

Municipal Minute

April 2018

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

Allied Youth Placentia

- John Nolan Cup for Outstanding Community Involvement
- 50th Anniversary Hammond Award for Dedication to Youth Issues
- Dawe Award for Outstanding Positive Lifestyles Initiative
- Sam Lundrigan - Chalker Award for Outstanding General Member
- Mitchel Williams - Hawkins Award for Outstanding Junior Member
- Cassie Careen - Dove Award for Outstanding Senior Member
- Emma Cadena - Ms. Allied Youth
- Chelsea Hudson - Alcock Award for Outstanding Post Advisor

Local Softball Players

- Marcus Pittman – SNL Minor Male Player of the Year
- Jordan Pomeroy – SNL Junior Male Player of the Year
- Brittany McCarthy – SNL Senior Female Player of the Year

Local Teams

- Laval Girls Ball Hockey team - 3A Provincial Girls Ball Hockey Champs
- Placentia Lions Peewee Hockey Team – Bronze Medal at Provincials
- Placentia Lions Bantam Hockey Team – Gold Medal at Provincials

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

Highlights of approved expenditures included:

- \$14,856 plus HST to the Short Term Waste Collection Contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Ridge G & P Services for a three week period. Council approved extending this for two weeks at same rate if necessary while tender review process is ongoing for long-term contract.
- \$890,203 plus HST for award of the Long Term Waste Collection Contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Provincial Ready Mix Limited for a 32.5 month period pending review by administration.
- \$18,000.00 grant to Placentia Area Development Association in support of their Summer Recreation Program less registration fees collected
- \$700.00 plus HST to Provincial Ready Mix for the rental of a vac truck for cleaning of the Southeast Blivet System
- \$2,200.00 for three firefighters to attend Fire & Emergency Training in Grand Falls-Windsor
- \$1,480 for electrical installation on the fire training structure in Argentia
- \$6,106.50 (HST exempt) to BioMaxx Environmental for required outfall monitoring services

- \$1,798.00 plus HST to Electric Motor & Pump to replace the brine pump motor at Unity PARC arena
- \$920 to M. J. Hickey Construction Ltd.'s for repair of a leak in Freshwater as per standing offer pricing.
- \$1,117.91 plus HST for the purchase of additional interlocking flooring for the Arts Centre
- \$600 to the Community Youth Network

OTHER APPROVALS

- Adjustment of \$655.33 to account PLACE037 (Placentia Wireless) business ceased operations
- Adjustment of \$354.54 principle and interest for Hickey's Greenhouse as the company has been designated "agricultural" by the province and is therefore tax exempt
- Adjustment of \$300.00 to Account TOM-S001; business ceased operations
- Adjustment of \$531.10 to account #MEADP003 for 2017 water and sewer tax; house was destroyed by fire
- Tax credit of \$156.00 to be applied to Darissa's Garage account to reflect the relative cost of removal of debris from the site that had been deposited there by Town staff.

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- One residential extension
- One accessory building
- One crown land
- One mobile vendor

STANDING OFFER

Council approved standing offer for heavy equipment rental for a one year term.

Voices of Placentia Bay CELEBRATES LAVAL 50

You are invited to join us as we celebrate this significant community milestone
August 2-5, 2018

Official Opening at Laval High School, Placentia
8:00 pm, Thursday August 2, 2018



Government of Canada



RECREATION

Council approved a three month extension of the Manager Recreation and Community Programming's contract to August 8, 2018 under the same conditions as the existing agreement. Council also approved a MOU with Placentia Area Development Association outlining that PADA will be the owners and administrators of the Summer Recreation Program for the 2018 season; including acceptance of full responsibility for all planning, administration and day to day operations of the program.

POOL PROJECT

Council approved to borrow an amount of up to \$1,632,303 to meet the municipality's 20% cost share obligation for the funding of the Placentia Pool Project. The Town will work with community partners and pursue other funding avenues to offset its share.

CAPITAL WORKS

Council rescinded motion #17-330 originally approved to allocate \$1,000,125 from Capital Works to the pool project. Council approved the motion for implementation of the next phase of the multi year capital works to move forward with the Integrated Water Supply project in Dunville. The Dunville water project is set to begin in April and continue into June. Motorists are asked to obey speed signs and expect delays while improvements to our infrastructure continue.

SEWER DAMAGE CLAIM

Council rejected the claim from the owner of property at 189 Bond's Path for sewer damages incurred during a rainstorm; the Town was not negligent in their duties and the homeowner did not have a back flow valve on their line. Council encourages all property owners to have back flow valves installed.

PROVINCIAL ROADS

It was noted that there are considerable complaints to the Town regarding the state of provincially owned roads, in particular Main Road Dunville, Freshwater Crescent, Larkin Drive, Jeresyside Hill and Southeast Road. Council urges residents and businesses to express their concerns to our MHA sherrygambinwalsh@gov.nl.ca and to the Minister of Transportation stevecrocker@gov.nl.ca to help support Council's efforts to seek new pavement, maintenance improvements, signage and traffic control on these roads. The Route 100 Committee is also lobbying government and asking for support in this regard.

VOLUNTEER WEEK

Council expressed gratitude to all of the volunteers in our Town that give so freely of their time. Close to 100 volunteers from various community organizations attended the Town's Annual Volunteer Recognition event this year.



Mayor Bernard Power with community volunteers: Emily Racine, Ruby Baldwin, Helen Gear and Kayla Traverse

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following is a list of upcoming events that the Town is hosting or partnering with community stakeholders to deliver:

- Business Facebook Session - May 9
- Age Friendly Fair and Expo - May 11 & 12
- Community Consultation Session - June 11
- Multicultural Celebration - June 27
- Canada Day Celebration - July 1
- Les Petits Chanteurs de Mont-Royal - July 4
- Annual Placentia Regatta - July 21
- Voices Festival and Laval 50 - August 2-6
- Basque Festival - August 21
- Placentia Bay Industry Showcase - September 18-20
- Trunk or Treat - October 28
- Light up the Square - November 26
- Santa Parade - December 1
- Mummer's Parade - December 30

Visit www.placentia.ca/events for more details!

CULTURE AND TOURISM

A Committee has been established to fundraise to restore the grotto in the Town's Legacy Garden. The campaign will be launched later this month. Council also approved 25% of the cost to have a structural assessment on the convent.

TRAFFIC CALMING

The following stats collected on the Town's stationary traffic sign during the period March 26 to April 22, 2018.

- 65,975 motorists travelled west on Blockhouse Road
- Average number of vehicles per day 2,357
- 30% of motorists exceeded the 50km speed limit
- Max speed clocked 94km/h

It was also noted that transport truck traffic has increased on Prince William Drive. Council urges businesses to remind drivers that trucks should travel Veteran's Way. These stats are shared regularly with the RCMP. Council urges all motorists to please slow down.

TOWN CLEAN UP

Council stressed the importance of everyone doing their part to help make our Town clean. Residents and businesses are asked to start now. A stronger effort will also be made to enforce bylaws for unsightly properties and littering. Garbage collection will be **Thursday April 26** this week (no recycling). Thursday will be the regular scheduled day going forward and recycling will be bi-weekly starting Thursday **May 3, 2018**. Community Clean up Challenge will be **May 26**. Bulk collection day will be **May 31**. All waste must be ready for pick up by 7AM the morning of collection. Council asks all residents to take pride and help with the clean up effort.

NEXT MEETING

The next Public Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7PM May 15, 2018. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, May 4, 2018. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings. Council plans on webcasting meetings by June of this year.