



“Whitestone, a Perfect Place to Live, Work & Play”

Landfill By-Law No. 15-2005

We are encouraging ratepayers to only attend the landfill sites during hours of operation. By-Law Enforcement has been increased and fines of \$300.00 will continue to be issued for leaving garbage at the gates.

If you are uncertain about our landfill by-law please contact the Municipal Office.

Fuel-Powered Generators

Council wishes to remind seasonal and permanent residents to respect your neighbours' rights. We recommend that their use be limited to daylight hours, or alternately, erecting a noise dampening structure to eliminate all noise that could reach neighbouring properties as per By-Law No. 32-2000.

Whitestone Hagerman Memorial Public Library

The Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library would like to welcome all of its new members who joined this summer. The Library was a very busy place, hosting several art workshops and the TD summer reading program for the children of Whitestone. Thank you to all who participated and made the library such a popular place.

The pedometer program is still going strong. Come in to the library and borrow one today.

Have you noticed the beautiful new flower beds in the front of the library? Special thanks go to the Whitestone and Area Horticultural Society for their generosity and ongoing support. If you don't have a library membership, why not stop by the library and see what we have to offer.

DIAL 9-1-1

For Police, Fire or Medical Emergency

The Municipality has received numerous complaints regarding speeding on waterways, boating at night without proper lights and dangerous driving on ATV's.

If you witness someone who is performing any of the above violations or any other violation and would like to report it please call:

Ontario Provincial Police
1-888-310-1122

All calls will remain anonymous.

Final Tax Due Dates

September 27th
October 25th

Budget Summary

Over 4 months Council & Staff has worked together to prepare a budget that represents a 2.1% increase overall from 2006, which was adopted by by-law at a Special Budget Meeting on Saturday, May 26, 2007.

The 2007 Approved Budget shows a 7.46% reduction in the overall operating costs from 2006.

“The Municipality of Whitestone is open for business”. Council has implemented a reduction to the tax ratios for the Commercial & Industrial Tax Classes to allow the tax rate to be the same as the Residential Tax Rate.

Levies, which are an uncontrollable expense that are downloaded from the Province, represent a 7% increase from 2006. These uncontrollable levy expenses for such things as education, policing, social programs, retirement homes, etc. represent 42% of your municipal tax dollars.

Capital projects represent a 10.5% increase, with 31% of the increase being dedicated to the Roads Department – which is mainly due to the purchase of a new tandem truck \$197,000.00.

During the next 12 months Council will be debating major capital projects involving our landfill sites and road and bridge maintenance and construction projects. Although we have some municipal reserves to deal with these capital projects, Council may be faced with significant tax increases to fund these projects unless we are successful in lobbying the province for grant monies to fund these projects. Your input and comments are encouraged as we look at these serious issues.

We must also be diligent in our effort to continue to control our operating expenses in order to help fund these projects.

Fire By-Law No. 07-2003

All persons setting an open air fire in the Municipality of Whitestone from April 1st until October 31st shall first obtain a fire permit from an authorized issuer.

Please remember that during a Fire Ban there is no burning permitted under any circumstances.

Assessment

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation takes into consideration the following criteria when assessing properties:

- Location, access
- Lot dimensions
- Living Area
- Secondary structures
- Basement area (finished or unfinished)

Tax Payment Methods

Payments can be made by cheque, cash, money order or online banking is available at any of the following financial institutions:

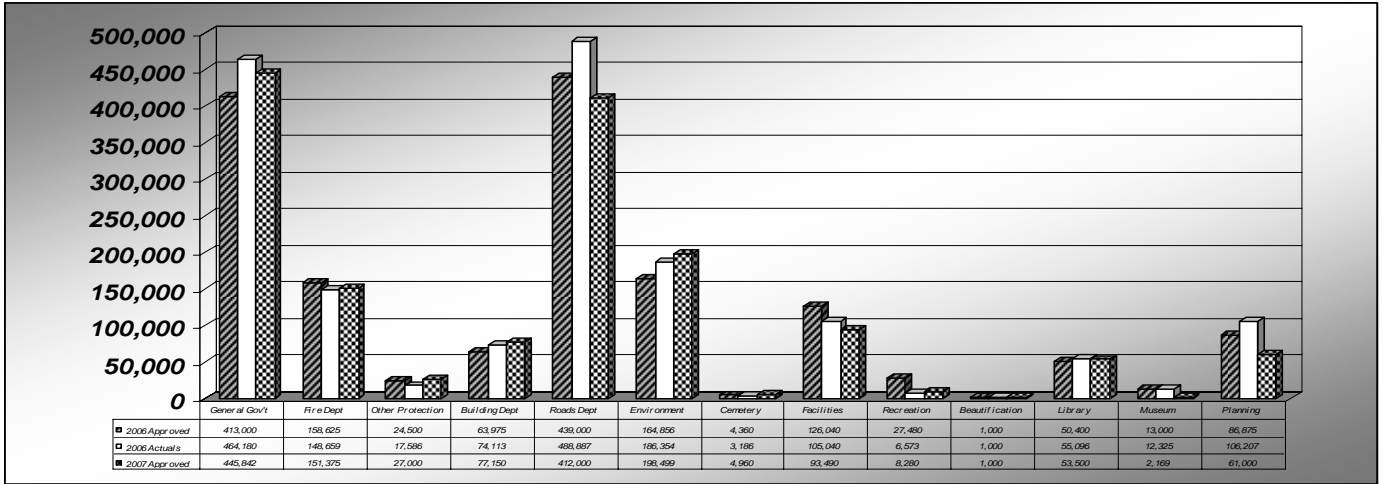
- TD Canada Trust
- Royal Bank
- Scotia Bank
- National Bank

Please ensure your Roll Number accompanies all payments.

