

Municipality of Whitestone Newsletters

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2006 Municipal Election Notice of Nomination for Office

In early October every person who is a Canadian Citizen, at least 18 years old and living or owning property within the Municipality of Whitestone will receive a VOTE BY MAIL package which will contain instructions which must be read carefully before completing the ballot and required documents. Should an eligible voter not receive a package, it is their responsibility to obtain a package from the Municipal Office.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Municipality of Whitestone that

Nominations for the offices of Mayor and Councillor may be made by completing and filing, in the office of the appropriate Clerk, nominations in the prescribed form. Nominations for the office of School Board Trustee may be made by completing and filing nominations in the prescribed form as detailed below.

How to be nominated:

1. Obtain nomination papers from the Clerk
2. Bring completed nomination papers to the Clerk between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Nomination Day, Friday, September 29, 2006 or during normal office hours between January 2, 2006 and September 29, 2006 inclusive
3. A nomination filing fee of \$200 for the office of head of council or \$100 for all other offices, must be paid at the time of filing, payable to the municipality in cash, certified cheque or money order. The fee is refunded if the candidate is elected, receives two percent of the votes cast, or withdraws the nomination prior to 5:00 pm on October 2, 2006
4. Nomination papers may be filed in person or by an agent but not by fax
5. Nomination papers must be certified by the Clerk before such person becomes a certified candidate

If an insufficient number of certified candidates have been nominated to fill all positions available, nominations will be reopened for the vacant positions only on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm and such additional nominations, if required, may be filed in the office of the Clerk.

The Municipality of Whitest one, 21 Church Street, Dunchurch Ontario, POA IGO 389-2466

MAYOR: One (1) to be elected

COUNCILLOR: Four (4) to be elected

SCHOOL TRUSTEE - PARRY SOUND ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Note: The Municipality of Whitestone is not included in a Catholic School Board and therefore do not have the opportunity to vote for this office.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE - NEAR NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ENGLISH LANGUAGE PUBLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

One (1) to be elected for Zone 3 which includes, among other municipalities, the Township of The Archipelago (North), Township of Carling, Municipality of McDougall and Municipality of Whitestone.

Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, Municipality of Powassan, 466 Main Street, Powassan 705-724-2813

SCHOOL TRUSTEE - CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT CATHOLIQUE CENTRE - SUD FRENCH LANGUAGE SEPARATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD NO. 64

Note: The Municipality of Whitest one is not included in a French Language Separate Catholic School Board and therefore do not have the opportunity to vote for this office.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE - CONSEIL SCOLAIRE PUBLIC DU NORD-EST DE L'ONTARIO FRENCH LANGUAGE PUBLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NO. 56

One (I) to be elected for Zone A which includes, among other municipalities, Township of the Archipelago, the Township of Carling, Municipality of McDougall, Township of McKellar, Town of Parry Sound, the Township of Seguin and the Municipality of Whitestone.

Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, Town of Huntsville, 37 Main Street East, Huntsville, Ontario 705-789-1751

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY, 2006

Liliane Nolan, CAO-Clerk
Municipality of Whitestone
21 Church Street
Dunchurch, Ontario POA I GO

Whitestone Library News

The Whitestone Library held the TD Summer Reading Club, Quest for Heroes, and other children's programs this summer. They were all a great success. The children read lots of books, did crafts, played Bingo and several other games. One of their favorites was the tie dying of shirts and pillowcases. They also decorated their jeans with fabric paint and beads. We hope more children will join us next year for our TD Reading Club & Fun Days.

Free Computer lessons are on-going this summer so call for an appointment at 389-3311.

LIBRARY GIANT BOOK SALE

on Fair Day, Saturday, August 19th from 9:00 am to ???

The Library has books for sale all year long during open hours.

You can't beat our prices.

2006 Final Tax Due Dates

September 28th, 2006
and
October 26th, 2006

Citizens Budget Review Committee

By-Law No. 25-2006, being a by-law to adopt the 2006 tax rates, was passed on May 9, 2006. The 2006 tax rate represents a 38% decrease from 2005 and a 1.7% increase in taxation revenue.

The Citizens Budget Review Committee, which consists of all members of Council and three members at large, worked diligently to ratify the 2006 budget six weeks earlier than last year.

The 2006 Budget consists of \$308,000 in capital construction costs and \$142,590 in capital costs including renovations to Maple Island Hall and a new backhoe with float.

**Municipal Landfill Sites
(York Street & Auld's Road)**

Summer Hours

Tuesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Holiday Mondays: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Winter Hours

Tuesday: 12 noon - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 12 noon - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 12 noon - 5:00 pm

Landfill access cards are required

**Reduce
Reuse
Recycle**

Whitestone Summerfest 2006 June 30th & July 1st

Whitestone Summerfest 2006, marked the second year for this family oriented two-day event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the sponsors of Summerfest 2006. Your generous contributions, either by way of a cash donation, an in-kind donation, or your donation towards our Silent Auction or Penny Draw, helped to make Summerfest 2006 the success that it was.

A special thanks to the numerous volunteers who gave what they could - whether an hour of their time or the entire weekend. Summerfest 2006 would not have happened without you!!

“Calling all ratepayers in the Municipality!” If you have any thoughts or suggestions as to what you’d like to see in Summerfest 2007, i.e., kids events, games, competitions, entertainment, etc., please let us know. If there is anything you’d like us to do differently, please let us know - your feedback is important, after all, it is your Festival.

Light Pollution By-Law

The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone passed By-Law No. 16-2006, being a by-law to regulate light pollution.

Please contact the Municipal Office to obtain a copy for your reference.

WHITESTONE FIRE RESCUE OPEN HOUSE

Barbecue & Demonstrations
Tuesday, Oct 10th 2006, 5:30 pm
Dunchurch Fire Hall

INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS..... IT’S THE LAW!

Every residence in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every level and outside all sleeping areas.

Assessment Review Ad-Hoc Committee

This Committee was established by Council in Feb 2006 in response to various complaints received from the Public regarding their 2006 assessments. On May 13, 2006, the first Public Presentation by this Committee was made at the Dunchurch Community Center. That presentation outlined the Committee's progress on its mandate... Review and understand Municipal revenues and the services provided; Review and understand the current Assessment Process - MPAC; Review and understand possible alternative methods for Whitestone.

Subsequently, other similar presentations have been made throughout the summer to various Cottage Groups within the Municipality. The purpose of all these presentations is to obtain feedback and ideas that the Committee can use to develop recommendations. With this public input, recommendations will be developed over the next month and presented to Council in late September.

A copy of this public presentation is available on the Municipality's website for review.