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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

The Municipality of Whitestone Council is pleased to advise that we are in the final stages of approving an updated Comprehensive Zoning By-Law for the Municipality of Whitestone. We began the review process in early 2017 and have held several public meetings to receive community input and provide updates. The Comprehensive Zoning By-Law plays a key role in implementing the community's vision for Whitestone as set out in our Official Plan.

In our November newsletter we mentioned that our Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) had tendered her resignation. The CAO is the head of our administration and reports directly to Council. We have been fortunate to have Clayton Harris step into the role of interim CAO and Barbara Cribbett as interim Treasurer. The process to find a permanent replacement is well underway.

Council is currently working on the 2018 Budget. The departmental operating budgets were approved in principal this past December, and the capital budget will be discussed at a Committee of Whole meeting in March.

Council held their annual Appreciation Dinner for volunteers and staff in December to recognize the efforts and hard work of our dedicated volunteers and staff.

ENJOY THE WINTER WONDERLAND IN WHITESTONE!

Yours truly,

Mayor and Members of Council of the Municipality of Whitestone

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.

As per By-Law No. 42-2005, the **2018 dog tags** are now available for sale at the Municipal office for **\$10.00 per tag**.

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 ALARMS... IT'S THE LAW. Smoke alarms can be obtained at the

Municipal office and at the Fire Hall for \$8.00, carbon monoxide alarms for \$26.00 and 2 in 1 smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for \$36.00.

Remember to change your batteries at least twice a year! With wood burning season still upon us, remember to check your stove and chimney before burning.

Fire Permits are required from **April 1st to October 31st** each year and can be obtained at the Municipal office or by contacting **Bob Whitman, Fire Chief at 705-774-1967**.

OPP

The OPP appeals to the public to be pro-active by reporting suspicious activities or infractions. You may submit a report from your computer or mobile device without going to an OPP detachment. If your occurrence qualifies for online reporting, you may use the Internet based Reporting System, website address <http://www.opp.ca> or calling toll-free at 1-888-310-1122 to use in place of 911 for non-emergency reporting. A description of what can be reported is available on their Website. **Reminder: 9-1-1 calls are for emergencies ONLY & that 1-888-310-1122 is available 24/7 for non-emergency calls for service in Ontario.**

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2018 IS AN ELECTION YEAR!

Nomination Period Commences: Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Advanced Poll: Saturday, October 6, 2018

Election Day: Monday, October 22, 2018

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Nomination forms will be available at the municipal office or online at: www.whitestone.ca

Nominations papers will be received in the office no later than:
Friday July 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Payment Fee: Mayor \$200.00
 Council \$100.00

Payable in person by cash, debit or certified cheque

Further information will be advertised in the Parry Sound NorthStar,
and will be posted on our website www.whitestone.ca



MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

The Maple Island Thrift Shop is now closed for the year but will re-open April 7th, 2018 on Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. each month. We have had another very successful year THANKS to our dedicated VOLUNTEERS, DONATORS and CUSTOMERS! Our Shop helps keep useable items out of our Landfill Sites, and all monies are donated to CHARITIES in the area. VOLUNTEERS are always welcome. Contact Peggi Woehl at 705-389-1375 or Elizabeth Hamilton at 705-389-2207 or the Municipal Office at 705-389-2466.

LANDFILL & RECYCLING

The Landfill gates will remain closed outside of regular operating hours. There will be **NO ADMITTANCE** when Attendants are not on Duty. **Please take pride in where you reside!**

Winter hours began on Thanksgiving Weekend until May Long Weekend:

Tuesday	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

And, in order to reduce the volume going into our Landfill Sites, we are pleased to announce **the collection of textiles through the Canadian Diabetes Association via the Red Bins** located at both Landfill Sites. However, please remember that all reusable clothing should still be brought to the Maple Island Thrift Shop.

PLEASE RECYCLE, AND DO NOT LITTER!



This year's Pitch-In Week runs from April 22—April 29. Please do your part to help keep Whitestone clean! This year's pitch-in day event will be held on Saturday, April 28th. There will be a BBQ at the municipal office following this event for everyone that has registered. Watch our Municipal website for more information.

TAXES

Interim Tax installments are due March 29th & May 31st. Tax payments can be made online at any of the following banks: TD Canada Trust, Scotiabank, CIBC, Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Montreal, National Bank of Canada and Credit Union using your roll number as your account number. Taxes may also be paid at the Municipal Office during regular office hours by cash, cheque or debit or by mail. **NOTE:** Credit card payments can be made through our Municipal website via Plastiq. Please note, we do not accept credit cards at the Municipal Office, or over the telephone.

REMINDER: It is the ratepayer's responsibility to notify the office of a change of address. Failure to do so does not relieve the ratepayer from any penalties or interest incurred.

For any address changes, please call MPAC at 1-866-296-6722 and email the office at info@whitestone.ca

WHITESTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

NEW LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Our Seniors Program called "**LIBRARIES ARE MORE THAN JUST BOOKS**" is still going strong until the end of March. Painting, craft, cooking classes and Tech Boot Camp will be offered in February and March. Stop by for more information.

March Break Makerspace @ the Library

March 13 at 1:00 p.m. Make a melted snowman cupcake
March 14 at 1:00 p.m. Make a birdseed wreath
March 15 at 1:00 p.m. Make a masterpiece

The accessibility upgrades are now complete, including the installation of an automatic door, some interior improvements and a new ramp and deck. Special thanks go to Employment and Social Development Canada for this Community Accessibility grant and to the Municipality of Whitestone for their ongoing support of the Whitestone Public Library. **Stop in** for your free library card and access our extensive catalogue of books, DVDs, magazines and our collection of eBooks and audiobooks.

Visit the Whitestone Public Library at
www.olsn.ca/whitestonelibrary
Or call at 705-389-3311