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WHITESTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please note: Both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are mandatory on every level in cottages, and houses. **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 upon us, remember to check your stove and chimney before burning. **For more information, please contact the Fire Chief, Bob Whitman at 705-774-1967.**

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.

As per By-Law No. 42-2005, the **2018 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.**

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Tammy Wylie, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer for the Municipality of Whitestone recently tendered her resignation. Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Tammy for her many years of service. To fill this void, Council has entered into an arrangement for interim management services with Clayton Harris and Barb Cribbett. They bring several years of senior municipal experience, and will be working as a team during the transition period.

2017 has been a busy year for **Capital Projects!** Major projects include:

The 3.5 km section of the **Bunny Trail** has finally been reconstructed! Surface treatment is planned for June 2018.

Renovated due to the fire last November, the **Dunchurch Community Centre**, reopened in time for this year's **Canada 150 Celebration**, which was a huge success!

The **Dun-Dome Pavilion** was also renovated to provide year round heated washrooms and change rooms.

The **Church Street Dock** was replaced, and the **Municipal Beach** area had improvements, with the installation of brand new **Playground Equipment!**

The **Public Works Garage** is currently under construction to include an addition and upgrades, and is scheduled to open in the new year.

Our community is built upon the strength and commitment of our residents! Council would like to thank all the Order of Whitestone nominees for their contributions to the community, and congratulate this year's recipient of the **2017 Order of Whitestone, Larry Samis!** Council would also like to acknowledge the **2016 recipient, Donelda Hayward!** Due to the fire last November, we were unable to present the 2016 recipient.

Please note, that the **2017 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** will be held at the **Dunchurch Community Centre on Saturday, December 2nd at 5:30 pm.** Please watch for your invitation, and be sure to RSVP!

Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year!

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.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Our **Canada 150 Celebrate and Decorate Contest** wrapped up in August. Congratulations to our winners of the gift baskets from Beverly's. Gail Hoskins won the residential draw and G&M Mechanical won the business draw. It was terrific to see all the participants in the area showing their Red and White in support of Canada's birthday. We look forward to introducing a new theme for next summer. **Looking for a Christmas gift this year? There are still Municipality of Whitestone t-shirts on sale for \$10.00 each at the municipal office and library.** A variety of sizes and colours are available. Support your community by promoting it through the wearing of our t-shirts!

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

PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Phase 1 of the Whitestone Waterfront Park is now complete. Council and the Playground Project Team officially opened the park on October 7th with special guests MPP, Norm Miller, and Tree Canada Representative, Ed Borczon.

The cost of Phase 1 totalled \$73,664.08. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. **Donations are still being accepted with thanks. Donations can be made at www.whitestone.ca by clicking on the DONATE NOW button!**

Council will be asked to approve \$10,000.00 in the 2018 capital budget to address the outstanding accessibility matters, permanent naming feature and one additional accessible piece of equipment targeted to toddlers.

MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

The Maple Island Thrift Shop is now closed for the year but will re-open April 7th, 2018 on Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am—2:00 pm each month. We have had another very successful year THANKS to our dedicated VOLUNTEERS, DONATORS and CUSTOMERS! Our Shop helps keep useable items out of our Landfill Sites and all monies are donated to CHARITIES in the area. VOLUNTEERS are always welcome. Contact Peggi Woehl at 705-389-1375 or Elizabeth Hamilton at 705-389-2207 or the Municipal Office at 705-389-2466.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Dunchurch Agricultural Society is sponsoring a free lecture on Micro Gardening to be held on November 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the Dunchurch United Church Multi-Purpose Room. And, a course on soap making will be offered soon, watch for notices!

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 began 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 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!

SENIOR'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Senior's Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Dunchurch Community Centre on December 12, 2017 from 12:00 pm—1:00 pm, with visiting until 2:00 pm. Come and spread your Holiday Cheer with Friends and Neighbours!

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

On November 6, 2017 Council amended its mutual support agreement with the Township of McKellar. The amendment now permits the Chief Building Official (CBO) for McKellar to issue building permits in Whitestone in the absence of our CBO.

WHITESTONE-HAGERMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library is looking forward to our accessibility renovations, scheduled to take place this Nov/Dec. The library will be closed for part of the renovation, so please call ahead or check the library's website or social media sites. We will give as much notice as possible and we welcome our members to come in to take out as many books, magazines and DVD's as you need to carry you through the renovation period. Thank you to the Government of Canada and the Municipality of Whitestone for making these improvements possible.

We are also launching our new Seniors Program called "Libraries Are More Than Just Books". Contact the library if you are a senior interested in signing up for library delivery and watch the library website and social media sites for upcoming dates for our Tech Boot Camp. **This winter, our Grandmas on Loan program is sure to be a big hit with our seniors and young kids.** Some dates have already been set. Stop in, or call the library for more information.

Friday, November 24th 1-3pm Baking & Decorating Christmas Cookies

Saturday, December 16th 2-4pm Build Your Own Gingerbread Houses

Watch for our **Heart Shaped Wreath, Knitting and Painting sessions** later this winter! Thanks to the Government of Ontario for making this Seniors project possible. Our knitting group is going strong and meets every Thursday. Whether you are a knitting pro or new to the craft, come out from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm and have an afternoon of fun. If knitting isn't for you, bring your own craft, or try adult colouring with our supplies!

Library Holiday Hours:

Dec. 23: 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Dec. 26: CLOSED

Dec. 27: CLOSED

Dec. 28: 10:00 am—5:00 pm

Dec. 30: 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Jan 2: CLOSED

Jan 3: 12:00 pm—5:00 pm

Jan 4: 10:00 am—5:00 pm

Jan 6: 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Whitestone Public Library Expansion Project so far! The Library has a fundraising goal of \$75,000 to go towards future library expansion and furnishings and we are pleased to announce that we have hit \$12,500 by the end of October! Please visit the library's website or give them a call to find out more about how to make a tax deductible donation Thank you for your support!

Visit the Whitestone Public Library at www.olsn.ca/whitestonelibrary or call 1-705-389-3311.

