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The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has always appreciated the hard work and dedication from all of the staff and volunteers over the years, all this effort helps to make our Municipal Organization run smoother!

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

The Municipality of Whitestone is making some changes to our quarterly newsletter in an effort to begin **Going Green**! We want to do our part in becoming more environmentally friendly! As always, we will continue posting our newsletters on our Municipal website, and on our Facebook and Twitter pages for your convenience. However, our default form of sending you these newsletters is through the mail. Therefore, anyone that has not already signed up to receive an emailed version, will continue to receive theirs through the mail. Although, there are some options to choose from, such as:

- Sign up (via our website) to receive an emailed version.
- Do nothing, and continue to receive a printed copy through the mail.
- Or, you may decide to follow us on Social Media (Facebook & Twitter) and view our newsletters that way, without receiving an actual copy. Please go to the bottom of our Municipal website, and click on the Social Media icons in order to follow us via Facebook and/or Twitter. This is the most environmentally friendly option.
- Another option would be, to inform us that you do not wish to receive either a mailed or an emailed version, and we will remove you from the recipient list.

If you choose to sign up for E-News via our website, there is a button located at the top of our homepage. Please remember, if you should ever change your email address, it will be your responsibility to inform us of the change, just like you would do if you were to change your mailing address. And please know, that the Municipality of Whitestone will never share your information with anyone, and you can always opt out at any time by replying to our email with the word unsubscribe in the subject line. HELP US GO GREEN in an effort to keep the Municipality of Whitestone as the Perfect Place To Live, Work & Play!

DUNCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATES

As most of you are now well aware, there was a fire at our beloved Community Centre in Dunchurch on the morning of Wednesday, November 2, 2016. With the hub of our community temporarily closed for cleaning, repairs, and renovations, many programs and events have been re-located to other venues. Please go to our Municipal website's calendar of community events and meetings for details regarding temporary locations for programs and events. Here is a list of the most recent updates:

- The ceiling in the main hall has been removed.
- Dry ice blasting has been completed.
- The structural beams are being cleaned.
- The framing repairs in the kitchen have been completed.
- The electrician is inspecting all receptacles and verifying that the wiring is safe.
- The acoustic wiring is being inspected.
- The electrician is working on pricing to install LED lights in main hall that are dimmable.
- Draft drawings of the proposed kitchen renovations have been received.

Thank you for your patience during this time, we truly appreciate it! And, we will continue to update you via our Municipal website whenever more information becomes available.

Whitestone... A Perfect Place To Live, Work & Play!

SUMMER STUDENTS

Student(s) Employment Opportunity

Students aged 18 to 30, planning to return to school in the fall - **Please submit your resume to Tammy Wylie, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Whitestone** at 21 Church Street Dunchurch, ON P0A 1G0 or by email at: **clerk.administrator@whitestone.ca** Please check our Municipal website for more information.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

As per **By-Law No. 25-2010**, no person shall park any vehicle on any highway or park any unauthorized vehicles on Municipal property within the Municipality of Whitestone at any time from **November 1st to April 15th** each year. Vehicles in contravention will be tagged and/or towed away at owners' expense. The **2017 dog tags** are now available for sale at the Municipal office for **\$10.00 per tag.**

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Volunteers are still needed for this Committee! Please visit the Municipal website, or stop by the Municipal Office to fill out a volunteer application!

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The **2017 Dunchurch Fall Fair** will take place on **Friday, August 18th and Saturday, August 19th.** The Quilt Block Challenge will continue for 2017. Check out the Dunchurch Fall Fair website at **www.dunchurchfallfair** for more information.

O.P.P.

Please remember that in order to prevent any unnecessary 911 calls, Ratepayers are asked to call 1-888-310-1133 for all minor issues, in order to avoid unnecessary charges per call. Minor issues include:

- Lost and/or missing property and/or theft from a vehicle and/or mischief (damage to property other than a vehicle) under \$5000.00.
- Stolen license plates/validating stickers.
- Driving complaints.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Permits are required as of April 1st each year. Please remember to follow the guidelines listed in **By-Law No. 07-2003** on Open Air Fires. These guidelines are enforced. In 2016, \$6,975.00 in fines were laid under this By-Law, along with **By-Law No. 13-2005.** All **non-urgent requests can be directed to Bob Whitman**, Fire Chief at 705-389-3824 or 705-774-1967.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee is busy planning some activities for **Canada 150**, so please plan to join us on **July 1st**, **2017** to celebrate **Canada's 150th Birthday!** Keep your eye out for more details to come in the spring! This year's **Easter Breakfast** is tentative. Please watch the Municipal website and Social Media sites for more information.

WHITESTONE-HAGERMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tech Tuesdays have been a hit again this winter!

Our Tech Specialist Tim, will be with us through March when his contract will end. Tech help is available Tuesdays from 1:00 pm—8:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am—2:00 pm.

Coming Soon: Cooking for Seniors, Movie Afternoon returns, March Break Activities and more Meditation! Like us on Facebook and Twitter, or check the Library's website for upcoming events at www.olsn.ca/whitestonelibrary or call us at 705-389-3311.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone has been preparing a new **Zoning By-Law** as a follow-up to the updated **Official Plan**. A copy of the proposed new Zoning By-Law is **available on our Municipal website**. Printed copies will also be available at the Municipal Office. **A Public Open House will be held in June or July of this summer** (please check our website for meeting date) for any Ratepayer that may have questions about the By-Law. Alternatively, one may contact the Municipal Office and your question will be directed to the appropriate Department.

MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

The Maple Island Thrift Shop will re-open on Saturday, April 1, 2017! They will be open from April to October on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and for the months of July and August, they will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Located only 9 minutes north of Dunchurch on Highway 520 North at #1 Maple Island Road. They would like to thank the volunteers, patrons, and generous donators! 2016 was a fantastic success! There is free WIFI on site! Please contact Peggi Woehl at 705-389-1375 or Elizabeth Hamilton at 705-389-2207. For more information, please check out the Thrift Shop's page on the Municipal website.

This year's Pitch-In Week runs from April 22—April 29. Please do your part to help keep Whitestone clean! Watch our Municipal website for more information.