

## MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

<b>Mayor:</b>	Wayne D. Power	<b>CAO:</b>	Charlotte Hickey
<b>Deputy Mayor:</b>	Keith Pearson	<b>Admin. Office Manager:</b>	Mary Greene
<b>Councillors:</b>	Noella Collins	<b>Facilities Manager:</b>	Rhonda Power
	*Frank Coombs		
	Dan Greene	<b>Executive Assistant:</b>	Debbie Gear
	Frankie Nash		
	William Woodman	<b>Observers:</b>	<b>Eight (8)</b>

**Absent:** Public Works Supervisor Harold Power (Sick)

\*Councillor Coombs was a late arrival to the meeting (7:10 p.m.)

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Proclamations

Mayor Power declared the week of March 19 to the 25, 2017 as Multiculturalism Week 2017 in the Town of Placentia and encourages 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 of Placentia as well. Mayor Power encouraged all residents to wear purple on Friday to raise awareness and understanding of epilepsy and to support all those who live with epilepsy each day.

### Condolences

Council took a moment to honor the memory of Mr. William J. Carroll who recently passed. Bill was not only a well known and respected member of the community, he worked with the Town's engineer on the restoration and repair of town infrastructure after the devastation of Tropical Storm Chantal in 2007. Mayor Power asked that appropriate condolences be extended to the family on behalf of Council.

### Congratulations

During the past month there were a number of significant milestones and accomplishments that Mayor Power wished to acknowledge at the Council meeting.

- Laval Girls Basketball Team captured the provincial banner at the AAA Championships in Deer Lake.
- The Special Olympics team secured three gold medals and one silver medal in recent Bocce Ball playoffs.
- Dunville's Nicole Blanche has been named the first-ever winner of the Atlantic University Sports (AUS) women's hockey top defensive player award.

- There were 27 recipients of the Wild Rose award this year; this award is presented to residents in appreciation of their efforts and their contribution to the beautification efforts in our community.
- A resident Voice of Placentia Bay, Paul Rowe has been named the recipient of the 2017 BMO Winterset Award for excellence in writing by a Newfoundlander and Labradorian. This honor was bestowed on Paul last week at Government House by Lieutenant Governor Frank Fagan.

Mayor Power extended congratulations to all on their accomplishments.

### **Agenda - March 21, 2017**

The agenda was tabled for approval; one addition was requested: inclusion of Multi-Year Capital Works Funding under New Business

#### **Motion #17-055**

#### **Councillor Woodman/Deputy Mayor Pearson**

Be it resolved that the agenda for March 21, 2017 is approved as circulated and amended.

**(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting - February 21, 2017**

Councillor Collins asked why the minutes do not reflect the reason why the CAO excused herself from the meeting. Mayor Power explained that clarification from Municipal Affairs is that senior staff must complete a disclosure statement only; at no time is the CAO required to leave a meeting; the conflict regulations only apply to Councillors who must declare why they are in conflict. Councillor Nash further explained that the CAO does not have a vote but Councillors do.

*Councillor Coombs arrived at the meeting 7:10 p.m.*

The Minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2017 were circulated, there were no errors or omissions.

#### **Motion #17-056**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that the minutes of February 21, 2017 are approved as circulated.

**(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The province has released information on the Multi-Year Capital Works program for 2017-2020 and the Town has received details on the dollar amount and timelines allocated for our municipality. It is agreed that Council wishes to move forward with the next phase of the integrated water supply project which is the connection of Clarke's Pond to Dunville at a cost of \$4,938,164.65, including the Town's percentage; a motion is required to proceed with the funding application.

#### **Motion #17-057**

#### **Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Greene**

Be it resolved that Council approves the motion to apply for provincial Multi-Year Capital Works Funding in the amount of \$4,938,164.65 for the the next phase of the integrated water supply project - connection of Clarke's Pond to Dunville.

**(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Mayor Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillor Dan Greene, Resource Person - CAO)*

The Executive Committee met twice during the month of March with the following key points noted.

### **March 3, 2017**

Water testing has been completed on Barrow's Pond, Little Barrow's Pond, Clarke's Pond and Gull Pond. These are the ponds that will tie together and connect to the Dunville line in the next phase of the integrated water supply project.

A meeting was held with Minister Joyce, Municipal Affairs who confirmed that government will be honoring their financial commitment to the Town from the Vale community fund. The Town is exploring additional money sources as well. Council was reminded that the financial support for the pool is separate from water funding. These funds cannot be used for capital works projects such clean water/wastewater projects.

