agenda and Minutes electronically are asked to please contact the Municipal Office to provide your email address.

And, don't forget to **Like us on Facebook**, **Follow us on Twitter** and **Watch us on YouTube!**

Yours truly,
Mayor and Members of Council of the Municipality of Whitestone.

Whitestone... A Perfect Place To Live, Work & Play!

TAX DEPARTMENT

The **2017 Final Tax Installment** due dates are **September 21st & October 26th**. Payments can be made through our Municipal website via **Plastiq** and **online** at any of the following banks: **TD Canada Trust, Scotiabank, CIBC, Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Montreal, National Bank of Canada, and Credit Union.**

Use your Roll number as your Account number. Taxes may also be paid at the Municipal Office during regular office hours by **cash, debit, or by cheque** payable to the Municipality of Whitestone. We **DO NOT** accept credit cards at the Municipal Office or via telephone.

Reminder: It is the ratepayers responsibility to notify the Municipal Office of a change of address. Failure to do so **DOES NOT** relieve the ratepayer from any penalties or interest incurred.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The **2017 Dunchurch Fall Fair** will take place on **Friday, August 18th & Saturday, August 19th** with the Square Dance beginning at 8:00 pm. The Dunchurch Fall Fair Awards Night will take place on **Sunday, September 17, 2017** at 4:00 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre. For more information, please check the **Dunchurch Fall Fair website** at **www.dunchurchfallfair** for more information.

CEMETERY BOARD

The **Cemetery Board** is currently working on updating its records, mapping and procedures for all three Cemeteries. The completion date is unknown at this time. The Cemetery Board has requested that all **floral arrangements be removed** from all Cemeteries **by October 31st each year**. After October 31st, the floral arrangements will be removed by the Municipal Staff for disposal.

LANDFILL & RECYCLING

The **Landfill** gates will remain closed outside of regular operating hours. There will be **NO ADMITTANCE** when Attendants are not on Duty. **Please take pride in where you reside!**

Winter hours begin on Thanksgiving Weekend until May Long Weekend:

Tuesday	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Thursday	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

And, in order to reduce the volume going into our Landfill Sites, we are now pleased to announce **the collection of textiles through the Canadian Diabetes Association via the Red Bins located at both Landfill Sites**. However, please remember that all reusable clothing should still be brought to the Maple Island Thrift Shop.

Please recycle, and do not litter!

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

Please continue to report any By-Law infractions to our By-Law Enforcement Officer. The results have been very informative and beneficial, especially at our Landfill Sites. **To report a contravention of any By-Law, please leave a detailed message for Paul Rossiter, By-Law Enforcement Officer at 705-389-2466 Ext. 45. All calls will be kept confidential.**

RECREATION COMMITTEE EVENTS

- **Parents & Pee Wee Program:**
Every other Tuesday 9:30 am - 11:30 am (starting in September)
 - **Walk Fit:**
Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00 am - 11:00 am (starting September 7th).
 - **Halloween Haunt:**
October 31st.
 - **Christmas Craft Sale:**
November 17th & November 18th.
- Please check Municipal website's calendar of events for full details!**

MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

The **Thrift Shop** is open on **Friday- Sunday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm until the end of August**. Then, the Thrift Shop will be open on **Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm until the end of October**. They look forward to seeing you there! **They are in need of volunteers**. Please contact the Municipal Office at 705-389-2466 or call **Peggi Woehl at 705-389-1375** or **Elizabeth Hamilton at 705-389-2207**.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The **Community & Economic Development Committee** is pleased to have the **Municipality of Whitestone T-Shirts** available for sale at the Municipal Office, and at the Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library. The T-Shirts are available in three colours and in adult sizes, M to XXL. And, they are only **\$10.00 each!** Our hope is that we can promote our Municipality in your travels and everyday life by wearing our T-Shirts and letting everyone know where Whitestone is, and what we have to offer!

WHITESTONE-HAGERMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The **Library** is back to **Fall/Winter Hours:**

Tuesday	12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 pm – 2:00 pm

You're Invited!

Harvest Luncheon October 18th 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre.

Since we were unable to host our annual Strawberry Social in June, due to the Community Centre repairs, please join us for a special **Harvest Luncheon to celebrate Ontario Public Library Week and Canada 150.**

New Program

This September we will launch a new Seniors Program called "**LIBRARIES ARE MORE THAN JUST BOOKS**". Thanks to the Government of Ontario, we will be offering several exciting new opportunities for Whitestone Seniors this Fall and Winter. "**Knock Knock, I'm Here**", "**It's My Time**", "**Grandmas on Loan**" and "**Tech Boot Camp**" are coming soon! Contact the library if you'd like to find out more about how to participate in any or all of these great new programs!

Accessibility Upgrades

This fall we will be undergoing an accessibility renovation, including the installation of an automatic door, some interior improvements and ramp improvements. Special thanks go to Employment and Social Development Canada for this Community Accessibility grant and to the Municipality of Whitestone for their ongoing support of the Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library.

WHITESTONE-MCKELLAR LION'S CLUB

The **Whitestone-McKellar Lion's Club** held their Annual Bike Rodeo for the School children in early June, and the children enjoyed it immensely! They also held the Annual Free Swimming Lessons at the Municipal Beach/Dock, and had 43 children in attendance!

