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Important Numbers (Area Code 705)

MTO Patrol Yard 389-2502
Community Centre in Dunchurch 389-3211
Dunchurch Fire Hall 389-3824
Ardbeg Fire Hall 389-1036
Nursing Station 389-1951

Roads Department

Vehicles may not be parked on Municipal roadways, shoulders or turn-arounds to obstruct snow removal. Vehicles in contravention will be tagged and/or towed at owners' expense. When ploughing your driveway or roadways this winter please remember not to leave any snow or ice on the municipal roadways, shoulders or turn-arounds as it is illegal.

Municipal Landfill Sites

Winter Hours

(Thanksgiving to May Long Weekend)
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday:
12 noon – 5:00 PM

The walk-through gate will be open for disposal of household waste. Landfill access cards are required.

**WE RECYCLE!! DON'T LITTER!!
TAKE PRIDE IN WHERE YOU RESIDE!**

A message from the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone

As promised in the last newsletter, our Planner John Jackson has provided the following Official Plan Update:

OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

It has been more than 10 years since the incorporation of the Municipality of Whitestone. Every 5 years, the Municipality is required to consider updates to its official plan. Given the relative young age of the Municipality, it is reasonable to appreciate that we are continuing to learn about Whitestone and some of its features as well as the interests of its residents.

Year	Year Round Population	No. Dwellings
2001	853	1,607
2011	918	1,733

Land use planning in local official plans must be in accord with provincial interests and policies must be consistent with those interests. The original official plan was prepared prior to the most recent provincial policy statements. The new official plan must reflect the March, 2005 Provincial Policy Statements.

Efficient Development

Like Whitestone, the province wants to promote development that is efficient, appropriate, protects the environment and meets public health and safety concerns.

Services

The province has a hierarchy of servicing preferences that range from full municipal water and sewer to septics and wells. Obviously Whitestone is entirely dependent on the latter and the rules that apply to lot sizes for septics and wells.

Transportation

The Municipality has a variety of road types ranging from provincial highways to private lanes. Each standard of road has separate requirements and the plan will reflect these rules some of which include matters of provincial interest. The plan will discourage new shared private rights-of-way.

Natural Resources

Provincial policies related to the protection of natural heritage features include wildlife, fisheries, endangered species, significant wetlands, water quality and areas of natural and scientific interest. To protect these features and balance the interest of promoting development, the Municipality is proposing a scheme to allow small scale developments (up to 3 lots) without the need for detailed study of any natural heritage matters.

Waterfront Development

The Municipality will continue to promote new waterfront development so long as it protects water quality, limits physical impacts and maintains the character of the waterfront. These three principles will be detailed in the new policies of the plan.

General Development

The Council of the Municipality will continue to support all new development that conforms to the official plan and is appropriate in terms of impacts, standards and in accord with the pattern of local development.

Official Plan Update Details

The proposed detailed changes to the official plan update for Whitestone are available on its website www.whitestone.ca or can be obtained at the municipal office during business hours.

RENTALS OF PRIVATE RESIDENCES

In the last couple of years there has been several court cases involving rentals under 30 days of private residences. Generally speaking these cases have concluded that these types of rentals are not permitted under most municipal zoning by-laws in a residential zone.

This issue has historically been ignored primarily due to the low numbers of residents choosing to rent their homes and the absence of any significant land use issues directly linked to rentals.

It appears that more owners are participating in renting dwellings in contrast to the past. The income is welcomed if not necessary in some instances. The internet has become a convenient agent where rental service providers look after much of the bookings and contract agreements.

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Whitestone-Hagerman Public Library News

Hours of Operation

Tuesday 12pm-8pm
Wednesday 12pm-5pm
Thursday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
And from Victoria Day–Labour Day Weekend
Friday 12pm-5pm

Fabulous @ 40 – Join us in celebrating 40 years of library growth in our community. We will be holding our Strawberry Social on Wednesday, June 19th from 1 – 3 pm, so mark your calendars and plan to join us for this celebration.