The Request for Proposals has been issued for the completion of an energy audit on the Town's facilities. This closes on March 24, 2017.

The CAO applied to Avalon West Community Business Development Corporation for Consultant Advisory Services funding to have wayfinding signage concept design prepared. Funding was approved and an Request for Proposals for same closes on March 24, 2017 as well.

Staff will contact Marine Atlantic for permission to place marketing materials on board the MV Atlantic Vision.

Mayor Power and Ms. Hickey, CAO met with Vale officials, Mr. Stuart McNaughton, Vice President, NL operations and Mr. Lindani Ntombela, General Manager for Long Harbour Operations they are receptive to including information on Placentia in their new employee onboarding packages.

### **March 17, 2017**

The Executive Committee tabled a motion to approve professional development fees for a senior staff member to complete a training course.

#### **Motion #17-058**

#### **Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Greene**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve professional development fees for a senior staff member in the amount of \$4,657.50 is approved.

#### **Discussion on Motion 17-058**

Being that this is a personnel issue, discussion was referred to a privileged session of Council to be held at the end of the public meeting.

**J. W. Consulting** presented to the Executive Committee on a draft non-bargaining unit agreement. Mr. Walsh will be asked to present to all Council with March 28, 2017 being a tentative date for this session.

## **Staffing Positions**

Management is moving forward with the screening and interview process for the position of Manager of Recreation and Community Programming. Information on the process and recommended selection will be presented to Council at next month's meeting.

An offer of employment was accepted by the successful candidate for the position of Facilities Maintenance Attendant. The new employee will start work on April 3, 2017 as approved by Council during the budgetary process.

A code of conduct is being drafted to define expectations with regard to Council's activities which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and presented to Council for approval.

Management will be approaching Marine Atlantic to discuss arbitrary action they have taken with regard to reducing their tax bill from the Town of Placentia. Council noted that the Town does not prorate business tax for any operators in the municipality.

Mayor Power and CAO Charlotte Hickey met with the Hon. Dr. John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services at which time it was requested that the Minister revisit services at the Placentia Health Care Centre. This in particular references the need for re-instatement of 24 hour X-ray services and continuation of discussions with the committee seeking dialysis services at the Centre. Mayor Power thought the discussion was well received and will follow up for future updates.

A meeting was held with Hon. Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment at which time talks centered around 2017-2020 Multi Year Capital Works funding. Placentia will receive approximately \$1 million in funding over the next three year period from the Province. The Town also hopes to secure government funding under the New Building Canada Fund when it is announced that will allow the start of the project to connect Clarke's Pond water supply to Dunville. Total capital expenditure for this project will be \$5 million over the three period.

Progressive Engineering advises that the force main project in Southeast is near completion. The lift station requires an extension to allow proper flow and the positioning of an internal end cap. All related project work should be completed in the next few weeks.

Management is seeking options to secure a stationary generator for the Jersey side pump house that will free up the portable one that is being used there now. Public Works advises that the two small generators the Fire Hall has would not be suitable for this type work.

## **Electronic Devices**

The Town of Placentia is implementing the common practice amongst municipalities and the example set by the Provincial Government that there be no electronic devices permitted in the public gallery of the Council Chambers. This includes setting phones to vibrate, no texting, no recording, etc.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Councillor Dan Greene, Chair; Councillors William Woodman & Frankie Nash ; Resource Person - Administrative Office Manager)*

### **Accounts Payable**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated March 13, 2017 in the amount of \$45,378.74.

#### **Motion #17-059**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Woodman**

Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated March 13, 2017 in the amount of \$45,378.74 is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Cheque Register - General Account**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Cheque Register dated March 13, 2017 in the amount of \$313,588.98 for cheques numbered 025387 to 025487.

#### **Motion #17-060**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that the Cheque Register dated March 13, 2017 in the amount of \$313,588.98 for cheques numbered 025387 to 025487 is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Cheque Register - Special Accounts**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Special Accounts Cheque Register for the month of March 2017.

#### **Motion #17-061**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Woodman**

Be it resolved that the Special Accounts Cheque Register for the month of March 2017 is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Visa Statement**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Visa statement dated January 28 to February 27, 2017 in the amount of \$259.20.

#### **Motion #17-062**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that the Visa statement dated January 28 to February 27, 2017 in the amount of \$259.20 is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Lift Station Repair**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the expenditure of \$19,710.00 plus HST as per the quote from Rodco Mechanical dated March 8, 2017 to repair the lift station at the intersection of Blenheim Street and Prince William Drive.

