



# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

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We sincerely hope our residents and visitors have been enjoying a wonderful spring and summer in the beautiful Municipality of Whitestone. We are proud of our Community, our residents and the many volunteers who make Whitestone a 'perfect place to live, work and play.' Activities this summer included the Canada Day Celebrations, the popular Lions Club swimming lessons, Wednesday night Bingo, the Dunchurch Fall Fair, enjoying boating on the many beautiful lakes and rivers, or simply appreciating a quiet view from your dock!

As many of you know, in late May we welcomed our new CAO/Clerk Michelle Hendry, and in early June we welcomed Treasurer Patricia Allen. More recently Brian Sheridan has joined us as the Roads and Facilities Superintendent and Tyler Irwin as Chief Building Official. Our staff are always pleased to help you and answer your questions at the Municipal Office in Dunchurch.

The special project work you may have noticed around Whitestone this year includes the completion of the Bunny Trail, gravel resurfacing of Wah Wash Kesh Road, minor improvements to Whitestone Lake Road and continued work on the new Dunchurch Playground and the Whitestone Beach. Improvements at the Landfill sites are a priority for our Public Works staff. A work in progress!

Please drive safely and be patient as we move into September and the School Buses are back on the road!

Sincerely - Your Mayor and Councillors

## Election Information

ELECTION DAY is October 22, 2018. Voting methods include vote by mail, internet voting and telephone voting. Please see the Municipal website for more information or contact the Municipal Office at 705-389-2466.

Are you on the list to Vote in the upcoming Municipal Election? If you are an Ontario Resident over the age of 18, you can visit voterlookup.ca to confirm or update your information in a few easy steps. You can also add names to your property address.



## All Candidates Meeting

An 'All Candidates' meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dunchurch Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to come out and meet the candidates for Council. For more information, please contact Larry Samis 705-389-1060.

## Ontario Provincial Police

The OPP continue to monitor Whitestone roads and waterways. They thank everyone for their attention to safety and rules. Please remember to call 911 for emergencies only. Please call 1-888-310-1133 for enquiries or minor issues.



## Road Grants

Just a reminder that the Road Grant application deadline for 2018 funding, is September 30, 2018. Applications are available on the Municipal website or at the Municipal Office and must be accompanied by a budget of estimated annual expenditures and a statement of current uncommitted funds in the Road Groups statement of record.

## By-Law & Building

For information on Municipal Bylaw Enforcement, please contact Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Paul Rossiter at 705-389-2466 ext.45. Whitestone enforces a number of By-laws including Cottage Rentals, Noise Control and Regulating Dog Tags. For more information, please see our Website or contact Mr. Rossiter.

A reminder to property owners that a Building Permit is required for the construction or installation of docks. Spot inspections will be undertaken this fall on lakes throughout the Municipality. If you have any questions, please contact Chief Building Official, Tyler Irwin at 705-389-2466 ext.26

## Landfill Operations

Improvements to site operations at the two landfills in Whitestone are ongoing. Staff are working on plans to better direct traffic flow and to create more organized and efficient landfill procedures. Council will also be considering updates to the Waste Bylaw in the future as well as options for waste diversion enhancements.



THANK YOU to our residents and visitors for your recycling efforts with containers, paper products, textiles, metal, wood and yard waste. Our landfill sites are filling up and it's important to divert as many materials as possible.

## Whitestone Public Library

Immediately following Labour Day, the library resumes their Fall/Winter hours.

Tuesday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Thank you to all of the generous donors to our Silent Auction held in August and thank you to everyone who came out to bid on items and support the library at our two day Book Sale.

**You're Invited!** We will be hosting our second annual **Harvest Luncheon** on October 17, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dunchurch Community Centre. Lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Social hour from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Every Thursday our **Knitting Circle** meets from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring a project you are already working on or come in for a few pointers.

Have you always wanted to **learn a new language**? Try Mango, our new online program. It's easy to use and you'll 'Habla español rapido'. Your library card unlocks access to many electronic resources. If you aren't using them yet, reach out, and we'll show you how.

## Knox United Church

### Mark your Calendar!

**Thanksgiving Supper** - Dunchurch Community Centre  
Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018  
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Bazaar** - Knox United Church  
Bake sale and a craft & treasures table.  
A light lunch will be available.  
Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018  
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Whitestone Fire Department

Campfires are the leading cause of preventable wildfires in Ontario. Never leave your fire unattended. Pour lots of water on to extinguish and drown ALL embers.

Fire Permits for open burning are required from April 1 to October 31 each year and can be obtained at several locations throughout the Municipality.

**REMEMBER:** During a MUNICIPAL FIRE BAN or during a RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE, no burning is allowed! All Existing permits are suspended. Check the Municipal Website and Social Media Sites for current information.

## Recreation Activities

**After School Program** - Whitestone Lake Central School  
Monday to Friday (beginning September 4, 2018) from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To register please contact the Municipal office at 705-389-2466. Registration forms are on the Municipal website.

**Walk Fit Exercise Program** - Dunchurch Community Centre  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday (beginning Sept. 5, 2018)  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Program includes: Warm-Up, Cardio, Strength, Endurance, Stretching & Balance. Keep fit and have fun.

For more information please contact Barbara Bennett at 705-389-9828. We look forward to seeing you!

## Maple Island Thrift Store

The volunteers at the Maple Island Thrift Store thank everyone for helping to make this another successful year. We have 'Bargain Basement Prices' and donations are greatly appreciated!

Starting September 1st, the Thrift Shop will be open Saturday and Sunday only - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