Watch for more information about the TD Summer Reading Program.

Other coming events:

March 12th 6pm - Movie Night
(Wreck it Ralph)

March 16th 10am - St. Patrick's Day Storyhour

July 9th 8pm-Midnight - Midnight Madness #1

July 20th 2pm-4pm - Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Aug. 6th 8pm-Midnight - Midnight Madness #2

Whitestone Fire Rescue Dept.

Please be advised that effective April 1, 2013 when a total fire ban is put in place this will include no fireworks.

Building Department

Any building without a permit is in contravention of By-Law No. 30-2006 and the Building Code Act S. O. 1992 Section 8-(1). Residents are encouraged to make an anonymous call and include the address of construction sites to report any contraventions of any structure greater than 10m sq. (108 sq. ft.)

Winter Hours (starting Oct. 1st)

Mon. to Thurs. 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

Maple Island Thrift Shop

#1 Maple Island Road

5 minutes north of Dunchurch on Hwy 520N

SPRING CLEANING GONE WILD

Check out our Total Makeover! Open every weekend from April 6th until Oct. 27th plus Fridays in July & August. 10am-2pm

Donations of household items and clothing are greatly appreciated. Off season or after hours call:

Elizabeth: 705-389-2207

Jenny: 705-389-1210

Thank you for your support!

What's Happening??

Recreation Committee – Dunchurch Community Centre

Mar 11-15 - March Break Madness 2pm Daily

March 30th – Easter Breakfast

Every Wed 7pm – Exercise Club

Every Sat. 10am – Fitness Class

Walk Fit – Dunchurch Community Centre

Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 10:00am

Upcoming Council Meetings

March 4th – Regular Council

March 18th – Committee of the Whole

April 2th – Regular Council

April 15th – Committee of the Whole

May 7th – Regular Council

May 21st – Committee of the Whole

Meetings held at Community Centre in Dunchurch at 6:30pm

As the number of renters increases, so does the propensity for adverse impacts in some instances. The general types of issues that are reported from some rentals include:

public disturbance, noise, parking, garbage/debris, loss of quiet enjoyment, security, trespass, environmental degradation, life safety as it relates to occupancy and use.

There are three zones in Whitestone's zoning by-law that are considered to be strictly residential zones: the Waterfront Residential; the Rural Residential and the Rural zones.

The wording for all zones is written in a similar "exclusionary" fashion prohibiting all those uses except for permitting residences. This is a standard approach in the operation of zoning by-laws.

Council debated this subject for several months in the summer and fall of 2012 and on December 11th, 2012 passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone is aware of a number of property owners that rent their residential dwellings;

WHEREAS said rental operations do not comply with municipal zoning by-laws;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Whitestone recognizes the social, economic and individual benefits of permitting rental uses in many residential areas;

AND WHEREAS a general amendment to permit rental uses in all residential zones will undermine the purpose of the zoning by-law;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Whitestone will generally support amendments to allow rental accommodation subject to proceeding through a site-specific rezoning process to add home rentals to residential zones;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby supports the rental of a residential property in a residential zone so long as said properties are rezoned to a site-specific exception that allows home rentals to be added to the list of permitted uses for a specific property."

Council requires that any residential property owner who wants to rent their dwelling for a period of less than 30 days to complete a rezoning application form obtained from the municipal office. The application fee is \$1,000.00. This fee is a deposit – actual costs billed. If there are funds remaining at the end of the process, the balance will be refunded to the applicant. If the actual costs are higher than the deposit, the applicant will be invoiced.

Once the rezoning application is filed with the municipality, staff will circulate to all neighbours within 120 metres and a public meeting is held. Submissions are given to council at the public meeting either in support of or against allowing the rental use on the subject property. It is council's discretion to either allow or deny the rental use.

Both council's refusal or decision to allow the rezoning is appealable to the Ontario Municipal Board.



Presentation February 4th, 2013

Recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal – Mayer Chris Armstrong

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