#### **Motion #17-063**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Woodman**

Be it resolved that Council approves the expenditure of \$19,710.00 plus HST from the Special Projects Account to repair the lift station at the intersection of Blenheim Street and Prince William Drive.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Surplus Equipment Sale**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the award of the tender for surplus fire department equipment to the high bidders with the exception of the 1970 Ford Pumper Truck which is to be donated to another municipality.

#### **Motion #17-064**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that Council approves the award of the tender for surplus fire department equipment to the high bidders with the exception of the 1970 Ford Pumper Truck which is to be donated to another municipality.

### **Discussion on the Motion**

It was suggested that the 1970 Ford Pumper truck should be sold rather than donated to another community and that perhaps the Town should retain the two small generators for its own use.

### **Vote on Motion # 17-064**

(CARRIED 6:1: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion; Councillor Coombs voted against the motion.)

### **Standing Offer - Mechanical**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the standing offer for mechanical services as circulated to Council.

#### **Motion #17-065**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Woodman**

Be it resolved that Council approves the standing offer for mechanical services as circulated to Council.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Appointment of Commissioner**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the appointment of Tom Strickland as Commissioner for the Town of Placentia to hear 2017 tax assessment appeals.

#### **Motion #17-066**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that Council approves the appointment of Tom Strickland as Commissioner for the Town of Placentia to hear 2017 tax assessment appeals.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Minor Hockey Donation**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the donation of \$100.00 to advertise in the Placentia Intertown Minor Hockey Association fundraising booklet as per past practice.

#### **Motion #17-067**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Woodman**

Be it resolved that Council approves the donation of \$100.00 to advertise in the Placentia Intertown Minor Hockey Association's fundraising booklet as per past practice.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Age Friendly Fair Donation**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the donation of \$2,500.00 to the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce for 2017 Age Friendly Fair.

#### **Motion #17-068**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that Council approves the donation of \$2,500.00 to the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce for 2017 Age Friendly Fair.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Chamber of Commerce - Request for In-Kind Donation**

The Finance Committee recommended that Council reject the request from the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce for an in-kind donation of rent free space at the arena for the Age Friendly Fair.

#### **Motion #17-069**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Woodman**

Be it resolved that Council does not approve the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce's request for an in-kind donation of rent free space at the arena for the Age Friendly Fair.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

### **Deferred Request**

The Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce requested sponsorship for the upcoming Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase. The Committee requested that information be obtained on the income and expense statement for last year's showcase before making a recommendation.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Councillor William Woodman, Chair; Councillors Dan Greene & Frank Coombs; Resource Person - Public Works Supervisor)*

### **Application for a Residential Building Permit**

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a residential construction permit to build a new single family dwelling on Church Road, Dunville as per the submitted application pending the removal of the existing building within one year of permit issue. Public Works will have to approve the water tie-in.

#### **Motion #17-070**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs**

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for a residential construction permit to build a new single family dwelling on Church Road, Dunville as per the submitted application pending the removal of the existing building within one year of permit issue and on condition of approval by the Public Works Supervisor that the water pressure will not be affected by the tie in.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

*Councillor Coombs declared conflict as owner of property and left the meeting during discussion on matters concerning #16 Brook Lane and #21 Veterans Way as follows:*

### **Application for an Accessory Building Permit**

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for an accessory building permit to build a personal use garage at #16 Brook Lane, Freshwater as per the submitted application and with the stipulation that the applicant comply with municipal regulations for height allowance and 80% of current building size.

#### **Motion #17-071**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Woodman**

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for an accessory building permit to construct a personal use garage at #16 Brook Lane, Freshwater as per the submitted application and with the stipulation that the applicant comply with municipal regulations for height allowance and 80% of current building size.

**(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)**

### **Hydrant Relocation Request**

Correspondence was received March 9, 2017 from the property owner at #21 Veteran's way asking that the Town of Placentia relocate a hydrant from his property to allow for development and paving. A recommendation was not made for vote of Council pending further information on the matter. This was referred back to committee for further review.

*Councillor Coombs returned to the meeting*

### **Application for a Vendor Permit**

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a Vendor permit to operate a Heavy Equipment Construction Business under the name Meade's Services and Storage Ltd.

#### **Motion #17-072**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs**

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for a Vendor permit to operate a Heavy Equipment Construction Business under the name Meade's Services and Storage Ltd.

