

Municipal Minute

April 2017

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The Town of Placentia is pleased to present The Municipal Minute, a publication dedicated to providing residents with important information to highlight significant developments, milestones and other noteworthy items from the Council Chamber. The Municipal Minute is published following each Public Council meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Power declared the month of April to be Daffodil Month and encouraged residents to purchase daffodils from volunteers to show their support for Canadians living with cancer.

April 2017 has also been proclaimed as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Citizens are asked to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect in our society.

May 10, 2017 has been proclaimed as Municipal Awareness Day in recognition of the vital role of municipal government and in recognition of all whose efforts support it. Mayor Power has invited students from St. Anne's Academy to take part in a mock election and education session on municipal government in recognition of this day.

PROJECT UPDATES

Council agreed to pursue a letter of intent with Honeywell International based on the submitted proposal for the self-funded guaranteed infrastructure renewal and sustainability assessment. This will identify and implement a program that will see sustainable and efficient energy improvements to town facilities.

Based on response to a request for proposals, approval was given to engage the firm Mills & Wright to prepare a design concept for a way finder signage initiative to support tourism and economic development. This project has been majority funded through the Consulting Advisory Services Program through CBDC.

Council was advised that the project to improve and secure the water line crossing Placentia Gut is nearing completion. New concrete blocks have been installed and the line has been secured underwater. Funding for this project was cost shared between the Town and the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Municipal Elections will take place this fall and Council and staff are preparing for this democratic process. Below are key dates approved by Council this month:

Nomination Day	Aug 29,2017
Advance Poll	Sept 23,2017
Election Day	Sept 26,2017

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Power was pleased to host a recent funding announcement event with MP Ken MacDonald and MHA Sherry Gambin-Walsh. The members, representing the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the provincial Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation, respectively, announced a combined contribution of \$40,179 to implement facility improvements at the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Center. This will include upgrades to performance area, lighting, sound and catering kitchen. The improvements will enable the centre to better meet the growing demand to host a greater variety of events and activities.



Mayor Power with MP Ken MacDonald and MHA Sherry Gambin-Walsh

EXPENDITURE NOTES

Highlights of expenditures approved by Council this month include:

- \$23,460 for federal government mandated effluent (waste water) monitoring at sewer outfalls.
- \$4,182.50 to purchase a radar speed limit signs for Placentia to support traffic calming.
- \$1,786 for the travel of 2 persons to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2017 Annual Conference and Trade Show in Ottawa.
- \$6,000 for Partner level sponsorship of the 2017 Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase presented by the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce
- \$5,000 annual contribution to the Placentia Rowing Club toward the running of the Placentia Regatta.
- \$2,972.69 to purchase headsets receivers for the town hall office phone system
- \$2,500 for printing of 10,000 town maps designed to support tourism and economic development.

PERMITS

Council was pleased to approve one new occupancy permit for Placentia Wireless Inc. at Placentia Mall, and one vendor permit for a provider of lawn care, snow clearing and property maintenance services.

FEDERAL RELATIONS

The Honourable Judy Foote and MP Ken MacDonald recently visited the Port of Argentia for a site tour and meeting with the Board of Directors. During the visit Mayor Power had the opportunity to meet with the Minister and MP to discuss matters of importance to the town. These included clean water infrastructure funding, Canadian Coast Guard and Parks Canada presence in the community, upcoming community programming and accessing funding opportunities.



Hon. Judy Foote, MP Ken MacDonald and Mayor Power

FUNDING RECEIVED

Council is pleased to announce it has received funding approval under the Community Healthy Living Fund from the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development that will provide upgrades to the Wellness Room located on the second floor of Unity PARC Arena. CSSD Minister Sherry Gambin-Walsh announced the \$4575 in funding during a recent event at Unity PARC. The funding will see improvements to the flooring in this room which will allow it to be used for more wellness activities in the future.



Mayor Power accepting facility improvement funding from MHA Sherry Gambin-Walsh

LAVAL 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Town of Placentia is partnering with the Laval School Community to plan a celebration to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Laval in 2018. The events will be scheduled to coincide with the annual Voices of Placentia Bay Festival.

MULTICULTURAL EVENT

Council was pleased to announce that it has received funding from the Government of Canada's Celebrate Canada program to host the Annual Canadian Multiculturalism Day Celebration on June 27.

TWINNING WITH PLENTZIA

Council is pleased to announce it will host a visit from the Mayor of Plentzia in the Basque Country of Spain in June. Highlights of the visit will include a twinning ceremony and the visit of the "In the Footsteps of Basque Whalers" ocean cruise. More information including the itinerary of public events will be available soon.

PLACENTIA: THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Council noted that the official launch of the mobile App for Town of Placentia is scheduled to take place on May 12. This will be a user-friendly tool for residents and visitors alike to access information about town activities and services. More details will be available soon at www.placentia.ca

PLACENTIA BAY AGE FRIENDLY FAIR

The Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Placentia Bay Age Friendly Fair on June 9 and 10 at Unity PARC Arena. During the fair the "Bridging Generations" Awards will be presented. These will acknowledge individuals/groups who give of their time and talent to improve the quality of life in the community. For more information on the fair and awards contact the Chamber at 227-0003.

PLACENTIA BAY INDUSTRIAL SHOWCASE

The Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase hosted by the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for September 20-21 at Unity Parc Arena. The Town of Placentia is proud to be a partner of this event exploring commercial activities in the region.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Town is looking forward to hosting a study group as a part of the Governor General's Leadership Conference on June 8th. The group, comprised of Canadians from coast to coast to coast will spend the day touring sites and areas of interest in Placentia.

ARENA NOTES

The winter season has come to an end at Unity PARC Arena. The town extends a thank you to all patrons for a busy season. Congratulations to the Placentia Intertown Minor Hockey Association and the host committee of the Hockey NL All NL Midget D Minor Hockey Tournament for hosting another successful Easter Week tournament in Placentia. This tournament featured five visiting teams with our Placentia Lions and provided great benefits to the community. Council is looking forward to delivering upgrades to the Arena this coming summer and are very excited for the positive changes happening to our facilities.

FIND YOUR FIT

Residents are encouraged to take part in the Find Your Fit Challenge. A calendar of activities has been posted around the community. Residents are encouraged to participate and enter for a chance to win a Fitbit. More details available at www.placentia.ca.

PLACENTIA AWARE

Mayor Power and Council were pleased to announce the development of the new notification system "Placentia Aware". Final preparations are taking place for the official launch of this notification network that will send alerts, event and information messaging to residents via telephone, text and email to help keep residents informed. More information will follow to residents on how to access the system and provide information to receive messaging.

COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Councillors Frankie Nash and Bill Woodman recently joined Mayor Power and municipal colleagues from the Eastern and Avalon Regions for the Municipalities NL Regional Meeting. This event covered topics including: regional government, provincial legislative changes, emergency planning, infrastructure management, respectful workplaces and recreation. The meetings proved to be a great learning and networking opportunity. Mayor Power co-chaired the meeting in his role as MNL's Avalon Director.



Mayor Power, Councillors Nash & Councillor Woodman at recent MNL Regional Meeting in St. John's

CONGRATULATIONS /NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS

Council sends congratulations to the following:

- Avalon North Wolverines Search and Rescue, including local members Joe Cleary, Matt Foley and Amanda Kelly for their recent charitable work in Guatemala.
- Laval Boys 3A Varsity Ball Hockey Team on claiming the provincial championship.

NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Meeting of the Town of Placentia Council is scheduled for May 16, 2017. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, May 5, 2017. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.