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

Members of Council

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Councillor, Morley Moore 389-1328 councillor.moore@whitestone.ca

Note: Councillor, Bill Church has been appointed Deputy-Mayor for the Year 2010 in the event of an absence of Mayor, Chris Armstrong.

Department Heads

Liliane Nolan, CAO-Clerk
Tammy Wylie, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk
Dougald Pawlech, Road Superintendent
Paul Rossiter, By-Law Enforcement Officer
Dennis Rowntree, Chief Building Official
Floyd Thomson, Facilities Manager
Bob Whitman, Fire Chief
Lori Guillemette, Librarian

Important Numbers

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

Staff

Bruce Brear, Equipment Operator
Jason Bolton, Landfill Site Attendant
Kevin Crossman, Relief Snowplough Operator
Melissa Crossman, Secretary/Receptionist
John Green, Equipment Operator
Greg Kowal, Utility Person/Landfill Site Attendant
Rodney Matthews, Relief Snowplough Operator
Dale McDonald, Equipment Operator
Bob Musgrave, Landfill Site Attendant
Dyanne Roberts, Planning Assistant

A message from the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone

Council and Staff are currently deliberating on the 2010 Budget. During the first three years of this term of Council we have actually been able to reduce the Municipal Operating Budget by 2.1%. (excluding outside levies which we do not control) This has allowed us to invest in capital projects while reducing the total tax rate by 1%. We intend to continue this type of rigour in 2010 as we try to minimize your tax increase but invest in our future.

Council has invited an EMS representative to attend an upcoming Council meeting to explain the exorbitant 15% increase in the 2010 land ambulance levy.

Also during the budget process Council will be discussing budgeting funds for the newly adopted Road Grant Protocol for the purpose of assisting with road maintenance costs for property owners on private and un-assumed roads. At the January 18, 2010 meeting Council passed a resolution which outlines the steps in the process by which un-assumed roads may be incorporated into the Municipality’s road maintenance system. Copies of the Road Grant Protocol and Assuming Roads for Municipal Maintenance Purposes are available on the municipal website or can be obtained by contacting the Municipal Office.

Some of the major projects we will be focusing on while finalizing the 2010 Budget are, expansion of the York Landfill site, completion of the Bunny Trail reconstruction and investment in other road and bridge repairs and Dunchurch Hall/Pavilion addition and upgrades. The Community Development Committee is also working very hard to establish walking trails throughout the Municipality with funding provided by Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RINC) Program. Several capital expenditures are being considered in the draft budget this year in our various departments.

Due to the situation that arose with the Post Office being unable to secure a location to operate in our area, Council has provided a temporary trailer located at the Dunchurch Community Centre to carry out its daily operations. Provided that alternate arrangements for a new location have not been made within the 6 month temporary period, Council will be exploring the possibilities of providing a permanent location for postal service in our community.

Council would like to welcome our new Working Road Superintendent Dougald Pawlech to our team. Doug brings with him several years of experience with heavy equipment as well as 13 years of Municipal experience.

Hope you are enjoying winter in Whitestone
The Mayor and Members of Council

Recreation News

Thank you to everyone who supported our programs this past year.

Walk Fit - Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am – 11:00 am for a fun-filled hour of exercise and walking at the Dunchurch Community Centre.

Thrift Shop will re-open Saturday April 3rd with 2 floors filled with treasures. It will be open every Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 2 pm

Craft Sales – Plans are being made for craft sales in July and November. More details will be provided as it comes available.

Belly Dancing – Classes are being held at the Dunchurch Community Centre on Sundays at 1:30 pm

Watch the newsletters, local papers and the website for information regarding upcoming events.

Volunteers are required for all Recreation Committee events and activities. Please contact any member for more information. Further details are available on the website at www.whitestone.ca

What's Happening???

Whitestone Rod & Gun Club

4th Annual Fishing Derby & Pancake Breakfast – March 13th @ Whitestone Lake Resort

Walk-Fit

Mon, Wed & Fri –Dunchurch Hall– 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Belly Dancing

Sunday – Dunchurch Hall 1:30 pm

Knox United Church

Sunday Worship @ 11:00 am All are welcome to attend!!!

Royal Canadian Legion

Bid Euchre – Mondays @ 7:30 pm

Euchre – Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm & Saturdays @ 1:30 pm

Cribbage – Thursdays @ 7:30 pm

Darts – Tuesdays & Fridays @ 8:00 pm

Meat Draws – 1st & 3rd Saturday 4:00 pm

Horsereaces – 1st & 3rd Saturday following meat draws

Upcoming Council Meetings

Regular Council	Monday, March 1 st
Regular Council (Committee of the Whole)	Monday, March 15 th
Regular Council	Tuesday, April 6 th
Regular Council (Committee of the Whole)	Monday, April 19 th
Regular Council	Monday, May 3 rd
Regular Council (Committee of the Whole)	Monday, May 17 th
Regular Council	Monday, June 1 st
Regular Council (Committee of the Whole)	Monday, June 15 th

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

“Multiple formats are available upon request/as needed only”;

Please contact the Municipality of Whitestone in writing at 21 Church Street, Dunchurch, ON P0A 1G0 or phone at 705-389-2466.

Fire Prevention

Winter is here and on occasion we may experience power interruptions so here are a few safety tips to ensure everyone stays safe:

- Keep lit candles in a safe location from small children and pets and be sure to put candles out when leaving the room.
- Never run generators in enclosed locations, they can let off harmful gases that can hurt you or even cause death.
- Don't cook with BBQ's in enclosed locations, they too can let off harmful gases that can seriously injure a person or cause death.

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

By-Law Enforcement

Please be reminded that as per **By-Law No. 29-2003 no vehicle may be parked on Municipal roads or shoulders** to obstruct snow removal. Vehicles in contravention of this by-law will be tagged or towed at owners' expense.

When ploughing your driveway or roadways this winter please remember not to leave any snow or ice on municipal roadways or shoulders. **By-Law No. 12-2009 prohibits the deposit of ice or snow on any municipal roadways** without permission in writing to do so granted by the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone.

Contravention of any Municipal By-law can be reported to:

**By-Law Enforcement Officer, Paul Rossiter
705-389-2466 Extension 45**

Whitestone-Hagerman Public Library

Join us on Wednesday, March 17th 2010, 12:30 -1:15 for our St. Patrick's Day Story Hour. Wear Your Green, come out for a story, craft and lots of fun!!

Have you ever wondered “what's all the fuss about facebook?” February is Facebook month at the library! It's a great way to keep in touch with family, friends and old acquaintances. Many businesses are even using it now. Drop in for a Beginner's Guide to Facebook on Thursdays in February from 12 noon – 3:00 pm.

The library is entering into a new venture called **OurOntario** where our local historical photographs will be digitized and uploaded to ourontario.ca to be seen by the world. The library will be hosting one or two Digitization Days in the coming months where the community will be encouraged to bring in photographs and documents from our area to be scanned and uploaded to the site. For more information on the exciting project, please call the library at 705-389-3311 or email us at whitestonelibrary@vianet.ca

Swimming Lessons

Unfortunately, the Dunchurch Lions were unable to provide swimming lessons last summer because there was not a qualified instructor available. If you or someone you know is a qualified swimming instructor and are interested in working in our area please contact our Office and we will forward your information to the appropriate Lions Club Executive.

Building Department

Winter Hours Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 25th