

# Municipal Minute

October 2016

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.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week was held earlier this month. The theme was "Don't Wait, Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years!" Residents are asked to determine how old the smoke alarms in their homes are and to replace them if they are more than 10 years old. During the week the Fire Department was present at schools and in the community distributing materials and reminding residents of fire safety.

## BRIDGE OPENING IN PLACENTIA



*MP McDonald, Minister Hawkins, Mayor Power, Minister Gambin-Walsh & Premier Ball cut the ribbon*

Premier Dwight Ball along with Ministers Hawkins and Gambin-Walsh and our Member of Parliament Ken McDonald joined Mayor Power to officially open the new lift bridge in Placentia. Mayor Power stated that the lift bridge is an important part of our community and commended staff of the Town for the wonderful celebration that was organized and thanked all residents who came out to this historic event in our community.



*MP McDonald, Mayor Power & Premier Ball during the first official crossing of the bridge driven by Anne Power*

## SWIMMING POOL

The YMCA is building its business case to operate the Placentia Regional Wellness Center and Mayor Power encourages all residents to go to the link below and fill out this brief survey to help with this effort. There is a chance to win a mini-iPad if completed by Nov 10th. <http://bit.ly/PlacentiaCommunitySurvey>

## TOWN STAFF

Council has voted to end the probationary period of the Chief Administrative Officer after a satisfactory third party performance review. Council has also appointed the Administrative Office Manager as Deputy Clerk as per Municipalities Act requirement.

## SOUTHEAST FORCEMAIN

Council has awarded the capital works project to repair the forcemain to the low bidder, Edward Collins Contracting Ltd in the amount of \$150,585.60 plus engineering fees. This was released on an emergency tender and the project will start in November.

## **TWINNING PLACENTIA, NL WITH PLENTZIA, SPAIN**

Council approved expenditure of \$2000 each for Mayor Power and Councillor Collins who recently visited Plentzia in the Basque Country of Spain at the invitation of Plentzia Mayor Dominguez. The visit explored the twinning of Placentia with Plentzia. Positive discussions about twinning and its benefits to both communities were held. The visit also included community tours and cultural activities. This mission was a long time in the making and celebrates the Basque history that binds our Towns as well as the origin of our name. The twinning is planned to be formalized in June 2017 when the "In the Footsteps of the Basque in NL" Cruise and members of Plentzia Council visit Placentia.



*Mayor Power and Councillor Collins met with representatives of municipal and provincial governments in Spain.*

## **VEHICLE STABILIZATION KIT**

Council approved the expenditure of \$2,500 for the purchase of this equipment for the Fire Department.

## **ARENA**

The arena is now opened; please check our website for details and rates. Council has approved the operation of the Arena Canteen by The Three Sisters; they will operate at cost of occupancy.

## **WATER TESTING**

The Town has received a report from Government on testing in the Gallardin Point area of Freshwater, the tests confirm that no fuel is being introduced into the drinking water system and no further action is required.

## **ILLEGAL DUMPING**

Council noted that the Town is very active in pursuing illegal dumping. The latest one reported was by the Wye off Route 100 which has since been blocked and is currently undergoing a Level I Assessment.

## **SHAW'S LANE**

Council has now approved the portion of Shaw's Lane extending to the right of Kelly Crescent Ext. to be included in their local service area. The area is now open for permits; however, a development fee of \$1,000 will apply.

## **TOWN OFFICE UPGRADES**

Council approved the expenditure of \$3,250 to upgrade the ventilation in the server room to protect the asset.

## **AUDIT**

Council has adopted the independent financial audit for 2015. Mayor Power noted the Town is performing well in maintaining cost control and debt servicing.

## **PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION**

The Town held two sessions as well as a mail-in form to accept public input on the upcoming budget. Council thanks all that participated and are reviewing all input.

## **RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Council has received the report prepared by JW Consulting Associates. This document has been adopted as a planning guide for community recreation.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Council has approved a scholarship of \$150 for the upcoming Laval Graduation Ceremony.

## **HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT**

Will take place at the Town Square on Oct. 31st, 4-7PM

## **PLAYGROUND RULES**

A listing of rules has been approved and will be displayed in municipal playgrounds.

## **NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

Council approved 2 new building permits this month for a total of 12 for 2016.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

- Laval 3A Boys Varsity Softball Champions.
- Laval Sr. Girls Cross Country Regional Winners.
- Ryan Hickey – Setting a new National Record at the Eastern Canadian Powerlifting and Bench-press Championships.
- Matt Power – 3rd place at Men's Cross Country DAL/SMU invitational in Halifax.
- Jordon Pomeroy – St. John's Intermediate Fast Pitch Rookie of the Year and All Star.
- Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Councillor Woodman.