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

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Note: Councillor, Joe Lamb has been appointed Deputy-Mayor for the Year 2008 in the event of an absence of Mayor, Chris Armstrong.

Important Numbers

MTO Patrol Yard 389-2502
Community Centre in Dunchurch 389-3211
Maple Island Hall 389-2350
Dunchurch Fire Hall 389-3824
Ardbeg Fire Hall 389-1036
Library 389-3311
Post Office 389-2133
Nursing Station 389-1951
Municipal Office 389-2466
Roads Garage 389-2364

**Dial 9-1-1
For Police, Fire or Ambulance**

Coming Events

September 3rd – Whitestone Horticultural Society – Rock Gardening, Flower and Vegetable Show
September 21st – Agricultural Society - Awards Night
October 1st – Whitestone Horticultural Society – Perennial & Shrub Propagation
October 11th – United Church Women – Thanksgiving Dinner
October 25th – Ardbeg Community Club – Craft & Bake Sale
November 8th – United Church Women – Christmas Bazaar, Bake Sale
November 12th – Whitestone Horticultural Society – Christmas Show

Upcoming Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole Monday, August 11th
Regular Council Tuesday, September 2nd
Committee of the Whole Tuesday, September 9th
Regular Council Monday, September 15th
Town Hall Meeting Saturday, September 27th
Regular Council Tuesday, October 7th
Committee of the Whole Tuesday, October 14th
Regular Council Monday, October 20th

All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Hagerman Community Centre in Dunchurch unless otherwise stated.

A message from the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone

We hope you are all enjoying your summer and want to extend a warm welcome to all our seasonal residents.

Since our last newsletter we have finalized the 2008 budget. The overall tax increase is less than 1% (0.77%). Prudent financial management has allowed us to achieve one of the lowest tax increases in the area while at the same time substantially investing in our infrastructure including roads and bridge construction projects. We have also been able to replenish our Municipal Reserves. These reserves are now higher than when we took office.

A major priority for Council this year, is looking at ways to increase the life expectancy of the landfill sites. Of particular concern is the York Street site which is approaching its capacity. One specific initiative Council has implemented is that we are now shipping our large bulky items such as couches, mattresses etc to the McDougall landfill site. On July 12, 2008 Council held a town hall meeting to inform ratepayers of the various options available and to seek ratepayer input. This resulted in Council passing a resolution at its Council (Committee of the Whole) Meeting of July 14, 2008 authorizing staff to proceed with the expansion of the York Street site to be included in the 2009 budget. The York Street site is currently licenced for a capacity of 40,000 cubic metres and would be expanded to 100,000 cubic metres. There is currently \$103,352.43 in landfill reserves which is anticipated to be more than enough to finance this expansion project.

If you have travelled on Highway 520 recently you may have noticed that preparation for reconstruction of 2.8 km starting at the Maple Island Store has begun. The Ministry of Transportation has advised that the remainder of the highway is scheduled for completion prior to 2011.

The Roads Department has been busy spreading gravel and calcium over various roads across the Municipality. Construction projects are under way including, culvert replacement, rock removal and bridge repairs. The replacement of Farley’s Road Bridge is scheduled to begin in late September.

Recently Shirley Follick was recognized by the Lt. Governor of Ontario Seniors Award, for her many years of volunteer service. The award was presented at a recent Council meeting. Congratulations Shirley!

Council also recognizes a job well done by the Recreation Committee and all its volunteers for another wonderful fireworks display on Canada Day weekend.

The Mayor and Members of Council

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE
2007 MUNICIPAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT
INFORMATION PUBLICATION FOR TAXPAYERS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Operating costs for governance and corporate management as a percentage of total municipal operating costs 12.6 %

FIRE

Operating costs for fire services per \$1,000 of assessment \$.45

POLICE

Operating costs for police services per person \$79.58

Violent crime rate per 1,000 persons .97

Property crime rate per 1,000 persons 25.24

Total crime rate per 1,000 persons 28.16

Youth crime rate per 1,000 youths Information is not available.

TRANSPORTATION

Operating costs for paved (hard top) roads per lane kilometre \$1,629.13

Operating costs for unpaved (loose top) roads per lane kilometre \$1,897.10

Operating costs for winter maintenance of roadways per lane kilometre maintained in the winter \$407.92

Percentage of paved lane kilometres where the condition is rated as good to very good 65 %

Percentage of winter event responses that met or exceeded locally determined municipal service levels for road maintenance 100 %

SOLID WASTE

Operating costs for solid waste disposal per household \$106.04

Operating costs for solid waste diversion per household \$36.18

Number of complaints received concerning the collection of garbage and recycled materials per 1,000 households NIL

Number of days in the year when a Ministry of Environment compliance order for remediation concerning an air or groundwater standard was in effect for the municipality's solid waste management facility NIL

Percentage of residential solid waste diverted for recycling Tonnage information is not available.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Operating costs for parks per person \$4.00

Operating costs for recreation programs per person \$3.57

Operating costs for recreation facilities per person \$79.01

Total operating costs for parks, recreation programs and recreation facilities per person \$86.57

Total participant hours for recreation programs per 1,000 persons 19.4

Hectares of open space (municipally owned) 5

Hectares of open space per 1,000 persons (municipally owned) 4.9

Total kilometres of trails and total kilometres of trails per 1,000 persons NIL

Square metres of indoor recreation facility space (municipally owned) 853

Square metres of indoor recreation facility space per 1,000 persons (municipally owned) 828.2

Square metres of outdoor recreation facility space (municipally owned) and square metres of outdoor recreation facility space per 1,000 persons (municipally owned) NIL

LIBRARY SERVICES

Operating costs for libraries per person \$61.49

Operating costs for libraries per use \$1.50

Library uses per person 41.1

Electronic library uses as a percentage of total library uses 6 %

Non-electronic library uses as a percentage of total library uses 94 %

LAND USE PLANNING

Percentage of residential development located within settlement areas NIL

Percentage of land designated for agricultural purposes which was preserved and the number of hectares of land originally designated for agricultural - No designated agricultural land in the purposes which was re-designated for other uses Official Plan.

Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library

This Spring the Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library was honoured with the OLSN Award of Excellence in Service to Children and Youth. Our library was selected from all of the Northern Ontario libraries because of our strong library and school partnership, our TD summer reading program and an increase of over 50% in children's checkouts in the past year.

Wireless Access is now here! You can bring your laptop to the library and take advantage of our wireless internet access. Please contact the library for your password.

Have you registered for your new library card yet? This summer, the Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library launched an exciting new feature; the Joint Automation Server Initiative (JASI) for public libraries in Northern Ontario. JASI will bring access to the library catalogue from your home computer. Browse the books and movies, reserve or renew materials and even read the first chapter of many of the books on our shelves. Come in to pick up your new card.

Check out the library's website at www.olsn.ca/whitestonelibrary to access our online catalogue.

By-Law Enforcement

There has been an escalation in the number of complaints received regarding the following by-laws: **Clean Yards** – Residents are reminded about By-Law No. 34-2000 pertaining to property clean ups. This includes derelict, un-plated vehicles.

Landfill – Leaving your garbage at the gate creates a potential hazard for everyone, increasing operating costs for the landfill sites and after the bears and raccoons tear through the garbage it is an unsightly mess. \$300.00 fines will continue to be issued.

Building – Any building without a permit is in contravention of By-Law No. 30-2005 and the Building Code Act S.O. 1992 Section 8-(1).

Trailers – Please be reminded that By-Law 25-2001 outlines restrictions for trailers within the Municipality.

Residents are encouraged to make an anonymous call to report and contraventions.

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