

MAY 2009

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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, Morley Moore has been appointed Deputy-Mayor for the Year 2009 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 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
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 1st to October 31st 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

Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, May 19 th
Regular Council	Monday, June 1 st
Committee of the Whole	Monday, June 15 th
Committee of the Whole	Monday, July 13 th
Committee of the Whole	Monday, August 10 th

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

Currently the construction company is working to complete the Farleys Road Bridge reconstruction and approaches including guide rails this Spring.

Over the last few months Council and Staff have been diligently working on finalizing the 2009 budget and at this time, it looks like a 3.8% overall tax decrease has been achieved.

This year we have received additional funding from the Federal & Provincial Build Canada Fund totalling \$926,123, which along with our operating cost savings, reserves and surpluses will allow us to reconstruct the Bunny Trail for a total project cost of \$1,389,183.

Also, in other news, we are happy to announce the start of the walking trails, York Street Landfill expansion and upgrades to the Dunchurch Community Centre. All of which will be completed without borrowing.

Your Council is currently dealing with a DRAFT resolution in regards to assuming roads for municipal maintenance purposes. The intent of this resolution is to allow for a formal process to be established that would first see a more reasonable level of standard than currently required, secondly allow for a process that could see federal and provincial funds to assist un-assumed roads in achieving the standard set by an engineer, and thirdly the creation of a road maintenance program that could be undertaken by Municipal staff of contracted out to qualified businesses. Council has reviewed this DRAFT resolution once and an amended version will be at the May 19th committee of whole meeting. Your council would appreciate having your views on this draft resolution, which can be found on our website. Please provide written/email comments for Council.

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 27th, 2009 celebrating Canada Day.

The Mayor and Members of Council

Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library

New extended year round hours

Tuesdays	12:00 - 8:00
Wednesdays	12:00 - 5:00
Thursdays	10:00 - 5:00
Saturdays	10:00 - 2:00

Come in and take advantage of our great book and DVD selection or connect with friends and family with our high speed wireless internet connection. Check out the library's website at www.olsn.ca/whitestonelibrary for news and announcements, like the TD summer reading program coming up in July and August.

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 fine of \$300.00

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

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

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, 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 in addition to \$125.00 fine.

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.

Noise – Fines for noise violations has been increase to \$200.00 for 2009.

All by-laws will be strictly enforced.

Free Dumping Weekends

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

2008-147

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.

What’s Happening????

Recreation

Fireworks – Saturday, June 27th at dusk
 Women’s Wellness – Wednesday @ 6:30 until June 10th
 Craft Sale – Saturday, July 18th – 10am – 3pm
 Thrift Shop – Saturday & Sunday 10am – 2pm

Royal Canadian Legion

Bid Euchre – Mondays @ 7:30 pm
 Euchre – Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm & Saturdays @ 1:30 pm
 Cribbage – Thursdays @ 7:30 pm
 Darts – Fridays @ 8:00 pm
 Meat Draws – 1st & 3rd Saturday 4:00 pm followed by horse races
 Pig Roast (Ladies Auxiliary) – Saturday, July 4th – 5pm to 7pm
 Fish Fry – Saturday, August 1st – 2 servings – 5pm & 7pm

Dunchurch Lions

Swimming Lessons Registration – Saturday, July 4th

Whitestone Horticultural Society

Plant Sale & Flea Market – Saturday May 23rd 9am – 2pm
 (for information or table rental call Jan 389-1091)

Take pride in the Municipality where you reside.

DON’T LITTER!!

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). Residents are encouraged to make an anonymous call and include address of construction site to report any contraventions.

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