

Municipal Minute

May 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 and community. The Municipal Minute will be published following each Public Council meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

Since the last publication, the town recognized several special weeks with proclamations and events.

Volunteer Week was held in late April. This was an opportunity to thank the many volunteers and community organizations who contribute to community life in the Town. To honour volunteers the Town hosted a special luncheon for representatives of community organizations.



Mayor Power and Town Crier Angus Gilbert with members of the Dunville Women's Institute during Volunteer Week.

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week was observed in Placentia from May 7-13, 2017. This was marked with a proclamation signing and a flag raising ceremony with the Town's OH&S Committee. The proclamation reminded all residents of the importance of workplace safety.

Placentia Fire Department and other emergency service and enforcement agencies joined the RCMP for the Police Week Open House on May 17. The town thanks the policing community for their service.

National Nursing Week was May 7-13, 2017. This week is held each year to recognize the contributions nursing professionals make to health care in our communities. On May 8 Mayor Power and the Town Crier met with nursing staff at Placentia Health Center to recognize and thank them for their commitment to the community.



Mayor Power with nursing staff at Placentia Health Centre during proclamation signing for National Nursing Week.

May 21-27, 2017 has been proclaimed as National Public Works Week. This is an opportunity to recognize the contributions that public works officials make every day to our health, safety and quality of life.

RESIGNATION

Council noted that Francis Coombs submitted his resignation from Council effective April 27, 2017. Council acknowledged the service and contribution Mr. Coombs made to the Town and wished him well in his future endeavours.

Due to the timing of the resignation being within 12 months of a general election, a bi-election will not be held.

DUNVILLE WATER LINE PROJECT

Preparations continue for the infrastructure project which will see phase one of the water main and service line replacement in Dunville. The scope of work has been approved by the Federal Government and is now being reviewed by the Provincial Government. It is anticipated that the project will be ready for tendering soon. A public information session on the project is tentatively scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at the Dunville Lions Club.

ROAD REPAIRS

Now that the winter season has passed, the Public Works Department is working to repair various potholes on municipal streets. Council is also pursuing pavement improvements for some local streets. Staff are in the process of identifying areas in most need.

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council is pleased to welcome Mr. Gordon Pike as Manager, Recreation and Community Programming. Mr. Pike brings with him a wealth of knowledge in recreation and experience in management. Council is excited to support improvements in our recreation and wellness program for residents of our community.

Council is also pleased to announce that Ms. Rhonda Power has commenced her duties under the new position of Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications.

NON-BARGAINING UNIT/MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Council has established a Non-Bargaining Unit Agreement with its management employees. Like the collective agreement with unionized employees, this agreement formally establishes common employment parameters for members of the management team. The was prepared by JW Consulting and officially adopted by council this month.

EXPENDITURE NOTES

Highlights of expenditures approved by council this month include:

- \$9,525 for street sweeping and line painting services provided by 3 in 1 Contracting Incorporated.
- \$4,000 for pavement repairs to Kelly Crescent

STANDING OFFER

Council approved standing offer pricing for heavy equipment rental from companies that have met the specified requirements outlined by the Town.

PERMITS

Council was pleased to approve the following permits:

- 4 new residential building permits
- 2 occupancy permits for a restaurant/food establishment and a pet grooming service
- Vendor permit for a mobile food truck
- Approval in principal for a medical cannabis production facility in Argentina

MUNICIPAL AWARENESS DAY

Mayor Power and staff welcomed the Grade 6 students from St. Anne's Academy to the Town Hall on May 10, 2017 for Municipal Awareness Day. The activity included a presentation on the responsibilities of the town council, municipal services provided and the role of the Mayor and Council. The students also took part in a discussion on the election process and participated in a mock council election. This was followed by a visit and session in the Council Chambers where the students discussed what they felt should be priorities for the town. What did they say? Their priorities included fixing local roads, providing clean water, attracting new business and having good recreation facilities!



Mayor Power with Grade 6 students of St. Anne's Academy visiting the Town Hall for Municipal Awareness Day.

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

The Town of Placentia has started its annual spring clean up period, with seasonal staff cleaning up around town and carrying out other projects. All residents are asked to do their part to help keep our community clean. Individuals and groups are encouraged to select an area of town to clean up. Community Clean Up is Saturday May 27th from 9-12 Noon. Garbage bags will be available at the Arts Center.

Eastern Waste Management will conduct the Spring Bulk Waste collection on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. For further details on what is accepted at the curb please consult the 2017 Waste Management Calendar.

PLACENTIA: THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

If you are living, working or visiting the Town of Placentia, there is now an app for that! The Town of Placentia APP was officially launched on Friday, May 12, 2017. Council noted the success of the launch event which was held at the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre and the positive feedback received thus far. The smart phone mobile app is a user-friendly tool for residents and visitors alike to access information about town activities and services. The Town of Placentia APP is available for free download today at the Apple APP Store or Google Play. Download it today!



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Tourism and Culture, Recreation and Economic Development Committees noted several upcoming community events which the town is hosting or partnering to deliver, including:

- June 7: June is Recreation Month! Launch
- June 8: Visit by the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference Study Group
- June 9/10: Placentia Bay Age Friendly Fair
- June 21: Official Twinning Ceremony with Plentzia, Spain; including visit by delegation from the Basque Country
- June 27: Canadian Multiculturalism Day
- July 1: Memorial Day Ceremony
- July 1: Canada Day Folk Festival / Canada 150
- July 22: Placentia Regatta
- July 26/27: Ternua 2017 – Basque Celebration
- August 4: Canadian Citizenship Ceremony
- August 4-6: Voices of Placentia Bay Festival

For more information including up to date event information please visit www.placentia.ca

PLACENTIA AWARE

Mayor Power and Council were pleased to report on the continued development of the new notification system "Placentia Aware". Final preparations are taking place for the official launch which will take place at the Placentia Bay Age Friendly Fair. Residents will receive information on how to register for this notification network that will send alerts, event and information messaging to residents via telephone, text and email. This will help keep residents informed. Please watch your mail box and town social media sites for more information on how to access the system and provide information on your preferred method to receive these important messages.

CONGRATULATIONS /NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS

Council sends congratulations to the following:

- Placentia Lions Minor Hockey Teams on success at All NL Hockey Tournaments including Gold Medals for Atom and Bantam Teams and Bronze Medal for the Pee Wee Team!
- Laval Girls 3A Varsity Ball Hockey Team on claiming the provincial championship.
- Laval Cheerleaders for achieving silver in the Provincial Competition.
- Brittany McCarthy on being named 2016 Junior Female Player of the Year by Softball NL.
- Nick Pittman on being named 2016 Junior Male Player of the Year by Softball NL.
- Liam Shea on being named 2016 Minor Male Player of the Year by Softball NL.
- Mike Davis on being inducted into the Softball Newfoundland and Labrador Hall of Fame.
- Community Youth Network on receiving Volunteer Group of the Year Award from Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Anne Whelan on being awarded the P.J. Gardiner 2017 Newfoundland and Labrador Entrepreneur of the Year Award.
- Registered Nurse Tina Hickey on receiving the Nursing Practice of the Year Award from Eastern Health and the Health Care Foundation.

NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Meeting of the Town of Placentia Council is scheduled for June 20, 2017. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by council are due by Friday, June 9, 2017. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.