

Municipal Minute

August 2017



Argentia Beach
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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

September 10-16, 2017 has been proclaimed as Sexual Violence Awareness Week. Council encourages residents to learn more about the importance of this week and take part in planned local activities.

The *Take Back the Night* annual walk will begin 7:00 p.m. September 22, 2017 from the Town Square.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Town of Placentia is preparing for the upcoming Municipal Election. Key dates to remember are:

- August 29 – Nomination Day
- September 23 – Advance Poll
- September 26 – Election Day

Residents are encouraged to ensure they are on the voter's list. All voters must vote in the community they reside in. Please ensure your information is correct by visiting www.placentiaelection.com or calling 227-2151.

MAYOR'S MARCH FOR HEART & STROKE

The Annual Mayor's March for Heart & Stroke was held on August 14, 2017. The event is designed to raise awareness of heart disease and stroke and funds to support programs and services of the NL Heart & Stroke Foundation. There is still time to contribute to this fundraiser. Please call 227-2151, ext. 229 for details.



Mayor Wayne Power & participants in the 2017 Mayor's March

TERNUA 2017

Placentia was pleased to host the launch celebrations for TERNUA 2017, a 400km International Rowing Expedition from Placentia to Saint Pierre. Throughout the three days of activities residents had the opportunity to share culture, music, dance and friendship with the many visitors from the Basque Country and Saint Pierre. The event provided a fantastic opportunity to further explore historical connections with the Basque Country. The expedition came to a successful end in Saint Pierre on August 10, 2017.

The town would like to congratulate local rower Matt Foley who joined the crew for the expedition from Placentia to Fortune. Félicitations!



TERNUA 2017 begins first leg of expedition from Jerseyside.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Council is pleased to announce that funding valued at \$75,440 has been received to support the ongoing Energy, Sustainability and Facility Renewal Project. The Town of Placentia was the first applicant from Newfoundland and Labrador to receive this funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities through the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Council has adopted a code of conduct for elected officials and employees of the Town of Placentia. The Code of Conduct will help ensure the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct from elected officials and staff to ensure protection of public interest.

PLACENTIA REGIONAL WELLNESS CENTRE UPDATE

Discussions continue with the provincial and federal governments on the proposed Placentia Regional Wellness Centre. The process continues to finalize a design and funding model that will ensure the facility becomes a feasible reality for our community.

DUNVILLE WATER LINE PROJECT

The installation of a new water main and service lines in Dunville is ongoing. This is the first stage in the process to change the water supply source for Dunville and ultimately see a new water treatment plant for the Town. Residents are asked for their continued patience and cooperation with service and traffic interruptions associated with this progressive construction project.

STREET MAINTENANCE

Street maintenance continues with repairs to pot holes throughout the community. If you are aware of an area in need of patching please contact the Town Hall. Council also notes that several municipal streets have been upgraded with new pavement. The remainder of streets identified for pavement this season will be completed in the coming weeks.

EXPENDITURE NOTES

Highlights of expenditures approved by council this month include:

- \$3,750 for an engineering assessment of Station Road following damage recent heavy rainfall.
- \$60,000 for required repairs to the Jersey side chlorination system.

PERMITS

Council was pleased to approve the following permits:

- 1 Residential Building Permit
- Marshalling Yard Permit for Valard at Argentia
- Vendor permits for a mobile car detailing business and a boat tour business.

LEAK DETECTION

Public Works Department reported that recent leak detection and repair efforts have lowered the average daily water flow rates to Placentia from 1.8 million gallons per day to 780,000 gallons per day.

VOICES OF PLACENTIA BAY FESTIVAL

Council extends appreciation to the organizing committee, volunteers and community groups who contributed to the success of the Voices of Placentia Bay Festival. The festival proved to be another great Placentia Bay Celebration of music and culture! Special thanks to the sponsors including Canadian Heritage, Seafair Capital, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Atlantic Lottery, Progressive Engineering and Marine Atlantic. Planning is already taking place for the 2018 festival which will coincide with the Laval High 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

The Town of Placentia was pleased to host officials from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada for a Citizenship Ceremony at the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre in August. The special ceremony saw 18 individuals from 10 countries recite the Oath of Citizenship and become Canadian Citizens.

RUN THE ROCK

Placentia recently welcomed crew members from the HMCS St. John's who were running across the island portion of the province to raise funds for the Children's Wish Foundation. A special event was held in partnership with the Town of Placentia, Sobeys, Edison Security and the Port of Argentia which saw over \$2500.00 contributed to the effort.



Run the Rock participants in Placentia

RECREATION UPDATE

The summer recreation program has reached a successful end. Council is pleased to note the efforts of staff in offering a variety of interesting activities for participants throughout the summer. Participants are encouraged to complete the online feedback survey. More information on Fall programming will be released in the coming weeks.

PLACENTIA BAY INDUSTRY SHOWCASE

Council reminds residents the Placentia Bay Industry Showcase is scheduled to take place in Placentia from September 19 to 21, 2017. The event will provide updates on various activities taking place in the Placentia Bay Region including the Husky Energy Project in Argentia. More information is available by contacting the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce at 227-0003.

PLACENTIA AWARE

Council reminds residents to ensure they are registered to receive updates from the Placentia Aware Community Notification System. Registration forms were recently delivered by Canada Post and are also available online or at the Town Hall. Placentia Aware will send alerts, event and information messaging to residents via landline telephone, text messaging and email. This will help the town communicate important and timely information to residents. The system will become active in the coming weeks.

CANADA 150 COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD

Council extends congratulations to Mayor Wayne Power who was recently recognized by Member of Parliament Ken McDonald with a Canada 150 Community Leader Award. The award recognizes commitment and dedication to years of volunteer service to the community.



Mayor Wayne Power receives the Canada 150 Community Leader Award from MP McDonald

CONGRATULATIONS /NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS

Council sends congratulations to the following:

- Brittney McCarthy (Ladies Softball), Jordan Pomeroy, Andrew Kelly, Nick Pittman and Brent Hatfield (Men's Softball) for participating as members of Team NL at the 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba;
- John Webber and Marcus Pittman, members of Team NL who placed fifth at National Under 16 Softball Championships in Cobourg, Ontario;
- Under 14 Boys Soccer Team on capturing "D" Division Championship in Provincial Mega Tournament held in Harbour Grace;
- Harold Hotel Juvenile Ladies Rowing Team on winning races at Harbour Grace and Royal St. John's Regatta and capturing second place in the Ladies Championship at Harbour Grace Regatta;
- 1977 Placentia Lions Rowing Club on 40th Anniversary of carrying a rowing boat to the Royal St. John's Regatta and capturing the "Triple Crown" of Rowing;
- Placentia native Kerry O'Reilly-Wilks, Head of Legal - North America & UK at Vale in Toronto on being named one of the Top 25 Most Influential In-House Counsel for 2017 by Canadian Lawyer Magazine.
- Placentia Area Historical Society on publication of "Remembering Old Times: The Placentia Area Folklore Project." This book can be purchased at O'Reilly House Museum;
- Atlantic Charter Foundation Inc. and the authors of "Remembering Old Times" - Norah Woodrow, Ann Miller, Nellie Woodrow and Eithne Richardson (nee O'Keefe) on receiving 2017 Heritage Awards from Placentia Area Historical Society.

NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Meeting of the Town of Placentia Council is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2017. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by council are due by Friday, September 8, 2017. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.