



May 2014 Newsletter

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BUDGET

The 2014 Draft Budget is scheduled to be adopted on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:30 pm. The proposed 2014 draft budget represents a 3.5% decrease in the total tax rate (municipal plus school board) from 2013. The general municipal revenue, which is the dollar amount that the municipality will collect through taxation, will increase 1.5% from 2013. Over the past four years, the general municipal revenue has increased by 5.9% and the total tax rate has decreased by 11%.

Highlights in the 2014 Budget will include the Road Grant Protocol which has been increased by 10% for a total of \$73,205 to be awarded for private and un-assumed municipal roads. The Grant Application Deadline is September 30, 2014 and applications can be obtained at the municipal office or on the municipal 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.

2014 Capital/Construction Projects includes relocation of one (1) kilometre of Wah WashKesh Road, culvert replacement on Balsam Road, ditching & gravel on East Townline Road, Church Street drainage improvements, Pavilion drainage improvements, replacement of the Church Street public dock, new municipal website, additional solar panels and batteries for the landfill site's recycling compactors, replacement of the Fire Department's 4X4 pick-up truck, and new Welcome to Whitestone signs.

RENTAL UNITS: RENTING YOUR COTTAGE OR HOME

The Municipality of Whitestone has added a rental use to all residential zones. This procedure replaces a system where property owners would have been required to rezone their properties to allow for a rental use. Under the new approach, all property owners can rent but they must first obtain a license to be able to rent their dwellings.

The rental licensing by-law requires all renters to obtain a license before they rent. A rental license application is available from the Municipality or on the website. The application requires the submission of a number of items and sets out requirements for obtaining a rental license. A copy of the complete licensing by-law is available on the website.

The Municipality receives the application for a license and undertakes an interdepartmental review. So long as there are no outstanding or ongoing concerns respecting the applicant's property, a license will be issued. An annual fee of \$200.00 is required to offset the administration costs of processing the license.

FAREWELL TO A LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE

Council and Staff would like to extend our sincerest best wishes to Floyd Thomson as he embarks on another chapter of his life. At the end of this month Floyd will be retiring after 27 years of service. Congratulations Floyd.

SUMMER HOURS FOR LANDFILL SITES - Starting the May Long Weekend 2014 to the Thanksgiving Long Weekend 2014, the landfill sites will be open:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday and Holiday Mondays 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
As per Ministry of Environment Regulations the walk-through gate will be closed at all times.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE - April 6 to October 19
McFarlane Transfer Station in Parry Sound.
Landfill access cards are required.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
Sunday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Closed Statutory Holidays

MUNICIPAL BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

REMINDER: Dog Tags are required and can be purchased at the Municipal Office for \$10.00 per dog.

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 and by-laws will continue to be enforced.

DUNCHURCH FALL FAIR - Due to Health & Safety Concerns, **No Dogs (Except Service Dogs) will be allowed on the grounds beginning in 2014.** The Dunchurch Agricultural Society's Board of Directors thank you for your cooperation.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - Recommended Basic Emergency Kit Contents: Water, Food, Manual Can Opener, Flashlight & Batteries, Battery or wind-up radio, medications & personal hygiene products, extra car & house keys, cash, blankets, candles & matches or lighter, toilet paper.

Don't Forget Your Pet - With the exception of service animals, pets are generally not permitted in emergency evacuation centres. Before an emergency happens, plan where you would take your pets if you could not take them with you to a public emergency evacuation centre.

RABIES CLINIC

Monday, May 26, 2014 in the Dun-Dome on Church Street, From: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Price: \$20 per animal **CASH ONLY**

WHITESTONE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
Dial 9-1-1 for Police, Fire or Ambulance

Please note that smoke alarms are mandatory on every level in cottages, houses and trailers. **INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS IT'S THE LAW.** Smoke Alarms can be obtained at the Municipal Office and at the Fire Hall for \$6.00 each. Remember to change your batteries at least twice a year. Carbon Monoxide Detectors can now be purchased at the Municipal Office for \$23.30 each. 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. PLEASE NOTE that as per By-Law No. 41-2012 when a total fire ban is in place "no person shall discharge fireworks in a fire ban or have in their possession; recreational low hazard fireworks or recreational high hazard fireworks during a Municipal or Provincial fire ban.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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 10 m sq. (108 sq. ft.)

Summer Hours for the Building Department are: Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

WHITESTONE-HAGERMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

2206 Hwy. 124, Dunchurch, ON P0A 1G0 Phone: 705-389-3311 Email: Whitestonelibrary@vianet.ca
Membership is free to Whitestone year-round and seasonal residents

Hours of Operation:	Tuesday	12 pm-8 pm	Friday	12 pm-5 pm (from Victoria Day – Labour Day)
	Wednesday	12 pm-5 pm	Saturday	10am-2 pm
	Thursday	10 am-5 pm		

In June the Library will be launching an exciting new iPad Program for beginners. Drop by the library for more information.

Coming Events at the Library:

Kaitie will be returning to run our Children's Program for the Summer. Drop by the library after Victoria Day, pick up a kids Summer Events Schedule or follow us on Facebook and Twitter. The TD Summer Reading Program will return along with Midnight Madness, our Fancy Nancy Tea Party and so much more!

Health & Wellness Event	Monday, June 2, 2014	1 pm - 3 pm at Dunchurch Community Centre
BBQ, Bake Sale & Silent Auction	Saturday, July 26, 2014	12 pm - 2 pm at Dunchurch Community Centre
Annals Friends of Library Book Sale	Saturday, August 16, 2014	8 am - 2 pm
Knitting	Thursdays	1 pm - 3 pm

MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

Open every weekend from April 5, 2014 until October 26, 2014 - 10 am to 2 pm. Starting in July: Fri, Sat and Sun.

Off Season or After Hours Call: Elizabeth @ 705-389-2207 or Peggi @ 705-389-1375

Donations of household items and gently used clothing are greatly appreciated. Silent Auction starting in May.
Think of us as you clean up this Spring – Thank You for your support.

RECREATION COMMITTEE EVENTS

Walk Fit	Dunchurch Community Centre	Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am
Soccer Program	Whitestone Public School	July 2, 2014 - registration at 6:30 p.m.
		Cost is \$5.00 per participant
New Baseball Program	Dobson Road Ball Park	June 27, 2014 at 7:00 pm - registration at 6:30 p.m.
		Cost is \$5.00 per participant
Canada Day Celebrations	Dunchurch Community Centre	Saturday, June 28, 2014 Fireworks at dusk
Family Fitness Festival	Whitestone Lake Resort	Saturday, July 5, 2014 see brochure enclosed
Youth Group		is the last Monday of each month from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at the Dunchurch Community Centre for ages 10 and up. High School student volunteers are welcome to help out for volunteer hours. For more information on events and dates contact Barb Swartz at 705-389-3564.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bob Whitman, Fire Chief	Cell: 705-774-1967	
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