

Municipal Minute February 2026

The Municipal Minute is a publication dedicated to providing residents with important information to highlight significant developments and other noteworthy items from the Placentia Council Chamber. The Municipal Minute is published following each Council meeting.

Council News

February 16–22 marks National Heritage Week, a time to celebrate the people, places, traditions, and stories that shape our community and connect us to our past. Throughout the week, the Town of Placentia will be celebrating with a special Heritage-Themed Social Media Contest, inviting residents to share photos, memories, and reflections.

Council would also like to extend warm congratulations to Placentia, California as they celebrate their 100th anniversary this year. As sister communities sharing a proud name and deep-rooted histories, we recognize this significant milestone and wish them continued success in preserving and celebrating their heritage for generations to come.

Council recently met with the Honourable Chris Tibbs, Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs, Registrar General, Community Engagement, Environment, Conservation and Climate Change and the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board to discuss several key priorities and initiatives. Topics included provincial funding timelines for capital works, consultant projects, housing initiatives, brush cutting, and alignment with federal funding opportunities. Updates were provided on the Cell Phone Improvement Initiative, along with a review of departmental priorities. Infrastructure discussions focused on the Argentia Access Road and considerations related to Marine Atlantic. The strategic importance of the Port of Argentia and potential future opportunities were also highlighted, emphasizing its role in regional development and long-term planning.

Finance

Financially, the Town has seen a strong response from residents in paying municipal property, water, and sewer taxes. In accordance with legislation, accounts that are 18 months in arrears will receive a 30-day water shut-off notice, which will be the only notice issued. Residents are encouraged to contact the Town Hall to arrange a payment plan.

Port of Argentia Wellness Centre

Multi-court flooring is expected to be fully operational beginning in May. New chillers will be installed this summer under the Canada Community Building Fund, with additional equipment upgrades under review. We are excited to announce that the U13 Female Minor Hockey will be hosting their provincial tournament in Placentia in March. Congratulations and good luck to our U13 Female Lions.



Town Representatives with Minister Chris Tibbs

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 [YouTube @townofplacentiacouncil2542](https://www.youtube.com/@townofplacentiacouncil2542)

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Community and Economic Development

A draft of Municipal Heritage Regulations is being completed for Council's consideration. The Voices of Placentia Bay Festival in the Square is scheduled for Saturday, August 1. Headlining this event will be The Celtic Connection. An ACOA funding application has been submitted to support upgrades at the Arts Centre. A proposal for a Wi-Fi hotspot in the community is also under review. Additional funding applications have been submitted to support multicultural programming, cultural events, and social initiatives. Work is ongoing toward the March 31 launch of the Town's new website, and new marketing materials are being researched.

Winter Carnival

This week featured a wide range of well-attended recreational, cultural, and social events across multiple community venues. The week was supported by strong sponsorship and collaboration among community partners, service clubs, local businesses, volunteers, and organizations, contributing significantly to its success.



Trivia Winners



Music & Friends



Laval High School vs. Laval Alumni

Public Works, Planning and Approvals

- Council approved the Procurement/Purchasing Policy and Procedure.
- Low Dollar Procurement Policy was approved.
- The Tourism Accommodation Tax Bylaw was approved.
- As of July 1, Eastern Regional Service will begin Waste Collection Services in the Municipality.
- The Town received a permit from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to install lighting at the crosswalk near the Post Office in Dunville.
- Government engineers will assess the deterioration of the Orcan Drive wave wall, and the Town will forward concerns regarding falling rocks and trees on Ferndale Road, as well as potholes and deteriorating shoulders on the Access Road, to the Department for maintenance review.
- An electric vehicle charging station will be installed near the Cultural Interpretation Centre, with the unit provided at no cost to the Town as part of tourism initiatives.

Street Light Outage

To report a street light outage in your area please call 1-800-474-5711 with the plate number located directly on the pole.



Congratulations to Placentia, California on their 100th Anniversary!