



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.

STORM SURGE

The Town of Placentia experienced the impact of a weather system that brought storm surge and high tides to the community on December 16, 2016. This impacted several areas including Townside Placentia, Argentia, Jersey side, and Harbour Drive in Dunville.



Waves crashing boardwalk on Veterans Way across from Laval. (Photo credit: Connie Newhook)

During the unfavourable conditions town officials were active. Areas of concern were secured and monitored with assistance from the Placentia Volunteer Fire Department, RCMP and Avalon North Wolverines. The Provincial Department of Transportation and Works also assisted in the areas involving provincial roadways.

Town officials, including members of the Fire Department continued to monitor areas of concern throughout the evening to ensure the forecasted weather did not result in any additional damage and to ensure safety of residents.

While there was strong wave action and localized flooding experienced because of the weather, the Town of Placentia is pleased to note that damage to municipal

infrastructure was assessed and determined to not be extensive. The recent enhancements to the breakwater at Veterans Way were credited with reducing the impact to that area.

Repairs have been made to the Blockhouse Sewer Outfall. Minor structural repairs, such as rail replacement, have been completed at the Veterans Way Boardwalk which is now open for public use. Additional repair work will be needed at Harbour Drive and the Fort Louis Breakwater.



Road flooding at Placentia Pike near Marine Atlantic. (Photo Credit: Port of Argentia)

FIRE TRUCK

Council is pleased to note that the Town of Placentia received the new fire truck on December 22, 2016. An official presentation and unveiling event will be scheduled when the truck has been fully equipped.

EXPENDITURE NOTES

\$36,536.89 was approved for improvements and needed repairs to the Clarke's Pond Pump House, Freshwater Booster Pumping Station and Dunville Water Treatment Plant.

JOB POSTINGS

Please check our website for upcoming job postings with the Town including Facilities Maintenance Attendant and Manager, Recreation and Community Programming.

TENDERS

Please check our website for an upcoming tender for sale of surplus equipment.

STANDING OFFER

Council noted that a standing offer will be issued soon for heavy equipment rental.

TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

2017 Tax invoices have been distributed. Payment can be made at the Town office or through online banking. Debit, Visa and MasterCard are accepted at the office. Post-dated cheques are also accepted.

Residents are reminded that a 10% discount on residential property tax and water and sewer fees is available if the account is paid in full by March 31, 2017. Residents 65 years or older have until June 30, 2017 to avail of this discount. Interest will be forgiven if paid in full with 12 equal monthly payments starting in January.

GROTTO

A volunteer committee has been formed in partnership with the Town with a goal of restoring the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto in the Town Square. This group will help with a fundraising effort to assist with construction of a new area to be located in the garden adjacent to the Town Square. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact Rhonda Power at rpower@placentia.ca.

WINTER CARNIVAL

The Annual Winter Carnival is scheduled to take place from February 23 to 26, 2017. A calendar of events is being planned and will be released soon. If you or your group wish to volunteer or host an event please contact Rhonda Power at the Town Office at 227-2151, ext. 224 or email rpower@placentia.ca.

CAMP CHAOS

The Town was recently advised by the Board of Directors of the Community Youth Network that they have decided not to offer Camp Chaos this summer. As a community partner in this program the Town supplied its facilities free of charge for this program. While the Town is disappointed at this news it is now exploring opportunities to have a similar program offered this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to former Placentia-St. Mary's MHA & Placentia Mayor Felix Collins on his recent appointment to Queen's Counsel by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- Congratulations and thank you to Placentia Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Wayne Power for 45 years of service as a firefighter.
- Congratulations to the Star of the Sea Association on their 141st Anniversary which was celebrated at their recent Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. Best wishes to the new Executive of the Association and Ladies Auxiliary.

FIRE HYDRANTS

The Town is asking for your help to clear snow away from fire hydrants close to your home. Our crews make every possible effort to keep hydrants free of snow so they are accessible in case of emergency, however with approximately 350 hydrants it is a task when we are hit with repeated storms. We appreciate your help because in an emergency every second counts.

EASTERN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Eastern Waste is requesting that the town urge residents to keep their garbage boxes accessible; please ensure you shovel them out so they can collect.

THANK YOU

The November Municipal Minute acknowledged volunteers and groups who participated in the emergency response exercise in Argentina. We mistakenly omitted Five Star Garage for their contribution. They provided the vehicle including placement and removal for the exercise. Thank you for your generous contribution to this project.

MUNICIPAL MINUTE PHOTO

If you have a photo of the Town to share and would like it featured in the 'Municipal Minute', please send along to townofplacentia@placentia.ca. Help us share the beauty of our town.

NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Meeting of the Town of Placentia Council is scheduled for February 21, 2017. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by council are due by Friday, February 10, 2017. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.