**(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)**

### **NL Power - Poles Applications**

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application from NL Power to:

- Install 12 poles and 10 anchors to provide service to Phase 1 of Frecker Place subdivision
- Install 2 poles to install area lighting near the Port of Argentia office, Argentia

#### **Motion #17-073**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs**

Be it resolved that Council approves the application from NL Power to:

- Install 12 poles and 10 anchors to provide service to Phase 1 of Frecker Place subdivision
- Install 2 poles to install area lighting near the Port of Argentia office, Argentia



**(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)**

### **Request for Approval in Principle - 1172 Main Road, Dunville**

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the request from the property owner to grant approval in principle to construct a personal care home at #1172 Main Road, Dunville subject to Discretionary Approval and with the condition that prior to construction a comprehensive development plan must be approved by the Town of Placentia.

### **Motion #17-074**

#### **Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs**

Be it resolved that Council approves approval in principle for construction of a personal care home at #1172 Main Road, Dunville with the following stipulations:

- The development is subject to Discretionary Approval
- Prior to construction a comprehensive development plan meeting municipal construction guidelines must be approved by the Town of Placentia.
- All in-ground infrastructure must be identified and/or approved by the Town of Placentia Public Works Department

**(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)**

### **Standing Offer - Equipment**

The standing offer for the rental of heavy equipment has been agreed on by Committee. The request for bids will be issued and submissions will be recorded and brought back to Council for approval.

### **Sewer Line Relocation**

Councillor Coombs asked the status of the issue with regard to the relocation of the sewer line at #1 Blockhouse Road. Public Works is assessing the situation and will bring information back for the next committee meeting.

### **Snow Clearing Issue**

Some Councillors' comments regarding the snow clearing issue discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the Public Council Meeting were again brought up here. They included concerns that the Department of Highways were not doing their work and were not contacted however Transportation and Works are contacted when there are concerns. Staff contacts the Area Supervisor and if the response is not suitable, the Regional Director is contacted; the Mayor has also addressed concerns with Minister Gambin-Walsh - this is the level of control the Town has with the provincial department. However, if our contractors are not doing their work the Town can enforce the terms of its contract with them.

In response to the comment that Council should be made aware of issues, committees discuss issues and recommendations are brought to Council - Council is the policy maker and the CAO manages operations.

## **MUNICIPAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Councillor Frank Coombs, Chair; Councillors Dan Greene & William Woodman; Resource Person - CAO)*

### **Municipal Enforcement Report**

The Municipal Enforcement Officer's report was reviewed and a copy was circulated to Council for information purposes.

### **Starting a Business - Procedure**

The Municipal Enforcement Officer drafted a policy providing information required to start a new business. A recommendation will be forthcoming from Committee next month.

### **Radar Signs**

In an effort to calm traffic issues on Prince William Drive, the Town is considering the purchase of a stationary radar/speed to be installed this spring. This is referred back to the Finance Committee for a recommendation in April. In addition, consideration will be given to purchasing a similar mobile sign next year that can be moved to various locations including the entrance to Main Road, Dunville off the Argentia Access Road and other problem locations.

### **Road Issues**

Public Works is prepared to start pothole patching as soon as weather permits. A concern with speeding on Ferndale Road has been identified, the Municipal Enforcement Officer will be asked to bring this matter to the RCMP for extra policing.

### **Fire Department Report**

A report on incident responses for this quarter is circulated to Council for information purposes. Councillor Coombs commended the Fire Department for their service. It was noted by the Deputy that our Fire Department is comprised of an excellent crew operating from a great facility with good equipment and now they are on the road to securing a new fire training facility. He commended the good partnership between the Town and the Volunteer Fire Department.

## **CULTURE & TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillors Noella Collins; Resource Person - CAO)*

### **Volunteer Event**

The Town will host a volunteer luncheon during the week of April 23 – 29, 2017. The date, venue and guest speaker are being discussed and Council will be notified when plans are finalized.

### **Advertising – Downhome Magazine**

Ms. Power will prepare non-specific tourism ads for inclusion in the summer edition(s) of the Downhome Magazine.

### **Wild Rose Presentations**

The plaque and certificate awards for residents who have made an effort toward the beautification of the Placentia area were distributed at an awards ceremony held on Monday, March 20th at the Arts Centre. There were 27 recipients this year.

### **Friends of the Court House**

A group has come together and formed a committee known as "*Friends of the Courthouse*"; they are in the process of developing by laws and will be approaching the Town of Placentia regarding heritage designation for the building. Ms. Power has been asked to provide them with the appropriate forms to start this process.

