

# Municipal Minute

March 2017



Northeast Arm

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

## PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Power declared the week of March 19-25, 2017 as Multiculturalism Week in the Town and encouraged all residents to recognize that diversity is our strength. He called for support of community celebrations aimed at fostering respect, quality and cross-cultural understanding.

March 24, 2017 was declared Purple Day for Epilepsy in the Town. All residents are encouraged to wear purple on Friday to raise awareness and understanding of epilepsy.

## FIRE TRUCK PRESENTATION

Council is pleased to note that the official presentation of the new Fire Truck was held on March 1st at the Fire Hall. The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment and The Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh were on hand to officially present the new truck to the Town. Former MHA Felix Collins, who played an important role in securing the funding for the truck, also attended.



This new fire truck is a 2017 Freightliner featuring a 1500 gallon per minute pump, 1000-gallon water tank, twin foam system and remote control operated monitor. The apparatus helps modernize and improve the current fleet of emergency response vehicles used by the Fire Department, providing our firefighters with the tools they need to continue providing efficient and effective fire protection services to the community. The \$388,000 funding for the vehicle was provided on an 80/20 cost-sharing basis with the Provincial Government.

## CAPITAL WORKS

Council has approved a resolution to support an application under the Provincial Multi-Year Capital Works Program for a project valued at \$4,938,164.65 for the next phase of the integrated water supply project. This phase will see the water source for Dunville Water Supply being changed to Clarke's Pond.

A meeting was held recently with The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment to discuss capital works requirements and upcoming funding programs. The Town presented the next phases of its water system improvement plan and discussed the importance of moving this project forward. The plan was well received and discussions continue to advance this project and improve this important service.



Ministers Joyce and Gambin-Walsh officially presented the 2017 Fire Truck to Mayor Power and Fire Chief Power

## SWIMMING POOL

During their recent meeting, Mayor Power and Minister Joyce discussed the provincial funding for the swimming pool project. The funding will be administered by the Department of Municipal Affairs and is anticipated to become available in April as per the Province's agreement with Vale. Discussion centred around the advancement of the project in a timely manner. Council noted that this funding is sourced from the Vale Community Fund and is available specifically for this project.

## HEALTH SERVICE LOBBYING

Mayor Power and CAO Charlotte Hickey met with the Honourable Dr. John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services to discuss services at the Placentia Health Care Centre. Mayor Power asked for the reinstatement of 24-hour X-ray services and continued discussion with the committee seeking dialysis services at the Centre. The Mayor highlighted the importance of the Placentia Health Centre to the community and entire region and stressed the necessity that all services be maintained or expanded into the future.

## PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS

During the meetings with Ministers Joyce and Haggie, MHA Sherry Gambin-Walsh was also present to support the efforts of the Town. Mayor Power was also afforded time with Premier Ball to discuss several matters of importance for the Town. All meetings were positive and productive.



Provincial Cabinet Ministers Joyce, Haggie and Gambin-Walsh with Mayor Power and CAO Charlotte Hickey.

## WIND STORM

Council thanks members of the Fire Department, Public Works staff and others who were active during the recent wind storm to ensure safety of residents and continued delivery of services. Residents are reminded of the importance of being prepared with an emergency kit and essential supplies to last at least 72 hours.

## WINTER CARNIVAL

The 2017 Placentia Winter Carnival has been called a successful event. There were many activities held during the four-day winter festival that were enjoyed by all ages. The slogan for the carnival this year was "Look at the Snow, Come on Let's Go!" The slogan contest winner was Mya Murray. Council congratulated all winners of this year's carnival contests. Other winners included: Blake O'Keefe (Geocaching), Emma and Hannah Leonard (Snow Sculpture) and Jayson and Dawson O'Keefe (Photo Scavenger Hunt). Council extended a big thank you to all volunteers and sponsors who contributed to this successful event.



Mya Murray accepting her prize from Mayor Power for winning the Winter Carnival Slogan Contest.

## EXPENDITURE NOTES

Approval was given to upgrade the lift station on Blenheim Street in the amount of \$19,710. Advertising approval for \$100 was given to support Placentia Intertown Minor Hockey Association. Approval was given for \$2,500 to be a gold sponsor of the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce Age Friendly Fair.

## TENDERS

There are currently Request for Proposals and Standing Offers available with the Town. Please check our website or call the Town at 227-2151, ext. 229 for further information.

## FUNDING SECURED

Council is pleased to announce it has received approval for assistance under the Consulting Advisory Services Program through CBDC Avalon West. This \$5000.00 in support will contribute to the development of a way finder signage initiative to support tourism and economic development in Town.

## PERMITS

Council was pleased to approve one new residential permit, one approval in principal for a new development in Dunville and one permit that will see a new service provider in the area.

## WILDROSE RECOGNITION AWARDS

The 2016 Wild Rose Recognition awards were presented during a ceremony on the first day of spring - March 20th - at the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Center. The awards, presented based on community nominations, recognize individuals or groups who contribute to the beautification of the town through projects on private property or public spaces.



*2016 Wild Rose Recognition Award recipients*

Recipients of the 2016 Wild Rose Recognition Awards:

Anastasia Duke	Joe Greene
Annie Ennis	John & Mary Seay
Bernie O'Reilly	Kay & Felix Jones
Bill & Imelda Bailey	Loretta Nash
Dr. B & S Mangat	Mary Greene
Evelyn Traverse	Mary Tobin
Wayne & Sandra Power	O'Reilly House Museum
Gary Pitcher & Lori Bruce	Pat & Sheila Flynn
Harry & Kay Smith	Rose Gale
Holy Rosary Church	Royal Canadian Legion
James & Shirley Headley	Theresa Power
Juanita O'Keefe	Vera Greene
Joan Whelan & Fred Taylor	Vincent O'Keefe
Felix Traverse & Natalie O'Reilly	

During the recognition ceremony, details of the upcoming "Adopt a Spot" beautification campaign were announced. More details are available by contacting [rpower@placentia.ca](mailto:rpower@placentia.ca).

## JERSEYSIDE POST OFFICE

Council has been notified by Canada Post that the Jersey Post Office will be closed on Saturdays. The Town has objected to this change in service and will continue to lobby Canada Post for them to maintain current levels of service in the community.

## FRIENDS OF THE COURTHOUSE

Council was advised that a special interest group has been formed in the community called "Friends of the Courthouse." This group has a focus on preserving the historical significance of the Placentia Court House.

## TERNUA 2017

Representatives of the Basques Association of Saint Pierre et Miquelon visited Placentia recently to continue preparations for Ternua 2017. Placentia will host the launch of this event which will see about 25 Basque and local rowers travel 215 nautical miles to Saint Pierre with nine stops along the way. Ternua 2017 activities in Placentia will take place on July 26 and 27 and will feature rowing demonstrations, Basque cuisine and entertainment and the official launch of the journey to Saint Pierre.

Opportunities exist for experienced rowers to participate in this exciting initiative. Interested individuals can contact [rpower@placentia.ca](mailto:rpower@placentia.ca) for more information.

## CONGRATULATIONS / NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Laval Senior Girls Basketball Team captured the AAA Provincial Championship held recently in Deer Lake.
- Dunville Native Nicole Blanche was named the first ever winner of the Atlantic University Sport Top Defensive Player in Women's Hockey.
- Point Verde Native and Author Paul Rowe received the 2016 BMO Winterset Award for his novel "The Last Half of the Year."

## NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Meeting of the Town of Placentia Council is scheduled for April 18, 2017. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by council are due by Friday, April 7, 2017. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.