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Phone: 705-389-3311
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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

Upcoming Council Meetings
September 3rd – Regular Council
September 16th – Committee of the Whole
October 8th – Regular Council
October 21st – Committee of the Whole
November 4th – Regular Council
November 19th – Committee of the Whole

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

Municipal Landfill Sites
Summer Hours
(May Long Weekend to Thanksgiving Weekend)
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday:
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday & Holiday Mondays:
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
The walk-through gate will be closed for disposal of household waste. Landfill access cards are required.
WE RECYCLE!! DON'T LITTER!!
TAKE PRIDE IN WHERE YOU RESIDE!

RENTALS OF PRIVATE RESIDENCES:

In the last couple of years there have 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.

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 those listed as permitted. In the case of the above zones, generally only a dwelling is listed as permitted. 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 who rent their residential dwellings;
AND 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 122 meters 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.

OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE:

The Official Plan has been forwarded to the government for review and approval.

DOG TAGS:

Dog Tags can be obtained at the Municipal Office and are \$10.00 per animal.

FIRE BANS:

Ratepayers are advised to check the municipal website at www.whitestone.ca for up to date fire ratings.

Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library News

Regular Library hours:

Tuesday 12pm-8pm
Wednesday 12pm-5pm
Thursday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

The Library Board and Staff would like to thank everyone who has supported to the Giving Tree campaign so far. Oak leaves are still available for a \$50 donation and acorns are available for a \$500 donation. This year all libraries across Canada lost the "CAP" funding from Industry Canada, which totaled almost \$5000 annually for our library to offer free access to our 8 computers to the community. We have been working hard to fundraise in order to make up that loss of income and are very thankful for the support we have received so far with our silent auction, bake sale and Giving Tree initiatives.

We are excited to hear that we are having a Technology Coach again this Fall and Winter. We recently received notification that we will receive funding to offer a Youth Intern and will start booking appointments in the fall. Call the Library for more information at 705-389-3311.

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 a phone call which will be kept confidential and include the address of construction sites to report any contraventions of any structure greater than 10m sq. (108 sq. ft.)

Summer Hours (starting May 31, 2013)
Mon. to Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm

Maple Island Thrift Shop #1 Maple Island Road

5 minutes north of Dunchurch on Hwy 520N
April, May, June, September & October

Sat & Sun. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

July & August

Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Donations are greatly appreciated.

Silent Auction, new displays, clothes, treasures

For more information, please call:

Thrift Shop 705-389-2350
Peggi Woehl, Chair 705-389-1375
Elizabeth Hamilton, Secretary 705-389-2207

Recreation Committee – Dunchurch Community Centre

Every Wed 7pm – Exercise Club
Every Sat. 10am – Fitness Class – **no classes in July and August**

Walk Fit – Dunchurch Community Centre
Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 10:00 am – **no Walk Fit in July and August**

Whitestone Youth Group is for ages 10-18.

They meet twice a month in Dunchurch. Watch for advertising on the scheduled days and events.



LANDFILL SITES:

The Ministry of Environment has amended the environmental compliance approval for the landfill sites stating "during non-operating hours, the Site entrance and exit gates shall be locked" therefore the walk through gates will be closed year round. A staff report from the Facilities Manager, Floyd Thomson was on the May 21st agenda providing details and suggestions on how to address this issue (please contact the municipal office to obtain a copy). In addition we have received a request from the Whitestone Conservation Association to consider implementing mandatory recycling throughout the Municipality. The tonnes of recycling materials have increased each year as follows: 2012 – 111.52 tonnes, 2011 – 99.57 tonnes and 2010 – 83.2 tonnes. **Council is looking for Ratepayer and Cottage Associations input on both of these issues. Please contact the Municipal Office by mail – 21 Church Street, Dunchurch, ON P0A 1G0, phone 705-389-2466, fax 705-389-1855 or email www.info@whitestone.ca to provide Council with ideas on how we can make both landfill sites more efficient.**

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The Recreation Committee is always in need of members. If you would like to join the Recreation Committee or volunteer your help for programs and events please contact:

Councillor Colette Deacon at (705)-389-1452 or email
councillor.deacon@whitestone.ca

****PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO BOOKING ISSUES THE NORTHERN LIGHTS STEEL ORCHESTRA WILL NOT BE PERFORMING ON SATURDAY OF THE LABOUR DAY WEEKEND**.**

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The Community & Economic Development Committee will be partnering with Georgian Bay Country for the Doors Open Parry Sound day on Sat. September 28th. The committee will be conducting guided walking tours on both walking trails (Whitestone Lake Trail and the Nesbitt Trail) at 10am and 2pm.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Municipality of Whitestone has passed by-laws including but not limited to Landfill, Property Cleanliness, ATV's, Light Pollution, Noise, Regulation of Dogs, Open Air Burning, Smoking, Trailer Licencing, etc. For 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 and by-laws will continue to be enforced.



**MUNICIPAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

WHITESTONE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Dial 9-1-1 For Police, Fire or Ambulance

**BURNING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED from April 1st – October 31st each year
Smoke alarms are required on every level in cottages, houses and trailers.
IT'S THE LAW!!!**



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

****Thanksgiving Supper ****

The United Church Women's Annual Thanksgiving Supper will be held Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. *The date in the Welcome to Whitestone Book produced by the Whitestone Conservation Association is incorrect.* The UCW thanks the Municipality for putting this correction in the newsletter.

Please monitor our website as your source for news and information and email dyanneroberts@whitestone.ca to have agendas and minutes forwarded to you by email on a regular basis.

Your Mayor and Members of Council hope you are enjoying the summer and that you are looking forward to a colourful fall season.

“Whitestone, a Perfect Place to Live, Work and Play”

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