



NEWSLETTER

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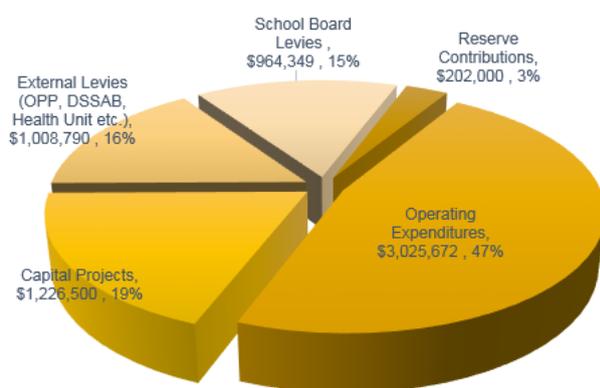
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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

Your new council has been busy these last few months. We are currently finalizing the 2019 budget with a modest tax rate increase of 4.79%. As you know, we have minimally increased our tax rate in the past few years, but with inflation, modest increases are necessary to maintain levels of service. The complete 2019 budget will be on the website once formally approved by Council. A few key projects are Landfill site improvements, roads related projects, WahWahKesh Landing parking improvements, and funding for communications and website enhancements.

This year the large multi-plate culvert on the Bunny Trail is being replaced. This will mean an approximate three week road closure commencing after the Labour Day weekend. Every effort will be made to reduce this inconvenience and we will provide as much advance notice as possible. Council has been reviewing our Strategic Plan. This reviewed plan will be on the website soon for viewing and commenting.

How your 2019 Taxes will be allocated (based on proposed 2019 budget)



On Monday evening, July 1st, our Recreation Committee will be hosting a Canada Day celebration. Commencing at 6:00 p.m., there will be various family-friendly activities and games, including a cardboard boat race (all materials provided). The grand finale will be fireworks at dusk (conditions permitting). Come celebrate Canada Day with us at the Dunchurch Community Centre.

Wishing you a great spring and summer on behalf of all of Council.

Cemetery Board

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, a research team from the University of Windsor presented the results of its Cemetery Research Project of the graveyards in the Municipality of Whitestone at the West Parry Sound Museum.

In the summer of 2018, the research team lead by Dr. Chris Houser worked with Muriel Stiles of the Cemetery Board to locate unmarked graves in the Whitestone, Maple Island and Fairholme Cemeteries using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR). The research study was initiated in conjunction with the Whitestone Historical Society. Location information is often incomplete in older cemeteries due to lack of records or lost records.

This study was provided to the municipality through the Extension Sciences Program at the University of Windsor.

Maple Island Thrift Shop

Maple Island Thrift Shop is located at #1 Maple Island Road & Highway 520 North.
From May and June we are open Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
In July and August we are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Check out our selection of clothing, furniture and basement treasures. All donations of gently used clothing and smaller used furniture are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing everyone again. For more information, please contact

Peggi Woehl at 705-389-3775/705-389-1375 or Elizabeth Hamilton at 705-389-2207.

Agricultural Society

The 2019 Dunchurch Fall Fair will take place on Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17. Go to the Dunchurch Fall Fair website at www.dunchurchfallfair for more information.

Whitestone McKellar Lion's Club

This year's Swimming Lessons will start on July 8 and run for 3 weeks. Registration will be held on July 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the DunDome. Lessons are free to anyone who wishes to register.

Whitestone Public Library

The Whitestone – McKellar Lion's Club will be holding a raffle this summer with proceeds to be donated to the Whitestone Public Library Expansion Fund. 1st prize will be \$1000, 2nd prize will be \$400 and 3rd prize will be \$100. The draw will take place at the Library's Harvest Lunch on Oct. 18, 2019.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming library events. Contact the library for more information.

June 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m. *WPL Strawberry Social @ Dunchurch Community Centre*

June 29, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. *Dunchurch Sunflower Club Meeting @ the library (registration required)*

Wednesdays in July & August @ 1:00 p.m. *TD Summer Reading Program @ the library*

July 23, 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. *Midnight Madness @ the library (registration required)*

Aug. 3-4, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. *Library Silent Auction Preview & Book Sale @ Dunchurch Community Centre*

Aug. 10, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. *Fancy Nancy Tea Party @ the library (registration required)*



Hours beginning Victoria Day weekend to Labour Day weekend:

Tuesday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Landfill & Recycling

Please take pride in where you reside... Please recycle, and do not litter! Summer hours begin May Long Weekend:

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Mondays 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



There will be NO ADMITTANCE when Attendants are not on duty.

Earth Day was April 22, 2019. The 2019 theme was "Protect Our Species". The focus is educating people to take responsibility for reducing, recycling and eliminating PLASTIC products. The Municipality of Whitestone requests assistance to minimize the volume of plastics, glass and cans entering our Landfills.

Whitestone Fire Department

Campfires are part of enjoying the outdoors but cause many wildfires each year. To keep your campfire safe, 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 any costs of putting it out.

BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED from April 1 - October 31 each year for open air burning and incinerators.

Knox United Church

Bake Sale, Yard Sale and BBQ at Knox United Church.

Date: Saturday, August 3 Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fair Day - Homemade pies and sandwiches sold in the kitchen at the Dunchurch Community Centre.

Date: Saturday, August 17 Time: 10:00 a.m. until it's SOLD OUT!

Taye and Friends lead the music at Knox United Church

Date: Sunday, August 18 Time: 11:00 a.m.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee organizes activities and events throughout the year for members of the community of all ages. For more information on planned events, see the Committee's Facebook page entitled Whitestone Recreation. We are looking for volunteers to help with our various programs. Please contact the Municipal Office for information on how to apply.

Building Department

Thinking of building? Contact the building department to see if a building permit is required for your project.

Remember that building without a permit is in contravention of By-Law No. 32-2015 and the Building Code Act S. O. 1992 Section 8(1).

A building permit is required for the installation or replacement of a dock/deck. Please visit our website for a complete list of projects that require a permit and contact information.

Dog Tags

As per By-Law No. 42-2005, the 2019 dog tags are available for sale at the Municipal office for \$10.00 per tag. For more information or to report 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.**

Ontario Provincial Police

The West Parry Sound Detachment is pleased to welcome a new Detachment Commander, Staff Sgt. Shaun Crabbe. There is an ongoing focus by the OPP on distracted driving and speeding. Call 1-888-310-1133 for emergencies only. The OPP encourage citizens to live and play safely.

WCA Bingo

Starting on July 3 - August 28 every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (excluding August 14) in the air conditioned Dunchurch Community Centre. Bingo proceeds are donated to the Whitestone Rural Practitioner Led Clinic.