### **Plentzia Visit to Placentia**

A delegation from the Basque Country that will include the Mayor of Plentzia will visit Placentia in June to coincide with the visit of the Ocean Endeavour. The delegation will spend four days as guests of our municipality. The Town of Placentia will reciprocate the hospitality that was shown to Councillor Collins and the Mayor when they visited Spain last fall. A public ceremony as well as a social for Council will be planned

### **Terrnua**

French Basque rowers will visit Placentia this summer with a plan to set sail from here and row to St. Pierre. The delegation will be comprised of approximately 50 members and plans are being made to introduce the group to our local rowing club. Plans are being made to offer sample of local culture while they in turn will share aspects of their Basque culture. Ms. Power has met with their planning team together with representatives from our fisher community and the Placentia Rowing Club. Town representatives are invited to St. Pierre to attend their arrival.

### **Multiculturalism Week**

In recognition of Multi-Culturalism Week the Town reached out with a request to host a swearing in ceremony at our centre; the Town is exploring hosting a ceremony during the Voices of Placentia Bay Festival in August.

### **Laval Audio Visual Program**

The Laval High School Audio Visual Program has undertaken to consider vignettes written by Ms. Lee Everts of Placentia as part of their program; they are creating murals of the Basque presence in Placentia in the 1500's for display at the Arts Centre. The foregoing is dependent on funding approvals.

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillor Frankie Nash; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson; Resource Person - CAO)*

### **Arena Update**

The 70 gallon water tank failed at the arena this week. The Facilities Manager obtained quotes from both Ultramar and Powers' Esso. Costs were comparable for a 50 gallon replacement tank however there was a more timely delivery from Power's Esso so the tank was ordered from them at a cost of \$3,622 HST extra and installation included.

### **All Newfoundland Tournament**

The Midget All Newfoundland Hockey tournament is scheduled for April 17 – 19, 2017.

### **Upstairs Room Flooring**

Application has been made to the provincial government for funding for the multi-purpose room upstairs at the arena; Minister Gambin-Walsh's office will advise the status of the application following approval of the province's new budget.

### **Winter Carnival**

The 2017 Winter Carnival was a tremendous success in spite of the weather. All judging is done and prizes have been awarded with the Carnival closing well within budget. Thanks go out to all the sponsors and participants.

### **Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador Conference**

This year's conference is to be held in Deer Lake; the Facilities Manager has reached out for expressions of interest in attending which will be brought forward to next month's meeting.

### **YMCA Summer Day Camp**

Registration information for the proposed YMCA Summer Day Camp has been distributed through social media channels and the school system. Mixed reviews have been noted in the community. It was noted that this is a third party offering entertained following the confirmed departure of Community Youth Network from providing a similar service.

The fee structure and program offering was developed by YMCA based on the viable business case it has prepared. The Town encouraged the YMCA to keep cost as low as possible. To aid in this request the town has offered the same support to this charitable organization as it did to CYN for Camp Chaos; that being use of Unity PARC at no cost. The final cost of \$165 per week is lower than similar programs provided by the YMCA in other communities. The town also requested that participation of camp attendees in the Summer Recreation Program be included in the daily activities.

It was also noted that the YMCA has a financial assistance program available for families who may be restricted from availing of this program due to cost. The mandate of the assistance program is to ensure no one is excluded due to financial position. Residents are encouraged to contact the YMCA for additional information about the camp and financial assistance program.

### **Community Leaders Canada 150**

Mayor Power has been assigned to be Community Leader Canada through the FCM. In this role, the Mayor will represent the Town and promote celebratory activities commemorating Canada's 150th birthday.

### **Recreation NL – Community Challenge Launch Event**

The "Find Your Fit" program will be launched in St. John's next week; Rhonda Power will attend and represent the Town of Placentia.

### **Freshwater Playground (FCC)**

Discussion was held on relocating the skate park from Freshwater to Townside Placentia as suggested by the Recreation Commission as an alternative to building a second park in Townside as recommended in the Town's Recreation Master Plan. The Freshwater Community Centre, who was responsible for the installation of the park in the first instance is receptive to the idea on the condition that they be compensated with new equipment for their playground.

FCC's board will be meeting and this will be a topic of discussion for them. They will contact the Town with a suggestion for Council's consideration following their meeting.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Councillor Frankie Nash, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson; Councillor Noella Collins; Resource Person - CAO)*

### **App Launch**

Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation Minister Chris Mitchelmore been invited to attend the launch of the Town's mobile app at a time in the near future convenient to him.

