

**MAY 2017**

# MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE

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## MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL



Council and Staff of the Municipality of Whitestone have been working hard this year, to ensure our community is one of the best places in Ontario to **Live, Work and Play!** This year, you will notice several **Capital Projects** being finalized. The **Dunchurch Community Centre** is being renovated due to the fire in November; the **Dun-Dome Pavilion** is being renovated to provide year round washrooms and change rooms; and the **Public Works Garage** is under construction to include an addition and upgrades. This summer, the **Church Street Dock** is being replaced, and the **Municipal Beach** area will start to see improvements, with the installation of brand new **Playground Equipment!**

Every Sunday (except for the week of the Dunchurch Fall Fair) at 10:00 am from July 2nd to September 3rd, there will be a **Summer Market** at the Dun-Dome Pavilion and Hall Grounds. **And, we hope that everyone will be able to celebrate Canada's 150th with us on July 1st! The celebration starts at 5:00 pm, and runs until dusk, with the fireworks display being the grand finale!**

The **2017 Budget** represents a 1.3% decrease in the total tax rate (Municipal plus School Board) from 2016. The Municipal tax rate will increase by 0.2%, which represents a general Municipal revenue increase of 1.1%. The general Municipal revenue is the dollar amount that the Municipality will collect through taxation. Besides the **Capital Projects** already mentioned above, the **2017 Budget** includes a slurry seal application to 9 km of the **Bunny Trail**. The replacement of the large multi-plate culvert at the **Shawanaga River**, and the reconstruction of 3 km of the **Bunny Trail** are also identified in this year's budget. This work will be scheduled once permit approvals have been received from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (2017/2018).

The **Road Grant Application** Deadline is September 30, 2017 and applications can be obtained at the Municipal Office, or on the Municipal website.

We hope that everyone has a safe, and enjoyable summer. And, don't forget to [Like us on Facebook](#), [Follow us on Twitter](#) and [Watch us on YouTube!](#)

*Yours truly,*

*Mayor and Members of Council of the Municipality of Whitestone.*

### WHITESTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Campfires are part of enjoying the outdoors, but cause many wildfires each year. To keep your campfire safe, **please follow these guidelines:**

- Check for local restrictions.
- Ensure a responsible person is present.
- Use a designated fire pit.
- At least 5 meters from any buildings or forest.
- At least 2 meters from flammable material.
- Keep water and a shovel nearby.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Put your fire out by dousing it with water, stirring and dousing again until coals are cold to the touch.

**Remember:** Your fire is your responsibility! If it gets away, you are responsible for damages and costs of putting it out!

**BURNING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FROM APRIL 1—OCTOBER 31 EACH YEAR! AND DON'T FORGET TO INSTALL BOTH SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS... IT'S THE LAW!**

**RABIES CLINIC**  
for  
**Dogs and Cats**



Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm, in front of the Municipal Office. Cost is **\$20.00 per Animal—CASH ONLY**. **Municipal Dog Tags** will also be available to purchase for **\$10.00 each**.

### WE NOW ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS ON OUR WEBSITE!

The Municipality of Whitestone is excited to announce that **we now accept credit card payments on our Municipal website through PlastiQ!** Using PlastiQ, a Third-Party Service Provider, you can pay with MasterCard, Visa or American Express! Go to our website and click on the link to register with PlastiQ to create an account. Payments may take 3-5 business days to process, and a PlastiQ service fee will be applied (2.5% for credit cards, and 1% for debit cards). **You may still make payments by cash, debit, cheque, or through online banking, except now you have yet another payment option, for your convenience!**

### BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

With **Canada's 150th** upon us, let's take extra pride in maintaining our clean yards. Please read **By-Law No. 34-2000**, found on our Municipal website. In regards to derelict vehicles, there are companies in the area willing to collect them for you. Contact the Municipal Office for a list of local businesses.

We have recently been informed of some signs being erected on Municipal property. Please be advised that, **By-Law No. 22-2007**—Being a By-Law to Control the Erection of Signs in the Municipality of Whitestone, is in effect, and will be enforced, as are all By-Laws in the Municipality of Whitestone.

**For further information, or to report a contravention of any By-Law, please leave a detailed message for Paul Rossiter, By-Law Enforcement Officer at 705-389-2466 Ext. 45. All calls will be kept confidential.**

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

## RUN, JUMP, CLIMB... AT THE NEW ACCESSIBLE WATERFRONT PLAYGROUND!

### 2017 Target Opening - Located At The Municipal Dock!

**You can be part of this Community Project by:** Helping prepare the site of the playground, landscaping, or donating to help pay for the playground equipment, the benches, the picnic tables, the bike racks, the receptacle bins, or the native trees and shrubs. **If you are:** A Road or Cottage Association, a Community Group or Service, a School Group, a Church Group, or an individual... Don't miss out on this chance to give back to **YOUR** Community! All donations will be recognized, and are tax deductible. **You may donate by:** cash, cheque, debit, online banking, or by... **Credit Card on the Municipal website!** Please use Account Number: **PLAYGROUND** when making your donation online. **Please note:** We do not accept credit cards at the Municipal Office, or over the telephone – Only on the Municipal website through Plastiq. Please make all donations payable to the Municipality of Whitestone. For more information on how **YOU** can give back to **YOUR** Community, please contact the Municipal Office at 705-389-2466.

### AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The **2017 Dunchurch Fall Fair** will take place on **Friday, August 18th and Saturday, August 19th.** Watch out for the official launch of the Quilt Block Trail to take place on **July 1st** at the Dunchurch Community Centre! Go to the **Dunchurch Fall Fair website** at [www.dunchurchfallfair](http://www.dunchurchfallfair) for more information.

### CEMETERY BOARD

The Cemetery Board has requested that all **floral arrangements be removed** from all Cemeteries **by October 31st each year**, and that they all be **name-tagged**.

### O.P.P.

O.P.P. Staff Sargent M. Gordon is **requesting information from ratepayers** concerning complaints and issues attempting to improve O.P.P./Community Relations. **Contact the Parry Sound Detachment at 705-746-4225.**

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**Everyone should be prepared, and build an Emergency Survival Kit!** Your Kit should have everything you and your family (including all pets and farm animals) would need to be safe and taken care of, for at least three days immediately following an emergency! **For more information, go to: [www.emergencymanagementontario.ca](http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca)**

### LANDFILL & RECYCLING

The Landfill gates will remain closed outside of regular operating hours. There will be **NO ADMITTANCE** when Attendants are not on duty! However, our hours are the longest of any Municipality in the area! **Please take pride in where you reside... Please recycle, and do not litter! Summer hours begin May Long Weekend:**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 am—6:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am—6:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 am—6:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am—7:00 pm</b>
<b>Holiday Mondays</b>	<b>10:00 am—7:00 pm</b>

And, in order to reduce the volume going into our Landfill Sites, we are now 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.

### WHITESTONE MCKELLAR LION'S CLUB

This year's **Swimming Lessons** will run from **July 10th—July 28th.** Registration will be held on July 8th from **10:00 am—12:00 pm** at the **Municipal Dock.**

### MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

**The Thrift Shop is now open on Saturday & Sunday until the end of October!** And, starting July 6, 2017, they will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from **10:00 am—2:00 pm** until the end of August. They look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact **Peggi Woehl at 705-389-1375 or Elizabeth Hamilton at 705-389-2207.**

### COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There is a list of local businesses on the Municipal website. **If you have a business that is not yet on the list, please contact the Municipality in order to be added.** We can't shop locally if we don't know who, or what is available! We are excited to announce the **Canada 150 Celebrate and Decorate Contest!** This Contest will inspire us all to show our Civic and Community Pride, by tidying and decorating our homes, yards and businesses! **We would like to see the Municipality flooded in Red and White for the Canada Day Celebrations, and into the summer!** Watch the Municipal website for more information and details on how to enter, or nominate someone!

### WHITESTONE-HAGERMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library's **Spring/Summer Hours** will resume on Victoria Day Long Weekend:

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12:00 pm—8:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12:00 pm—5:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 am—5:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:00 pm—5:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 am—2:00 pm</b>

Our **TD Summer Reading Club** will be every Wednesday from July 5—August 23 from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm. Bring out the kids for crafts, games and lots of fun! To keep up-to-date on all of the Library's Programs, Services and Events... **Like us on Facebook and/or Twitter at [whitestonelib](https://www.facebook.com/whitestonelib)** and request our quarterly Newsletter, either in person or from our website at [www.olsn.ca/whitestonelib](http://www.olsn.ca/whitestonelib).

#### Upcoming Events:

#### **Canada 150 Green Screen Fun—All Ages**

May 18 2:00 pm—4:30 pm, June 28 2:00 pm—4:30pm, and July 15 10:00 am—12:00 pm.

#### **Library Open House To Celebrate Seniors Month**

June 21 1:00 pm—3:00 pm—Drop in for cake, coffee and tea

#### **Fancy Nancy Tea Party—Registration is required Ages 4+**

July 15 2:00 pm—4:00 pm.

#### **Midnight Madness—Registration is required Ages 9+**

July 18 8:00 pm—12:00 am.

#### **Silent Auction Preview and Book Sale**

Aug 5 9:00 am—2:00 pm, and Aug 6 9:00 am—2:00 pm

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Come celebrate **Canada's 150th** with us at the **Dunchurch Community Centre** on **Saturday, July 1st at 5:00 pm!** There will be **Live Entertainment, Displays, Activities, Food (Hamburgers & Hot Dogs), Snacks (Cotton Candy), and Refreshments,** with the grand finale **Fireworks Display** at dusk! There will also be a **Pig Roast** hosted by the Dunchurch Royal Canadian Legion—Branch 394. **Don't miss this chance to celebrate Canada's 150th with us! See you all there!**