



*The Municipal Minute is a publication dedicated to providing residents with important information to highlight significant developments and other noteworthy items from the Placentia Council Chamber. The Municipal Minute is published following each Council meeting.*

**CONGRATULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council extends congratulations to the following:

- Southeast Playground Committee on winning \$100,000 from the AVIVA Community Fund and to all residents who went online and voted for the splash pad project.
- PATH and its cast and artistic director, Ms. Connie Newhook on the successful run of Mr. Scrooge’s Christmas.

**PERMITS**

Council approved the following permits:

- One residential development permit at 194-204 Southeast Road
- One commercial development permit to construct the new MCTS Centre and C&P Building in Argentia
- Three accessory building permits
- Two mobile vendor permits for snack trucks

**EXPENDITURES**

Highlights of expenditures approved by Council this month:

- \$8,000.00 less rebate of \$5,500 for the purchase of chlorine
- \$1,259.90 plus HST and \$30 shipping to repair the control box on the Public Works sander
- \$20.60 tax adjustment account #WOODM002; the company has ceased operations.
- \$2,126.35 to repair the Town Hall HVAC System
- \$2,200 plus HST for purchase of a pressure reducing valve (PRV) for the Clarke’s Pond pump house
- \$2,500 plus travel if required to retain L.W. Consultants to conduct the screening process for the Public Works Superintendent
- \$5,750 plus HST for the assessment of Mill Brook.

**OTHER APPROVALS**

- sale of pumper truck to high bid for \$576.89.
- redirecting of \$1,000,125 of the Town’s 2017-2020 Multi Year Capital Works program funding to the Placentia Wellness Centre.
- to apply for Multi-Year Capital Works Funding in the amount of \$4,938,164.65 for the next phase of the integrated water supply project - connection of Clarke’s Pond to Dunville

**BUDGET 2018**

Council thanked residents and businesses for input during the pre-budget consultation. Council noted there was no plan to raise the mil rate for residential tax in the coming year.

**ARGENTIA TAXATION**

In 2018, the Town will receive \$150,000 PILT from Husky Energy based on the renegotiated 2016 agreement. The Port of Argentia will receive in excess of \$500,000. Negotiations will continue in the new year with the Port of Argentia to reach a fair and equitable agreement.

**BILINGUAL VERSION OF TOWN LOGO**

Council approved an advertisement in a French Guide Book (2018 Guide Touristique). The Town logo will be modified to include Plaisance for the advertisement.

**SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

Winners of the 2017 Dunville Lions Club Town of Placentia Santa Claus Parade were College of the North Atlantic (Commercial Float), Placentia Lions (Volunteer Float), Allied Youth/CYN (Youth Group) and Placentia Special Olympics (Walking Group).



### HERITAGE TRAILS

The Town is exploring community partnerships with Placentia Area Development Association and the Freshwater Community Centre for boardwalk accessibility improvements and a walking trail for Larkin's Pond.

### ARENA LIGHTING

The new lights installed at Unity PARC are working efficiently and have improved safety around the facility. The Recreation Committee will be considering additional lighting during the budgetary process.

### POOL PROJECT

Council has agreed to proceed with the pool project utilizing approved capital works funding along with the Placentia Lions contribution. The Town will also pursue all other available government agency funding programs. The engineering design to date for the project will be used for the pool however cannot be used as a portion of the Town's share.

### WIND FARM MEETING

A company is exploring a wind farm for Argentia. The project cost \$80 million with local engineering, 40-50 construction jobs, 2 full-time upon completion with 2020 start-up pending government line installation. Council will meet with the proponent in the New Year.

### HUSKEY WEST WHITE ROSE PROJECT

Husky Energy extended an invitation to Council for a project update in the New Year. Mayor Power reiterated the Town's concern to the company regarding the need for local hires in Argentia. Mayor Power requested that the company give local qualified workers preference during the company's name hire placements.

### MEETING WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH

Mayor Power along with the Chair of Community Engagement and Communications and the CAO met with Minister Haggie earlier this month to discuss concerns with the Placentia Healthcare Centre. The following information was confirmed:

- Blood services remain available 24 hours a day and staff have option to cross train for X-ray
- Some Placentia patients have been identified as candidates for home treatment dialysis
- There will be no changes to the chemotherapy sessions already being offered in Placentia
- Town of Placentia will be kept informed on process for board representation on Eastern Health

### MEETING WITH NATURAL RESOURCES

The Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister from the department visited the Town Hall and toured the Argentia Industrial Park. An information session on the \$60 million compensation fund criteria is being planned for the new year for community stakeholders.

### EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

Public Works employee John Bruce was presented with a 10 years municipal service award earlier in the month. Congratulations John!

### SEWER BACKFLOW WATER VALVES

The Town would like to remind residents that it is the home owner's responsibility to install and maintain backflow water valves on their properties and encourages residents to check their insurance policy to ensure coverage.

### CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS

Some safety tips to remember during the holiday season:

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green; needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of foot traffic and do not block doorways.
- Tree disposal after the holidays: When you're ready to get rid of your tree, please do not burn it in the fireplace or wood stove. The rapid burning and excessive heat can damage the firebox and chimney creating a serious fire hazard. Instead, find out from your municipality the day when trees will be picked at your curb side. Many municipalities recycle Christmas trees into mulch.

### MUMMERS PARADE

The Town of Placentia will be sponsoring a Mummers Parade on December 28, 2017. Anyone interested in participating is asked to meet at the Arts Centre to rig up at 6pm. The parade will leave the Arts Centre and continue on to Lions Manor, Beachside Manor and back to the Arts Centre.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Town of Placentia Council and Staff wish all residents of the Town a very bright Christmas filled with peace, love and happiness.

### NEXT MEETING

The next Public Meeting is scheduled for 7PM January 16, 2018. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, January 5, 2018. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.