



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 will be published following each Public Council meeting.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Town of Placentia officially launched the 2016 Christmas season on November 28th with the annual ceremony to officially turn on the Christmas Lights in the Town Square. The Salvation Army Bay Roberts Corps Band and the students and staff of St. Anne’s Academy helped set the festive tone for the evening by providing performances of a number of seasonal favourites while the large crowd who gathered enjoyed hot chocolate. Bella O’Keefe of Freshwater was the lucky winner of the draw to help light the square. Lights in the square will remain lit until January 6th, 2017 - Old Christmas Day!



Bella O’Keefe and family along with Mayor Wayne Power and Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson Light up the Square.

SENIORS SOCIAL

A Christmas Seniors Dessert Social was held at the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre on December 1st. The event featured live entertainment by Bugs and Debbie Greene with Con Parsons. Portions of the afternoon were filmed for the Bugs and Debbie Greene Show which is scheduled to air on Eastlink on December 21st & 29nd. This event was made possible with funding from the Department of Children, Seniors & Social Development.



Bugs & Debbie Greene with Placentia Oldest Resident Mrs. Mary Drake and Mayor Wayne Power at the Christmas Social

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The 12th Annual Town of Placentia–Dunville Lions Club Santa Claus Parade was held on December 4th. Over 30 entries including floats, walking groups, emergency vehicles and mascots contributed to a successful parade.



Peter and Peggy lead the way at the Annual Dunville Lions Club - Town of Placentia Santa Claus Parade

Awards were presented in three categories:

- 1st Place Commercial – Matt’s Auto Service / Josh Collins Racing
- 1st Place Volunteer – Placentia Lions Club
- 1st Place Walking Group – Placentia Special Olympics Athletes and Friends



#TISTHESEASON

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the many events during the Christmas Season thus far. There are still a number of activities scheduled throughout the Town this month. Be sure to check our website and Facebook group for details.

EMPLOYEE RECONGITION

The Town recently recognized three employees who have reached milestones in their years of service as employees with the Town of Placentia:

- Rhonda Power, Facilities Manager – 20 years
- Sharon Murphy, Accounts Supervisor – 30 years
- George Daley, Arena Attendant – 30 years

Congratulations to these recipients and thank you to all staff for your service.



Mayor Wayne Power with Town employees Sharon Murphy, Rhonda Power and George Daley

FIREFIGHTER RECONGITION

The Placentia Volunteer Fire Department Dinner and Dance was held recently. During the dinner a number of service awards were presented to members of the Department. These included:

- Firefighter Stephen Budden – 5 years
- Firefighter Tyler Barron – 5 years
- Firefighter Brandon McGrath – 5 years
- Firefighter Jeff Richardson – 15 years

The Newfoundland and Labrador Firefighting Long Service Medal in recognition of 20 years of service was presented to:

- Firefighter Mike Barnett
- Fire Captain Paul Kerrivan

Congratulations to these recipients and thank you to all members of the Fire Department for your valuable volunteer contributions to the safety of our Town.



Fire Chief Wayne Power, FF Jeff Richardson, FF Tyler Barron, FF Stephen Budden, FF Brandon McGrath, Mayor Wayne Power and MP Ken McDonald



20 Year Long Service Medal recipients FF Mike Barnett and Captain Paul Kerrivan with Hon. Sherry Gambin-Walsh, MHA

X-RAY PETITION

A petition calling for the reinstatement of 24 hour X-ray service at Placentia Health Centre was circulated earlier this year and collected over 1,800 signatures. Mayor Power noted that this was presented to the Opposition Health Critic, MHA Steve Kent who in turn presented it in the House of Assembly this month.

YMCA SURVEY

The Town received a report from the YMCA on operation of the proposed Placentia Regional Wellness Center. The YMCA was very pleased with the responses stating the community has demonstrated high support for their presence in the operation of this facility. The YMCA will now use the data to help develop a business plan for provision of services in the community. Thank you to all who took part in the survey process.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Council was pleased to announce that the Town was successful in obtaining funding of \$40,000 from the Department of Municipal Affairs to execute further repairs on the submersed water line in Placentia Gut.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Council has approved the expenditure of \$7,000 to purchase a public notification system, Placentia Aware, as per Budget 2017. Council noted that more information on this will follow for residents.

WATER SUPPLY

Council noted a statement was issued to residents of Dunville highlighting points related to concerns being raised about water quality. It was noted that the Public Works Department is working diligently and availing of outside resources to help alleviate issues related to physical water quality. Adjustments are being made to equipment and treatment processes to help improve the water being distributed throughout the system. Council reiterated that water from the system is sampled and tested twice daily by trained Water Treatment Operators as well as weekly by Service NL Environmental Health Division, each producing satisfactory results.

Earlier this month, Mayor Power and the Chief Administrative Officer visited the Town of Marystown where they met with town officials and toured the water treatment plant to learn more about their experiences in improving their water system and best practices in water treatment.

Council remains committed that the supply of quality water is its number one priority. Council is dedicated to the implementation of the water focused capital works plan accepted in 2014. This will ultimately result in changing the water supply source for Dunville and the construction of a new water treatment facility for the town. Several phases have been completed and it is anticipated that the next phase of infrastructure improvements will begin in spring 2017. However, there is still much work to do and full implementation will take time and considerable financial investment. Council continues to work to secure necessary funding from the other levels of government to help advance this plan.

TAX SALE

The Town has been diligently collecting delinquent tax accounts and will be issuing a notice for a tax sale on several properties in the New Year. Notices will be published in the newspaper and on the website.

EXPENDITURE NOTES

\$5,442 has been approved for repair and maintenance to the Dunville Water Treatment Plant. \$1,977 has been approved for repairs to doors at the Arts Center. An increase of \$1,000 has been approved to the yearly financial support provided to the Placentia Area Historical Society for operation of O'Reilly House.

MEETING WITH MP KEN MCDONALD

Mayor Power recently met with MP Ken McDonald to discuss matters of interest to the town. Among the topics discussed was potential funding for infrastructure projects including the water supply project and the Federal presence in the community including Parks Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard. MP McDonald was receptive to the discussion and will pursue these concerns with the applicable departments.

JOB CREATION PARTNERSHIP

Council has approved the expenditure of \$1,500 to Placentia Area Development Association to cover administrative fees for a Job Creation Partnership that will see improvements to the PATH building and PARC Arena. This program, funded by the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour will allow for \$5,800 worth of materials and 10 weeks of labour to improve these town facilities.

STANDING OFFER

Council noted that a standing offer will be issued in the New Year for vehicle and heavy equipment repair and maintenance allowing all businesses in our community the opportunity to bid on this service.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

Council approved one commercial building permit this month.

PLACENTIA BAY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

Council would like to remind the public that the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Center is open to the public. The Facilities Manager can be reached at her office located in the Town Hall main office building.

NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Meeting of the Town of Placentia Council is scheduled for January 17th, 2017. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by council are due by Friday, January 6th, 2017. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.

