

Municipal Highlights



Photo: John Bruce

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council recognized the following dates:

- February 15th as Heritage Day
- February 15-21 as Heritage Week
- March 6 is World Lymphedema Day
- March 26th to support Epilepsy awareness

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to the recent change in covid-19 and return to Alert Level 5, Council has closed all Town buildings to the public and reintroduced one-way traffic on the Great Beach Boardwalk to support physical distancing. The Town will keep the shoulders of Veteran's Way and the entrances of the boardwalk free of snow and ice for walkers. If you wish to conduct business or have any concerns, you can call the office at 709-227-2151 ext. 0, or email townofplacentia@placentia.ca. Residents are asked to respect all rules and guidelines and are encouraged to download the COVID Alert app on your mobile devices. For accurate information regarding covid-19, visit government website www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$3,393 for renewal of Insurance for Fire Fighters
- \$1,092 for Ari Exchange unit for Arena
- \$2,714 for renewal of Pollution Liability Policy
- \$2,197 for brake repairs & maintenance to vehicle GMM 013
- \$1,107 for computer upgrade for CAO
- \$1,448 for annual monitoring of 10 computers
- \$1,150 for delivery of water supplies
- \$1,453 for rental of 40-cylinder dumpster and 8.3 tonne disposal for salt shed building cleanup
- \$1,281 to replenish the postage meter
- \$1,007 for cold patch

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- One residential building permit
- One approval in principle building permit
- One commercial storage permit
- Two commercial renovation permits
- Two accessory building permits

HERITAGE WEEK CONTEST

Winners of the Heritage Week prize draws were Mary Kerrivan Bradbury, Anita O'Keefe, Helen Griffin, and Connie Newhook. Prizes will be mailed out!



NOTICE - DISCOUNT REMINDER

The deadline for a 10% discount off current residential property and water and sewer taxes if the account is paid in full is **extended to April 30, 2021**. Seniors have until June 30, 2021 to avail of the 10% discount or a 5% discount, if taxes are paid in full on December 21, 2021.

During Alert Level 5, tax payments will be accepted by the following means:

- Cheque by mail: P.O. Box 99, Placentia, NL A0B 2Y0
- VISA & Mastercard Credit Card Payment by telephone 709-227-2151
- Online Banking with Royal Bank, Scotia Bank, Bank of Montreal or CIBC



CAPITAL WORKS

The Dunville Water Connection & Connection of Three Ponds Project is ready for award pending review of tender submissions. The award of the contract is expected in the next couple of days. The tendering process is dictated by provincial guidelines and is managed by consulting engineers.

The current capital works project has an additional scope of work to address any water shortages as it will connect 3 additional sources to Clarke's pond supply. Gull Pond, Barron's Pond and Little Barron's Pond will be connected by piping to Clarke's pond in order to make up for the additional demand of adding the Dunville system to Clarke's Pond. This project scope was created based on the recommendations of professional engineers.

WATER COLOUR

Currently the Town has limited ability to remove colour from water as disinfection occurs without a water treatment plant. Weather such as heavy rain and high winds greatly impacts water colour and can have a lasting effect as it takes time to turn over large water supplies. Colour is identified as an aesthetic concern in water treatment but can be an indicator of issues such as large water main break if concerns are in isolated areas. The current colour issues are throughout the Town and are related to the water supply. Additional line flushing is scheduled and water quality should improve as ice has formed on our water supplies. The Town is also engaging consultants to see if there are other factors or solutions that can be addressed to improve water colour. The Town is hopeful that all efforts and weather conditions will bring improved water colour quickly.

WINTER CARNIVAL

This year's winter carnival will expand beyond a one week period to offer the community a number of pop up events and activities. Residents are encouraged to follow the Town's social media to participate for a chance to win random carnival prize draws!

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7PM March 23, 2021. Submissions, including permit applications, are due by Friday, March 12, 2021. The full meeting will be aired on the Town's YouTube Channel: [TownofPlacentiaCouncil](#)

RELIABLE COVID-19 INFORMATION

Government of Canada www.canada.ca

Government of NL www.gov.nl.ca

World Health Organization www.who.int

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS CONTACTS

Mental Health Crisis Line (1-888-737-4668/737-4668)

and TTY: 1-888-709-3555) Available 24/7

Crisis Text Line Text "Talk" to 68686

CHANNAL Warm Line (1-855-753-2560 or 753-2560)

Non-emergency, non-crisis telephone support between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

Kids Help Phone (1-800-668-6868) kidshelpphone.ca

Available 24/7

Hope for Wellness Help Line (1-855-242-3310):

www.hopeforwellness.ca

TOWN HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

Municipal business can be conducted by

Tel. 709-227-2151 Fax. 709-227-2323

Email townofplacentia@placentia.ca

www.placentia.ca YouTube: TownofPlacentia

Facebook: Town of Placentia Twitter @townofplacentia

After hours Public Works Emergency 227-4314/227-4316

TAX COLLECTION

The Town's Accounting Department is in the process of implementing Council's collection policy for outstanding taxes. In accordance with section 132-148 of the Municipalities Act, Taxpayers in arrears to the Town will be notified of the following course of action:

- Water Shut-off
- Property Seizures
- Garnishment of Rental Income
- Collection Agency Referral

These avenues will be pursued along with all other legal options. Any individuals who have made arrangements for regular payments are encouraged to continue doing so. Those who are experiencing financial hardship can discuss same with Town staff by calling 709-227-2151.



Winter Carnival

Snow Sculpture Contest

Make your masterpiece anytime from January 27 to February 28, 2021.

Upload your photo to Facebook or Twitter #PlacentiaWinterCarnival and email a picture of our sculpture to rpower@placentia.ca by noon March 1, 2021 for your chance to win! - \$50 Prize!



ARMCHAIR TRIVIA

7PM March 5, 2021

Partner up or go solo from the comfort of your home!

- Join our Google Meet on your computer, tablet or phone
- Google account not necessary to play
- Turn on your video if you wish, but definitely keep your own score
- Tell us how you did in the chat box if you like
- Sharpen your pencil, grab some paper; there's nothing for you to fear!

Moderated by Connie Newhook

To register, email constancenewhook@gmail.com

Random prizes for participants!