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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

July 8th – Regular Council
July 22nd – Committee of the Whole
August 6th – Regular Council – IN ARDBEG
August 19th – Committee of the Whole
September 3rd – Regular Council
September 16th – 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!**

Updates from the Municipality of Whitestone

BUDGET: The 2013 Draft Budget is scheduled to be adopted on June 25, 2013 at 6:30 pm. The proposed 2013 draft budget represents a 0% municipal tax rate change from 2012. The general municipal revenue will increase by 3.8% from 2012. The overall 2013 tax rate (municipal plus school board) will see a decrease of 1.4% from 2012.

Highlights in the 2013 Budget will include the Road Grant Protocol which has been increased by \$6,050 for a total of \$66,550 to be awarded for private and un-assumed municipal roads. The Grant Application deadline is September 30, 2013 and applications can be obtained at the municipal office or on our website. Please remember that to be eligible for next year's grant funds you must submit a written summary of expenses as well as copies of supporting invoices.

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.

Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial 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
Our Giving Tree is now on display.
Contributions of \$50 will be recognized on the donor wall (tax receipts will be issued) – drop by the Library for more information.

Upcoming Events:

July 9th 8pm-Midnight - Midnight Madness #1
July 20th 2pm-4pm - Fancy Nancy Tea Party
July 27th 11am – 2pm – BBQ & Bake Sale
(silent auction closing)
Aug. 6th 8pm-Midnight - Midnight Madness #2
Aug 17th 8am – 2pm – Book Sale

Emergency Management

See the municipal website for tips and information on staying safe during tornado season.

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.)

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
Jenny DeGrow, Chair 705-389-1210
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**
Every Tues. 7pm in July and Aug – Summer Soccer Program
Sat. Aug 31st (Labour Day Weekend) – Northern Lights Steel Orchestra. Stay tuned for details.

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.**

You will notice a new face at the York Street Landfill Site this summer. Please welcome Aiken Thoennes the new Summer Student Landfill Site Attendant. He will be happy to assist you in all of your recycling needs.

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

CANADA DAY: Remember to mark Sat. June 29th on your calendar for the Canada Day Celebrations at the hall grounds starting at 3 pm. “Fun, Food & Fireworks” – activities and fun for all ages, food sold on site and of course **Free Canada Day Fireworks** display at dusk. Paddle for a Cure launches at 10 am at the municipal beach. The event is benefiting the Alzheimer’s Society of Muskoka (keeping donations local) and registration is a \$20 pledge.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: The Recreation Committee is always looking for feedback - **please take the time to fill out the card included and return to the Municipal Office at your convenience.** For more information on this summer’s activities you can contact the Recreation Committee Chair, Colette Deacon at councillor.deacon@whitestone.ca.

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.

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.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Magnetawan – Branch No. 394

Dunchurch, ON P0A 1G0 (Highway #124 at Balsam Road 705-389-3130)

Upcoming Events:

Pig Roast – Sat. June 29, 2013 5 pm – 7pm
Fish Fry – Sat. August 3, 2013 1st Sitting at 5 pm 2nd Sitting at 7 pm

WHITESTONE MCKELLAR LIONS CLUB

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS at the Dunchurch Beach starting July 1st at 8 am and running for 3 weeks - Registration on June 29, 2013 at 10 am until noon
Contact Charlie MacDermid, President for more information
Phone: 705-389-1026 Email: charles.macdermid@hotmail.com

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