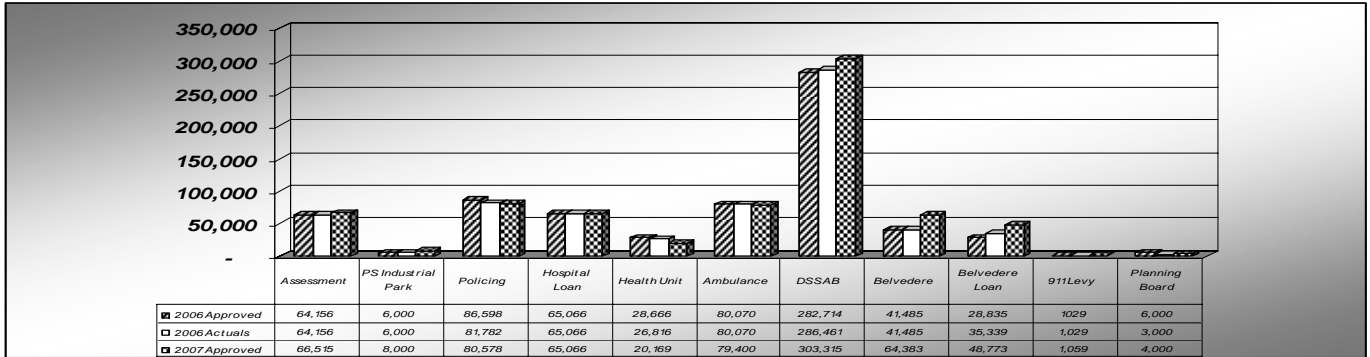
LEGEND

- 2006 Approved
- 2006 Actuals
- 2007 Approved

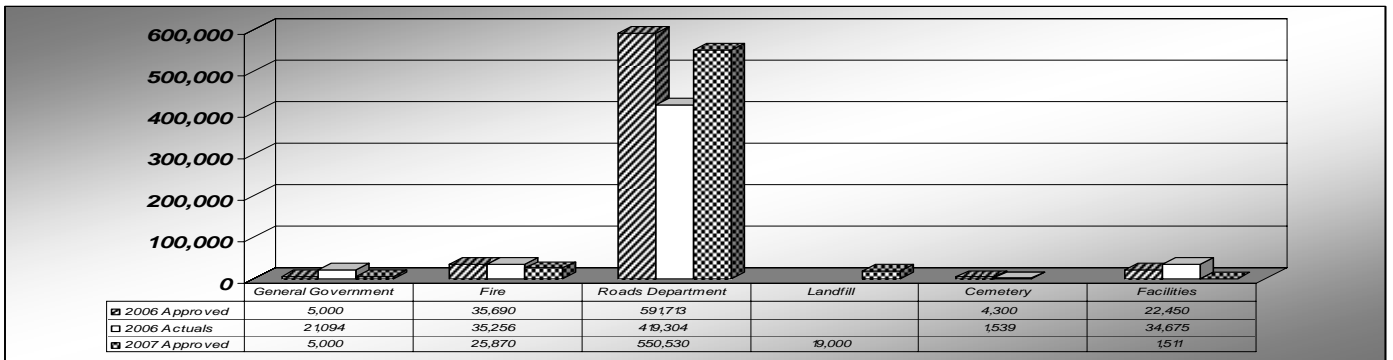
Operating Budget



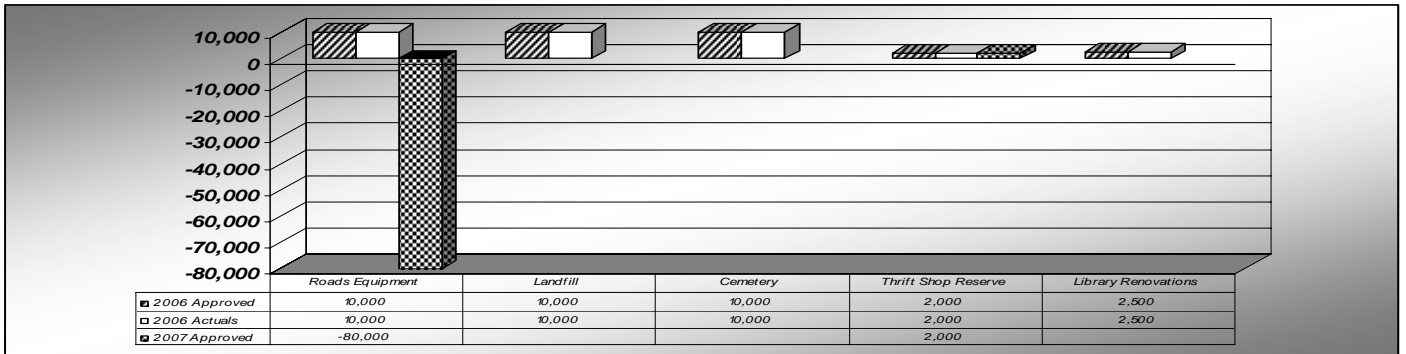
Levies & Loans



Capital



Reserves



Revenues

