

February 2007

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

Members of Council

Mayor, Chris Armstrong	389-3721	mayor.armstrong@whitestone.ca
Councillor, Bill Church	389-1956	councillor.church@whitestone.ca
Councillor, Alan Ladd	389-1995	councillor.ladd@whitestone.ca
Councillor, Joe Lamb	389-9542	councillor.lamb@whitestone.ca
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Councillor, Morley Moore	389-1328	councillor.moore@whitestone.ca

Note: Councillor, Alan Ladd has been appointed Deputy-Mayor for the Year 2007 in the absence of Mayor, Chris Armstrong.

Council Meetings

As per Resolution #2006-637

Council meetings have been scheduled as follows in an effort to accommodate all ratepayers:

Schedule of Council Meetings

Regular Council	Mon. March 5 th
Committee of the Whole	Tues. March 13 th
Regular Council	Mon. March 19 th
Regular Council	Mon. April 2 nd
Committee of the Whole	Tues. April 10 th
Regular Council	Tues. April 17 th
Regular Council	Mon. May 17 th
Committee of the Whole	Tues. May 15 th
Regular Council	Tues. May 22 nd
Budget Meeting	Sat. May 26 th

All Council and Committee of the Whole Council meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Dunchurch Community Centre.

Budget Meeting

**Dunchurch Community Centre
May 26th, 2007**

Important Numbers

MTO Patrol Yard	389-2502
Dunchurch Community Hall	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

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

Department Heads

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

Staff

Bruce Brear, Equipment Operator
Bud Bryant, Landfill Site Attendant
Melissa Crossman, Secretary/Receptionist
Greg Kowal, Handy Person
Dale McDonald, Equipment Operator
Bob Musgrave, Landfill Site Attendant
Dyanne Roberts, Legal Secretary

Ontario's Aggregate Resources Program

The Aggregate Resources Program requires all pit/quarry owners/operators to submit applications, including fees, site plans, etc. Applications are to be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources before June 30, 2007. Applications received after this date will require extensive studies and reports resulting in increased expenses.

At the December 18th Committee of the Whole Council meeting a resolution was passed for staff to prepare a motion to the province to reconsider the Municipality of Whitestone and invite a representative from the Ministry of Natural Resources to attend the meeting of January 15th to provide further details of this program. All pit/quarry owners were invited to attend the meeting as well.

As a result of the January 15th meeting, Council passed a resolution to appeal the legislation at the January 22nd meeting.

Pay Increase for Members of Council

Council passed the following resolution at its Regular Council Meeting of December 12, 2006:

2006-639 That Council hereby consents to the pay increase effective December 1, 2006 be phased in over a two (2) year period with 50% of the increase in 2007 and 50% of the increase in 2008.

Sunday Gun Hunting

Council passed the following resolution at its Regular Council Meeting of February 19, 2007:

2007-104 That Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby reaffirms that previous Council's support (resolution 2006-153) for the Ministry of Natural Resources proposal to allow gun hunting on Sundays on private land and crown land during the existing hunting seasons, which remain subject to all restrictions under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA), including those associated with public safety and conservation.

Landfill Site Winter Hours
(until May 17th, 2007)

Tuesday 12noon – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 12noon – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 12noon – 5:00 p.m.

Landfill access cards are required.

**INSTALL SMOKE
DETECTORS.....
IT'S THE LAW**

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

2007 Saturday Schedule

There will be a Councillor available at the Municipal Office on the following Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00 pm to address any questions or concerns.

February 24	Morley Moore
March 24	Alan Ladd
April 14	Joe Lamb
June 23	Morley Moore
July 28	Joe Lamb
August 25	Alan Ladd
September 22	Morley Moore
October 13	Joe Lamb
November 24	Morley Moore
December 15	Alan Ladd

Mayor Armstrong will be available most Saturdays for any ratepayers wishing to meet with him. Arrangements for such meetings, or any other day, can be made by contacting the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

Dunchurch Pavilion

Please respect ice times.
Be courteous.

Sticks and pucks are not permitted on ice during public skating.

Schedule is posted at the Pavilion.

Interim Tax Due Dates

Installment #1 Mar 22/07
Installment #2 May 24/07

Committee/Board Members

Recreation

Barbara Bennett
Jodi Deadman
Christina Durkin
Louise Ford
Jenny DeGrow
Rebecca Green
Elizabeth Hamilton
Shona Whitmell
Council Rep: Alan Ladd

Committee of Adjustment

Greg Kowal
Tom Sutcliffe
Council Rep: Joe Lamb

Community Development

Murray Chambers
George Deadman
Maryanne Hennig
Peter McEwen
Carl Murphy
Marsha Murphy
Melissa Whitman
Louise Woods
Council Rep: Chris Armstrong
Bill Church
Morley Moore

Library Board

Ruth Brownley
Cathy Follick
Elizabeth Hamilton
Beth Koski
Margareta Linko
Audrey Macfie
Diann Reinhardt
Council Rep: Morley Moore

Cemetery

Velma Brear
Bruce Brear
Jane Bottrell
John Moffat
Wayne Heels
Muriel Stiles
Council Rep: Chris Armstrong

Volunteer Firefighters

Bob Whitman
Chris Armstrong
Kathy Whitman
Janice Bray
John Stothers
John Strickler
Steven Hardwick
Margaret Hardwick
Justin Whitman
Hank Lambert
Tom Sutcliffe
Sylvia Sutcliffe
Steve Bell
Natascha Thoennes
Rhonda Armstrong
Brock Armstrong
Jack Elliott
Louise Woods
Deb Taylor
Jasper Keck

Historical Plaques

Council has authorized the Whitestone Historical Society to place plaques in Ardbeg at the Fire Hall, Whitestone by the bridge and Fairholme at the old school site.

Rural Infrastructure

Council has authorized staff to proceed with a grant application under the Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative for the replacement of the Farley Road Bridge.

Building Department

Building permits are required for any structure 108 square feet or greater.

9-1-1 Numbering

If you do not have a 9-1-1 number, please contact Dennis Rowntree at the Municipal Office. There are several water access numbers available for pick up at the Municipal Office at 21 Church St. in Dunchurch.

Whitestone Hagerman Memorial Public Library

Are you a member of the Library yet? If you aren't why not stop in and see what you are missing. We have a great selection of books, magazines, dvd's and videos and membership is free to year round and seasonal residents of Whitestone. For more information call 705-389-3311 or go to www.dunchurchlibrary.org

Outside Board/Committee Appointees

District Social Services Admin. Board - Bill Church and Steve Crookshank
Chamber of Commerce - Joe Lamb
Community Policing Advisory Committee - Alan Ladd
District Museum Board - Alan Ladd
Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Partnership Committee - Morley Moore
District Municipal Association - Bill Church
Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board of Management - Fern Harris
Emergency Medical Services Committee - Gord Harrison
Parry Sound Area Planning Board - Bill Church and Tom Sutcliffe
West Parry Sound POA Partners - Tammy Wylie
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit - Don Brisbane
9-1-1 Management Committee - Dennis Rowntree and Louise Woods
West Parry Sound Health Centre Municipal Advisory Committee - Chris Armstrong

By-Law Enforcement

There has been an escalation in the number of complaints received regarding the following by-laws:

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 dampering structure to eliminate all noise that could reach neighbouring properties as per By-Law No. 32-2000.

Clean Yards - Residents are reminded about By-Law No. 34-2000 pertaining to property clean ups.

Trailers – Trailers are only permitted in the Municipality of Whitestone at a trailer camp licenced by the Municipality or for a thirty day period unless there is a building permit in place.

Please note that all by-laws will be strictly enforced.