MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL:

Our sincere thanks to the individuals and groups who reviewed the Municipality's draft Strategic Plan and submitted comments. Council met on November 18th to consider the comments received and to develop and prioritize detailed action plans to achieve the strategic objectives. We will continue to refine the detailed action plans over the coming months, and will report progress as they are carried out. Council would like to take this time to thank all the volunteers, we really appreciate all the time and effort you put in throughout each and every year and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The Municipal office will be closed for the 2015 Holiday Season between December 24th and January 1st, and will re-open with regular office hours on Monday, January 4th, 2016.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The CEDC would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the committees, volunteers and organizations that made this summer and fall busy with fun filled activities in our Community. Wonderful turnouts were seen these past few months at the Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library fundraisers, the Dunchurch Agricultural Society Fall Fair, the Recreation Committee hosting the Family Fitness Festival, the Dunchurch United Church Women hosting the Thanksgiving dinner at the Community Centre, the Ardbeg Community Club craft sale, the Whitestone Lions Club swimming lessons and many more events. There was something for everyone to enjoy!

With Christmas fast approaching, we ask that you support our local businesses and shop locally this HOLIDAY SEASON! Looking for a great gift for the hard to shop for? Here are some ideas: gift certificate to a local restaurant; hire a local contractor to complete work on a loved ones' home that they have been putting off or can't afford. There are many ways to support the community businesses as the Christmas season approaches. Are you looking for ways to be actively involved in the Municipality of Whitestone, if so the Community & Economic Development Committee is looking for VOLUNTEERS! Go to our website at whitestone.ca/application-forms and download the volunteer application form.

ROADS DEPARTMENT

No vehicle may be parked on Municipal roadways, shoulders or turn-arounds to obstruct snow removal. Vehicles in contravention will be tagged and/or towed at owners’ expense. When ploughing your driveway or roadways this winter, please remember not to leave any snow or ice on the municipal roadways, shoulders or turn-arounds as it is illegal. –

The Road Grant Protocol was established to assist users of private and unmaintained roads with maintenance and/or upgrading. Out of 115 roads and a budget of $65,000, 72 roads applied for funding and received a total of $58,291.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Whitestone’s Seniors’ Christmas Luncheon -- Wednesday, December 9th 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre – Entertainment will be provided by the students of Whitestone Lake Central School
Recreation Committee’s Breakfast with Santa – Sat. Dec. 19th 9 to 11 am - Santa will arrive at 10 am - Adults $5.00. Everyone welcome. Children eat free.

Ongoing activities:
Parents & Pee Wees Playgroup -- Every other Tuesday at 9:30 am at the Dunchurch Community Centre. For information contact Rebecca 705-389-3200
Walk Fit – Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 am at the Dunchurch Community Centre. For information contact Jan Hill 705-389-1091

Boot Camp – Watch for the boot camp program to re-start in the new year

FREE WIFI & SOCIAL MEDIA

There are currently four (4) Open Internet WIFI Spots available to the public throughout The Municipality of Whitestone! They are located at: Dunchurch Community Centre @ 2199 Highway 124 in Dunchurch; Municipal Roads Garage @ 2125 Balsam Road in Dunchurch; Maple Island Hall @ 1 Maple Island Road in Maple Island; and, Ardbeg Fire Hall @ 6 McDonald Drive in Ardbeg. All four (4) WIFI Spots are for public use, for the convenience of our ratepayers! There are NO passwords required to access the free WIFI at each of our four (4) locations!
Don’t forget to LIKE us on Facebook, FOLLOW us on Twitter, and WATCH us on YouTube!

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

For information or to report the contravention of any By-Laws, please leave a detailed message including name and phone number for Paul Rossiter, By-Law Enforcement Officer at 705-389-2466 Ext. #45. All calls will be kept confidential.

WHITESTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please note: Both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are now mandatory on every level in cottages, houses and trailers. INSTALL BOTH SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS... IT’S THE LAW. Smoke alarms can be obtained at the Municipal office and at the Fire Hall for $6.00 each and carbon monoxide detectors for $24.00 each. Remember to change your batteries at least twice a year! PLEASE REMEMBER to make sure all 9-1-1 Civic Signs are clearly visible!

LANDFILL SITES

The Landfill sites are now operating under the Winter Hours (Tues, Thurs, Sat and Sun 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm). Please note that the Landfill Sites will be CLOSED on Saturday, December 26th As per Ministry of Environment Regulations, the walk-through gate will be closed at all other times. Landfill access cards are required at both Landfill sites. PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Under By-Law No. 30-2006 and the Ontario Building Code, a building permit is required for construction of any building with a floor area larger than 10sq. m (108 sq ft). Residents are encouraged to report any unauthorized construction to the Building Department – your call will be kept confidential. Permit fees have been increased to $14.00 per $1,000 of construction value. Winter hours for the Building Department have begun as follows: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

INTRODUCTION TO AN EMAIL VERSION OF OUR NEWSLETTER

We would like to know how the public would feel about signing up to receive their copy of the Newsletter by e-mail instead of regular postal mail. If this is something that you would be interested in, please send Jennifer an email at deputy@whitestone.ca to be added to our Newsletter subscription list.

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