



Municipality of Whitestone

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

An important aspect of meeting the challenges facing our Municipality is selecting the right individual to lead Whitestone's administration. In that regard, Mayor Armstrong and Council are pleased to announce that Michelle Hendry will be joining Whitestone's management team as CAO/Clerk effective May 22, 2018. Please join us in welcoming Michelle to Whitestone. Recognizing the importance of sound financial management and planning for the future, Council made a strategic decision in December 2017 to create a separate Treasurer position, and we are now well into the recruitment to fill that position as well. Recently, our community experienced a significant loss with the passing of Dennis Rowntree, Whitestone's Chief Building Official. We have been fortunate to have the support of McKellar's CBO as we move forward with hiring a replacement.

To date Council has held three public meetings to discuss the 2018 Operating and Capital Budgets. Challenges in 2018 include a significant increase in OPP costs, a reduced provincial grant, 2018 election costs, debt-carrying costs for the Bunny Trail reconstruction, reduced revenues, increased contribution to asset reserves, and the recruitments mentioned above. At the March budget meeting, the Mayor advised that an accounting error was made in the preparation of the 2017 Budget related to how the insurance proceeds from the Dunchurch Community Centre fire were recorded. There was a concern that the error might result in a year-end deficit for 2017. Subsequently staff met with the auditors and finalized the 2017 year-end results. Council is pleased to advise that 2017 ended with a small surplus of \$12,000.00 which has been carried forward into the 2018 budget. The proposed budget represents a tax increase of \$28.00 per year for every \$100,000.00 in your property assessment. **A final public meeting on the budget is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dunchurch Community Centre.** We encourage residents to attend the meeting and share your thoughts.

Please note that the Road Grant application deadline is September 30, 2018.

Now that spring has finally arrived, Council has noticed the tremendous amount of pride throughout the community as residents are cleaning up their yards to prepare for summer!

Have a great summer!

Yours truly,

Mayor and Members of Council of the Municipality of Whitestone.

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BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

As per By-Law No. 42-2005, the **2018 dog tags** are 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.**

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Council of the Municipality of Whitestone approved the use of Alternative Voting Methods (telephone and internet voting) for the 2018 Municipal Election. Electors will have the option of voting by mail, telephone or through online voting on the internet. Candidates may file a nomination form in the Municipal Office during regular business hours beginning **Tuesday, May 1, 2018** and ending at 2:00 p.m. on **Friday, July 27, 2018**. Election Day is **Monday, October 22, 2018**. We have important information posted on our website.

PLEASE CLICK ON THE 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION TAB WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON OUR HOMEPAGE.



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! **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 **West Parry Sound OPP Staff** encourages safety on waterways and roadways. With spring and summer arriving, the Municipality of Whitestone population increases as cottagers and visitors enjoy our beautiful area. OPP will increase patrols on roads and lakes checking licences, safety equipment, and for traffic violations.

For a Non-Emergency, please call 1-888-310-1133. 911 is for Emergencies ONLY!

SUMMER EVENTS

Canadian Forces Snowbirds Air Show June 13 at the Parry Sound waterfront. Plans are well underway with the potential of 10,000 spectators for the event, the Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport will be the staging area for the nine participating Snowbirds jets.

Paddle For A Cure/Poker Run June 30 @ 10 am at the Municipal beach on Church Street. Fundraising for Hospice West Parry Sound. Prizes will be awarded for different categories.

Annual Swimming Lessons Registration Day July 7 @ 10–12 pm at the Pavilion. Swimming Lessons begins July 9 and runs for three (3) weeks. As always, they are free to all children that register.

Dunchurch Agricultural Society Food Evolution Movie May 23 @ 7 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre – Free Admission

Dunchurch Fall Fair August 17 @ 5-10 pm & August 18 @ 10-4 pm. **Square Dance** @ 8 pm.

Dunchurch Knox United Church & United Church Women is hosting:

- **Outdoor Music Service** July 15 @ 10:30 am behind Knox United, beside the lake. Please bring your own chair. Lunch provided after Service.
- **Bake Sale, Yard Sale & BBQ** August 4 @ 8-12 pm at Knox United Church.
- **Homemade Pies & Sandwiches** August 18 @ 10 am until SOLD OUT on Fair Day.
- **Special Music Service** August 26 @ 10:30 am at the Dunchurch Community Centre. The Orillia Silver Band will be playing for the Service. Potluck lunch will follow. Concert after lunch. Admission by Donation.

PLEASE GO TO OUR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS.

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!** 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.**

LOOK FOR YOUR COUPON
ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER
FOR THE DISPOSAL OF BRUSH
AND/OR LEAVES



PLEASE RECYCLE, AND DO NOT LITTER!

Summer Hours begin on May Long Weekend:

Holiday Mondays	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

The Maple Island Thrift Shop is located at **#1 Maple Island Road & Highway 520 North. As of April 7th from 10–2 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. In July & August: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10–2 pm.** We welcome everyone to visit our Thrift Shop, and check out our nice selection of clothing and basement of treasures! All donations of gently used clothing and smaller used furniture are always greatly appreciated!

A reminder that the Red Diabetes Boxes at the Landfill Sites DO NOT re-sell the clothing, so please bring your gently used clothing to the Thrift Shop! Any questions regarding our Thrift Shop, or making a donation, please contact **Peggi Woehl at 705-389-3775 or at 705-389-1375, or Elizabeth Hamilton at 705-389-2207**

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ARTICLES OUTSIDE WHEN THE THRIFT SHOP IS CLOSED

WHITESTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS:

- **Book Club Meeting** May 16 @ 1 pm (A Man Called Ove)
- **Make and Take Essential Oil Roller Bottle** May 17 @ 3 pm (Registration required)
- **Strawberry Social** June 20 @ 1-3 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre
- **TD Summer Reading Program** July 4, 11, 18, 25 & August 8, 15, 22 @ 1 pm
- **Fancy Nancy Tea Party** July 14 @ 2-4 pm (Registration required)
- **Midnight Madness** July 24 @ 8 pm-12 am (Registration required)
- **Silent Auction Preview & Book Sale** August 4 @ 9-2 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre
- **Silent Auction & Book Sale** August 5 @ 9-2 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre
- **Harvest Luncheon** October 17 @ 12-2 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre



PLEASE GO TO THE WHITESTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS.

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