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Municipality of Whitestone



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Non-urgent requests can be directed to:

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A message from the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone:

We would like to thank you for your participation and cooperation in our recycling programs. Staff work very hard at the landfill sites, so let's help them make a difference by bagging your flyaway plastic and paper prior to placing in the bins.

OPP have asked us to get the message out to "Follow the Rules" and Vacation Safely. With more Spring/Summer traffic remember to "Share the Road" and Highways with cyclists and pedestrians. They have also asked that we share the following contact information with you for non-urgent calls: Internet Based Reporting <http://www.opp.ca> or call 1-888-310-1122. Since 911 is a very expensive reporting program they ask that you only use 911 in the event of an emergency.

Council is especially grateful to all of the volunteer committee and board members for their dedication and assistance to the Municipality and to Council. Although we always welcome new volunteers, we are now actively looking for **volunteers** for the **Whitestone Seniors Christmas Social Committee**. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering to organize or help out for this event, you can contact the municipal office or go to our website to obtain a volunteer application.

The 2016 Budget represents a 0.006% increase in the total tax rate (municipal plus school board) from 2015. The municipal tax rate will increase by 2.5%, which represents a general municipal revenue increase of 6%. The general municipal revenue is the dollar amount that the municipality will collect through taxation. The 2016 Capital/Construction Projects will include a large culvert replacement on Balsam Road, gravel resurfacing on Whitestone Lake Road and Lorimer Lake Road, replacement of the Church Street dock, and renovations/addition to the Roads Garage. The Road Grant Protocol will continue for 2016. **The Road Grant Application Deadline is September 30, 2016** and applications can be obtained at the municipal office or on the municipal website. Please remember that to be eligible for next year's grant funds, you must submit a written summary of expenses as well as copies of supporting invoices.

The CUPE Union Contract has been ratified and came into effect as of April 1, 2016.

Have a great summer!
Mayor and Members of Council

Recreation Committee



Walk Fit - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:00 am -11:00 am until the end of June. More than just walking. It also includes a 20 minute exercise program

Yoga- Dates on Municipal website. Tuesdays from 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

Playgroup - 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month from 9:30 am -11:30 am

Canada Day - July 1st @ 6:00 pm - Music, food and **fireworks at dusk**. No admission. Come early and enjoy.

Home Based Business Fair - May 21st 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Soccer - Watch the municipal website for more details

Paddle for a Cure 2016 / Poker Run

June 25, 2016

Whitestone Lake (launching from Dunchurch Municipal Beach)
Proceeds to the Mental Health Association Muskoka / Parry Sound.

Road Grant Protocol Application Deadline: Sept. 30, 2016

For information please contact
the Municipal Office
705-389-2466
during regular office hours.



"Whitestone, a Perfect Place to Live, Work & Play"



BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Municipality of Whitestone has passed by-laws including but not limited to Landfill, Clean Yards, ATV's, Light Pollution, Regulation of Dogs, Open Air Burning, Smoking, Trailer Licencing, etc. All By-Laws must be adhered to.

Fireworks should be set off in a safe manner by an adult. Please respect your neighbours. **Fireworks are not permitted during a fire ban. Contraventions should be reported at the time of the event to be enforceable.**

By-Laws can be viewed on the municipal website at www.whitestone.ca. For further information or to report contraventions 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 and
BY-LAWS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENFORCED!**

Landfill & Recycling

The landfill gates will be closed outside of regular operating hours. There will be NO ADMITTANCE when attendants are not on duty. However our hours are the longest of any Municipality in the area.



**WE RECYCLE!!
TAKE PRIDE IN WHERE YOU RESIDE!!
DON'T LITTER!!!**

Summer Hours

(May long weekend to Thanksgiving weekend)

Tuesday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday & Holiday Mondays	10:00 am - 7:00 pm



Building Department

Any building without a permit is in contravention of By-Law No. 32-2015 and the Building Code Act S. O. 1992 Section 8-(1). Residents are encouraged to make an anonymous call and include the address of construction sites to report any contraventions.

Dock Permits

A building permit is required for the installation or replacement of a dock. Please contact Dennis Rowntree, Chief Building Official at 705-389-2466 during regular office hours for more information on what is required.

Summer Hours:

Mon to Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm



Maple Island Thrift Shop - #1 Maple Island Road -

April, May, June, September & October

Sat. & Sun. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

July & August

Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Donations and volunteers are always welcomed & appreciated!

For more information, please call:

Thrift Shop	705-389-2350
Peggi Woehl, Chair	705-389-1375
Elizabeth Hamilton, Secretary	705-389-2207

Tax Department



Tax payments can be made 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 using your roll number as your account number. Taxes may also be paid at the Municipal Office during regular office hours by cash, cheque or debit or by mail payable to the Municipality of Whitestone.

Note: we DO NOT accept credit cards.

Reminder: It is the ratepayers responsibility to notify the office of a change of address. Failure to do so does not relieve the ratepayer from any penalties or interest incurred.

Whitestone Fire Rescue

Campfires are part of enjoying the outdoors but cause many wildfires each year. To keep your campfire safe, follow these guidelines:



- Check for local restrictions
- Ensure a responsible person is present
- Use a designated fire pit
- At least 5 meters from any buildings or forest
- At least 2 meters from flammable material
- Keep water and a shovel nearby.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Put your fire out by dousing it with water, stirring and dousing again until coals are cold to the touch.

Remember: Your fire is your responsibility. If it gets away, you are responsible for damages and any costs of putting it out.

BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED

**from April 1st – October 31st each year
for open air burning and incinerators**



Community & Economic Development Committee

Whitestone has joined forces with 5 other Municipalities to take advantage of Federal Funding to hire an Economic Development Officer which is a 3 year commitment. One of the primary goals is to inform businesses, both permanent and seasonal what is available in the Parry Sound Area, including Whitestone. One significant initiative is the "SMART Project" to pursue improved internet throughout the area.

Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library

Summer library hours begin on Victoria Day Weekend.

Tuesday	12:00 noon - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 noon - 5:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday	12:00 noon - 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mark your calendars for another busy Spring and Summer at the Library.

June 15th 1-3pm

**Whitestone Public Library Strawberry Social
Dunchurch Community Centre**

This year's theme is Library Showcase, featuring the library's services and programs and free strawberry shortcake.

July 16th 12-2pm

**Whitestone Public Library Bake Sale and Silent Auction
Dunchurch Community Centre**

July 30th / July 31st 9am – 2pm

**Whitestone Friends of the Library Book Sale
Dunchurch Community Centre**

The Friends of the library will have their annual book sale for **2 days** this year inside the Community Centre.

July 31st 11am-2pm

Whitestone Public Library Free Appreciation BBQ for the Community at the Dunchurch Community Centre

The library is looking forward to offering our summer children's programming, including the annual Fancy Nancy Tea Party, Midnight Madness, TD summer reading program, reading buddies and digital movie making. Are you receiving our digital newsletter? It's a great way to stay up to date. Check out the library website at www.olsn.ca/whitestonelibrary or like us on Facebook at Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library or Twitter at whitestonelibrary.



Student Employment

Attention all students aged 18-30, who are planning to return to school in the Fall: Are you looking for summer employment in the Field of Government Services? If so, please forward your resumes to the Municipal Office. For full details on this position, please visit our website at www.whitestone.ca

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