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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

As most of you are already well aware, there was a fire at our beloved Community Centre in Dunchurch on the morning of Wednesday, November 2nd. Thanks to the excellent work of our Whitestone Fire Department, along with neighbouring Fire Departments, the fire was contained to the kitchen area only, although there was smoke and water damage to the rest of the building. The hub of our community is temporarily closed for cleaning, repairs, and renovations, but this has not stopped the many programs and events from happening, as they have all been re-located to other venues. Please go to our Municipal website for details regarding temporary locations for community events and programs.



2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the course of the year, the following events and capital projects were held and completed in our community...

January: Fraud & Scams Against Seniors (Library)

February: Open House (Library)
Family Day Celebration (Recreation)

March: Ice Fishing Derby (Rod & Gun Club)
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Recreation)

April: Open House Meet & Greet (CEDC)
Thrift Shop Re-Opens
Pitch-In Day & BBQ

May: Nursing Station Deck/Flooring Completed
Home-Based Business Fair (Recreation)

June: Strawberry Social (Library)
Paddle For A Cure (Recreation)

July: Canada Day Celebration (Recreation)
Building Depart. Truck Replacement
Legion Fish Fry
Craft Sale & BBQ (Ardbeg Club)
Legion Pig Roast
Bake Sale & Silent Auction (Library)
Book Sale (Library)
Bake Sale & Yard Sale (UCW)
Fireworks Celebration (Recreation)
Appreciation BBQ (Library)

August: Fall Fair (Agricultural Society)
Roads Garage Renovation RFP Awarded
Balsam Road Culvert Replacement
Church Street Drainage Repairs

September: Home Safe Home (Library/Nursing Station)
Lorimer Lake Road Construction Completed
Playground Architect RFP Awarded
Walking Trail Parking Project Completed

October: Firefighter's Memorial Service (Fire Dept.)
Thanksgiving Dinner (UCW)
Halloween Haunt (Recreation)
Whitestone Lake Rd. Construction Completed

November: Christmas Craft Sale (Recreation)
New Fire Hydrants Installed
Plow Truck Replacement
Church Street Dock RFP Awarded

December 2nd @ 6pm Christmas Lighting Ceremony
Location: Municipal Complex

December 7th @ 12pm Senior's Christmas Social
Location: Royal Canadian Legion

December 17th @ 9am Breakfast With Santa
Location: Royal Canadian Legion



The Municipal Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays between December 26, 2016 to January 2, 2017. We will re-open on January 3, 2017.

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RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Walk Fit: Mon, Wed & Fri 10:00 am—11:00 am **Royal Canadian Legion—Branch 394**
- Yoga: Tuesday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm **Whitestone Lake Public School**
- Play Group: Every Other Tues 9:30 am—11:30 am **Whitestone Lake Public School**
- Christmas Lighting: December 2 6:00 pm **Municipal Complex**
- Santa's Breakfast: December 17 9:00 am **Royal Canadian Legion—Branch 394**

MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop has finished another very successful season, thanks to the volunteers and generous community! And, as always, the winter apparel was taken to Parry Sound to be distributed to the less fortunate. **They will re-open for the 2017 season on Saturday, April 1st.**

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The CEDC is **currently looking for new members to join** their Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to promote economic development in the Municipality of Whitestone. They meet on the last Tuesday of each month at the Municipal Office. **Join them for an upcoming meeting and see if this is something that would interest you!**

WHITESTONE-HAGERMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter Hours:

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

Holiday Hours:

December 24—December 27	CLOSED
December 28 12:00 pm—5:00 pm	OPEN
December 29 10:00 am—5:00 pm	OPEN
December 30—January 2	CLOSED
January 3 12:00 pm—8:00 pm	OPEN

Have you subscribed to our newsletter yet? It is one of the best ways to stay current with Library news! Go to our website to request your monthly copy www.olsn.ca/whitstonelibrary or call **705-389-3311**.

GIVING TREE: If you are looking for a gift idea for a loved one this holiday season, consider purchasing a leaf with a personalized inscription to put on our Giving Tree! What a thoughtful way to honour a loved one. Leaves are available for a \$50.00 tax deductible donation and acorns are available for \$500.00. Forms are available at the Library. Funds raised will support our Future Endeavours Fund.

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 1st to April 15th** each year. Vehicles in contravention will be tagged and/or towed away at owners' expense. The **2017 dog tags** are now available for sale at the Municipal office for **\$10.00 per tag**. And, the new Municipal Complaint Handling Policy can be found on our Municipal website.

E-NEWSLETTER

Would you like to receive your copy of our **Newsletter by e-mail** instead of regular postal mail? If so, please send Jennifer an email at deputy@whitestone.ca to be added to our **Newsletter subscription list**, or go to our Municipal website to sign-up.

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 roads without permission in writing to do so granted by the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In regards to the **unwrapped toys** that the Whitestone Fire Department collects at each Appreciation Dinner, we are still hoping that everyone will take the time to **purchase a toy, and drop it off at the Municipal Office during office hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) on or before Monday, December 5th.**

Non-urgent requests can be directed to **Bob Whitman, Fire Chief** at 705-389-3824 or 705-774-1967.

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