

Municipal Minute March 2026

Council News

March 26 is Purple Day, a global initiative dedicated to raising awareness about epilepsy. We encourage everyone to wear purple in support of those living with epilepsy and to help reduce stigma through understanding and education.

Economic Development

- The Town is exploring installation of a public Wi-Fi hotspots, pending funding approval.
- Medical students will visit Placentia this spring as part of a community engagement program, offering valuable exposure to rural healthcare.

Tourism, Marketing and Communications

- The Town is strengthening partnerships with key tourism organizations to better prepare for increasing visitor numbers.
- A Tourist Accommodation Tax comes into effect April 1.
- Members of Council and staff recently met with the honorable Andrea Barbour, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation to advocate for infrastructure improvements and tourism development.
- The Town's new municipal website is now live, with updates continuing.

Public Works and Planning

- We would like to extend a warm welcome to Justin Hefford, the new By-law Enforcement Officer.
- Several development permits have been approved for residential and infrastructure projects. To view list of permit approvals, please visit www.placentia.ca.

Major Projects

- Dunville Water & Sewer Upgrades - work is expected to begin in April, including new connections and roadwork.
- Flood Monitoring - staff are studying water levels in vulnerable areas and installing monitoring tools.
- Leak Detection Program (2026) - focused efforts will target areas with the highest water loss.
- Wastewater Regulations - the Town is planning for long-term upgrades to meet federal treatment requirements by 2040.

Safety & Emergency Services

- New firefighter protective gear is arriving this month.
- Firefighters are participating in provincially funded training programs.
- The Town has received new wildfire response equipment, enhancing emergency readiness.

The Star of the Sea Association Turns 150!

On Tuesday, March 17 a special community group celebrated a very important milestone in our community. The Star of the Sea Association here in Placentia turned 150 years old. The Star of the Sea was founded on March 17, 1876, by Thomas O'Reilly, Esq., Justice of the Peace and Magistrate of Placentia, who served as its President until his death in 1897.

Today, the Star of the Sea Association remains the longest-standing volunteer organization in the Town of Placentia. Led by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors, it continues to serve as a welcoming community center for the Placentia area, supporting gatherings, celebrations, and the activities of several community groups.



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Honoring a Community Leader: Frank Gordon Best

Frank Gordon Best (October 9, 1925 – 1988) lived a life defined by service, resilience, and dedication to community.

A passionate community volunteer, Frank served on Dunville's first Town Council beginning in 1963 and remained in public office for 25 years, including time as Deputy Mayor. He was deeply involved in St. Martin's Anglican Church, a charter member and past president of the Dunville Lions Club, and a member of the Hearts Content Masonic Lodge.

In recognition of his lasting contributions, the Frank Best Memorial Library was opened in 1990. Today, it continues to stand as a quiet tribute to a man whose legacy helped shape the community. Recently, Mayor Neville presented the Best family and the Dunville Lions Club with a commemorative plaque and storyboard to display to further honor Mr. Best's contributions.



April Public Meetings of Council

Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00PM. Residents are welcome to join Council in person at 17 Patterson Drive or tune in our YouTube channel. @townofplacentiacouncil2542

U13 Female Placentia Lions Shine on Home Ice

The U13 Female Placentia Lions battled hard and secured an exciting victory in a thrilling penalty shootout against the Stephenville Jets. Congratulations to the Lions on a well-earned win and an unforgettable provincial tournament!



Laval Senior Girls Dominate on Home Court

Congratulations to the Laval Cavaliers, who claimed their provincial banner on March 16 with an impressive win on home court against St. Kevin's Mavericks. A fantastic achievement and a proud moment for the team. Great job girls!

