

# MAY 2008

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

## Department Heads

Liliane Nolan, CAO-Clerk  
Floyd Thomson, Facilities Manager  
Nick Thomson, Road Superintendent  
Paul Rossiter, By-Law Enforcement Office  
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  
Dale McDonald, Equipment Operator  
Bob Musgrave, Landfill Site Attendant  
Dyanne Roberts, Planning Assistant  
Greg Kowal, Utility Person/Landfill Site Attendant

## 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**

## Fire Permits

Please be reminded that fire permits are required for burning from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> and are not valid during a fire ban.

If you are unsure if there is a ban please contact your cottage association or the local fire department.

Incinerators permits can be obtained by contacting the following:

Kathy Whitman	389-3302
Margaret Hardwick	389-3704

## Upcoming Council Meetings

Regular Council	Tuesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>
Regular Council	Monday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>
Regular Council	Monday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>
Town Hall Meeting	Saturday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>
Committee of the Whole	Monday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>
Committee of the Whole	Monday, August 11 <sup>th</sup>

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

Over the last few months Council and Staff have been diligently working on finalizing the 2008 budget and at this time, it looks like a 1.5% overall tax increase has been achieved. This year we have received additional Provincial funding, which along with our operating cost savings, we are able to put an additional \$309,339 toward roads and bridge construction projects.

As many are aware there has been concerns regarding the life expectancy of the landfill sites due to the increase in usage and Council has been deliberating several ideas that could help extend the life span of the current landfill sites and a potential expansion of the York Street site. One of the first changes that you will notice is the “free dump weekends” have been replaced by a single non-transferable coupon which permits one (1) free (small trailer or ½ ton truck) load of brush or leaves per year. Your coupon has been included with this newsletter and Council feels that this not only allows more flexibility of usage as you get to choose which day you take advantage of this but also realizes what was originally the intent of the free dump weekends.

Hope you have a safe and wonderful summer and if we don't see you before, we'll see you at the fireworks on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 celebrating Canada Day.

The Mayor and Members of Council

## Caring For Your Sewage System

As outlined in the Official Plan, the Municipality of Whitestone's objective is to ensure that water supply and sewage services are planned and utilized in accordance with long-term planning and growth management objectives.

The municipality is in the process of researching the possibilities of implementing a sewage re-inspection program. Remember, sewage systems are the responsibility of the property owner. You can contribute to the protection of the ground and surface waters that are very important to all of us with proper knowledge and care of your sewage system.

Check out our website at [www.whitestone.ca](http://www.whitestone.ca) under the Building Department for care and maintenance tips for your sewage system.

**All ratepayers are asked to refrain from depositing garbage outside of the gates at the landfill sites.**

**Section 2.7 of By-Law No. 15-2005** states that “No person shall deposit any waste at or near, or outside or around the landfill gates except in the appropriate areas for waste and/or recycling receptacle.” and;

**Section 2.8 of By-Law 15-2005** states that “In any proceeding pursuant to this by-law, evidence of any personal markings, or inscriptions found in any waste deposited in contravention of this by-law that identify the name and address of any person shall be prima facie that the waste was deposited unlawfully by such person.” and;

**Section 5.1 of By-Law No. 15-2005** states that “Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this By-Law, is guilty of an offence, and upon conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding the maximum provided under the Provincial Offences Act, exclusive of costs, and every such fine shall be recoverable under the Provincial Offences Act.” and;

Pursuant to Section 5 of the said By-Law, fines shall be as follows:

**Minimum charge of \$200.00 plus actual cost**

It is highly recommended that users of the landfill site bring their garbage, **ONLY** when an attendant is on duty. Leaving your garbage at the gate creates a potential hazard for everyone, increases operating costs for the landfill sites and after the bears and raccoons tear through the garbage it is an unsightly mess.

**Landfill Fees Increase**

<b>Landfill Fees</b>	<b>Specifics</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Appliances & Furniture	Freon Units	<b>\$50.00</b>
	Certified Freon Units	<b>\$12.50</b>
	Bulky Items	<b>\$12.50</b>
Sorted Construction Waste	½ ton truck/trailer	<b>\$31.25</b>
	1 to truck	<b>\$62.50</b>
	Single axle dump truck	<b>\$375.00</b>
	Tandem axle dump truck	<b>\$750.00</b>
Brush	½ ton truck/trailer	<b>\$6.25</b>
	1 ton truck	<b>\$12.50</b>
	Single axle dump truck	<b>\$31.25</b>
	Tandem axle dump truck	<b>\$43.75</b>
Shingles	½ ton truck/trailer	<b>\$125.00</b>
	1 ton truck	<b>\$250.00</b>
	Single axle dump truck	<b>\$375.00</b>
	Tandem axle dump truck	<b>\$750.00</b>
Tires	Car (under 16’’)	<b>\$6.25</b>
	Truck (under 20’’)	<b>\$25.00</b>
	Car (under 16’’) with rim	<b>\$10.00</b>
	Truck (under 20’’) with rim	<b>\$31.25</b>
Other	Boats (20’ max.)	<b>\$1.25/ft</b>
	Blue boxes (1 <sup>st</sup> box free)	<b>\$6.25</b>

**Free Dumping Weekends**

Council unanimously agreed to the following resolution which was passed at its Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 17, 2008:

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WHEREAS Council has reviewed the life expectancy of the York St. Landfill Site showing a dramatic decrease based on current usage; and

WHEREAS currently the Municipality of Whitestone offers three (3) free dumping weekends per year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that free dumping be limited to brush and/or leaves only.

AND FURTHER that the Municipality of Whitestone will be issuing one (1) non-transferable ticket per household to be included with the spring newsletter for the free disposal of one (1) ½ ton truck/trailer load of brush and/or leaves per year at the York St. and Auld’s Road Landfill Sites.

Enclosed you will find your ticket as per the above noted resolution.

**Farleys Road Parking Area**

Please be advised that the parking area at 309 Farley’s Road has been restricted to parking by permit only.

Signs have been erected stating that parking is by permit only, all others will be towed and/or tagged.

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

**Dogs** – As per by-law 35-2005, dog tags are required. Tags can be purchased at the Municipal Office for a fee of \$10.00. Remember if your dog has a tag it can be easily returned to you. Without a tag, your dog will be turned in to the Animal Shelter in Parry Sound who will impose fees to the owner if it is found running at large.

**All by-laws will be strictly enforced.**