### **Chamber of Commerce – Strategic Action Plan Session**

The Chamber hosted a strategic planning session at the Arts Centre that although low in attendance it was deemed a success as a result of good discussion. The general consensus is that the Town of Placentia has a lot to offer but is not reaching its full economic potential. One suggestion arising from the discussion is that the Town needs year round tourism activity; the business community needs to have greater involvement in producing tourism experience. Councillor Nash reported that there was good input and a lot of discussion around tourism and economic development through tourism.

### **Chamber of Commerce - Formation of Tourism Committee**

There is a new tourism committee being formed by the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce. They are currently considering a terms of reference before seeking membership. The initial committee intends to be ready to make a presentation on their mandate in April of this year.

### **Legendary Coast Craft Workshop**

The Legendary Coast workshop took place at the Arts Centre today; it was reported to be a well attended and productive session.

### **PBIS**

The Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase is soliciting sponsorship for their September fair. Rhonda Power, the Town's representative on this committee, was advised that the Finance Committee wants clarification on the gold membership sponsorship (conflicting amounts were quoted in the letter of request) and that they would like an account of income and expense relative to last year's program. This information should be made available for the Finance Committee to make a recommendation on the sponsorship.

### **Age Friendly Fair**

Rhonda Power has offered to help the Chamber of Commerce with their event and suggests approaching neighbouring seniors to take part in the fair as the Town of Holyrood did last year.

### **Governor General Leadership Conference**

Mayor Power has been requested to do a presentation at the Governor General Leadership Conference to be held at the Arts Centre June 8, 2017 during the five hour period a delegation from across Canada visits Placentia area. The intention is to tour Placentia, have a meeting and lunch session at the Centre and visit Castle Hill. The Economic Development Committee will seek funding from the Town to host the event; this is referred to the April Finance Committee meeting for approval.

### **Federation of Francophones**

Ms. Power advised the committee that the Federation of Francophones would like to come to the Town of Placentia but has yet to receive approval from Parks Canada to utilize their facility for meetings. Mayor Power advised he told the Executive Director to contact our offices if there's anything that the Town can do to help. Ms. Power will reach out to them to offer the Arts Centre as a meeting space.

### **Port of Argentia Board Renewal**

The Port of Argentia notice of board renewal was circulated for information purposes; the recruitment process is now closed.

## **Diversity Conversation and Marketing**

Information was distributed on the Diversity – Conversation and Networking event being held in St. John's on March 29th.

## **COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

Councillors made the observations and/or presented questions as follows:

Question was posed on when the video of the bridge construction/demolition will be ready. Mayor Power replied that recording stopped at the end of February and the time lapse video is being compiled. It will take some time to assimilate the two years of data. There is a delegation of engineers scheduled to visit the Town this summer and that video will be made available as part of a presentation for them.

Councillor Woodman thanked Council for their concern and the gift of a fruit basket during his recent illness. Mayor Power welcomed Councillor Woodman to the meeting and expressed Council's wishes that he continue to enjoy good health.

Council was reminded that the provincial budget will be presented in the House of Assembly on April 6, 2017; Councillor Woodman encouraged everyone to watch it.

Problems have been recurring with the new lift bridge. Town staff have reached out to confirm the issue and determine how much longer before they are dealt with. There is concern there will be troubles when fisherpersons need access.

Conditions around the new bridge are less than acceptable, there is no curb on the access to the bridge, there is poor lighting, the curb coming off Jerseyside Hill is poor design and the pavement is deteriorating already. Mayor Power has written the Minister on this and staff have contacted the local superintendent and the regional director. It was also noted that the Jerseyside Boardwalk access has been disrupted/damaged during the old bridge demolition and Councillors would like to ensure that this is put back in place before the project is completed.

Notification has been received that the Jerseyside Post Office will close on Saturdays and that there will be new week day hours. The Town of Placentia objected to this to no avail but will continue to object.

The Avalon Regional Meetings will be held in St. John's on Friday/Saturday this week. Councillors Woodman and Nash will represent Council. Mayor Power is co-chairing the event in his role as Avalon Director with Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **Privileged Session of Council**

Council entered into a privileged session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

At 8:50 p.m. the public meeting resumed and Council voted on the motion presented earlier and discussed at the privileged session.

**Motion #17-058** was ratified by a vote of 6:1.

**(CARRIED 6:1 Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Coombs, Greene, Nash and Woodman voted in favour of the motion; Councillor Collins voted against the motion.)**

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**MAYOR WAYNE D. POWER, MAYOR**

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**CHARLOTTE HICKEY, CAO**

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