



## MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held March 23, 2021 via zoom teleconference:

### Council

**Mayor:** Bernard S. Power  
**Deputy Mayor:** Keith Pearson  
**Councillors:** Jamilee Fitzpatrick  
Kay Smith  
Jane Hynes  
Lorraine Collins-Power  
Noella Collins

### Staff

Robert Beaupertuis, CAO  
Mary Greene, Manager of Finance  
Adam Greene, Public Works Superintendent  
Rhonda Power, Mgr. Tourism, Marketing & Hospitality  
Kathryn Smith, Executive Assistant (A), Recording

**Absent:** Debbie Gear (Medical Leave)

**Spectators:** Zero (0)

Mayor Power called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

## HOUSEKEEPING

Since our last Council meeting the province has moved into Alert Level 4. Effective March 17, counter service resumed at the Town Hall. Hours of operation are 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. To comply with physical distancing guidelines, there will be a maximum of 2 people in the Town Hall foyer at one time. Masks are mandatory when entering any Town owned buildings. The Great Beach Boardwalk will continue to be open with one-way pedestrian traffic entering at the Legion end. Parks and playgrounds will be reopening on Thursday. Please be patient while Town staff complete spring inspections and maintenance of equipment to ensure everything is safe for children to use. Residents are asked to be respectful of all rules and guidelines. Council will monitor and follow CMO guidelines.

The Eastern Regional Service Board announced the Waste Recovery Facility on Fox Harbour Road reopened March 16<sup>th</sup>. Guidelines are in place to ensure staff and public safety. Hours of operation are 12 pm -4 pm Tuesday & Thursday and 8:00 am – 11:30 am & 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Placentia Water System Upgrade Project was awarded to Edward Collins Contracting. Scheduled construction will commence April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for our Placentia Aware Community Notification System by visiting our website [www.placentia.ca](http://www.placentia.ca) or by calling the front office at 709-227-2151.

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Council extends condolences to the family of the late Andy O'Reilly. Andy served with both the Freshwater and Placentia Fire Departments until his retirement for a combined 35 years of service to the town. Our thoughts are with the family.

Public Council meetings will resume schedule on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Spring is here, evenings are longer, and with temperatures improving there are many more walkers and children playing outside. Motorists are reminded to please slow down and be cautious of pedestrians.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

**Motion #21-079**                      **Councillor Collins/Deputy Mayor Pearson**  
Be it resolved that the agenda for the Council meeting held March 23, 2021 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-080**                      **Councillor Hynes/Councillor Collins**  
Be it resolved that the minutes of February 23, 2021 are adopted as circulated. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-081**                      **Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Smith**  
Be it resolved that the minutes of March 3, 2021 are adopted as circulated. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Mayor Bernard Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person –CAO; Mgr. of Finance)*

The Executive Committee had the following recommendations:

**Motion #21-082**                      **Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Smith**  
Be it resolved that the motion to authorize Rob Beaupertuis, CAO a spending limit of \$2,500; and up to \$5,000 in the event of emergency situations is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-083**                      **Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Pearson**  
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the hiring of front-end staff person to successful candidate as recommended by management is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-084**                      **Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Hynes**  
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the purchase of a rescue truck for the Fire Department at an 80/20 cost share with the province with the Town's portion being at a maximum of \$60,000 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

*Councillor Fitzpatrick declared conflict due to family relation to company and vacated the meeting.*

**Motion #21-085**

**Councillor Hynes/Councillor Smith**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve extension of Waste Management Contract to Provincial Ready Mix for three months. The extension will follow the original contract, terms, conditions, and pricing is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 5 Councillors Present)

*Councillor Fitzpatrick returned to the meeting.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Councillor Kay Smith, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person-Mgr. of Finance)*

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

**Motion #21-086**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Infotech Systems Corp. in the amount of \$9,775 including HST for renewal of 100 hours of professional technical support is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-087**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from M.J. Hickey Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$1,006.25 including HST for 5-hour rental of excavator for emergency water main repairs on February 13, 2021 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-088**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Parkland Corporation in the amount of \$1,079.76 for furnace oil at the arena is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-089**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Receiver General of Canada in the amount of \$1,103.83 for renewal of radio license is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-090**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Workplace NL in the amount of \$18,583.23 for workers compensation is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)



**Motion #21-091**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Remaining Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated March 12, 2021 in the amount of \$5,473.20 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-092**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Operating Account in the amount of \$197,462.05 for cheques numbered 029217 to 029315 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-093**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Special Accounts in the amount of \$18,808.04 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-094**

**Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Pearson**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Visa statement dated February 16 to March 1, 2021 in the amount of \$242.70 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-095**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve request from the Recreation Committee in the amount of \$2,500 to build a storage shed at the splashpad site is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-096**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve quote from Safe Pace 100 for the repair of 6 radar signs at a cost of \$3,416.65 including HST is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Councillor Lorraine Collins Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Noella Collins; Resource Person - Public Works Superintendent)*

*Councillor Smith declared conflict and left the meeting due to family relation.*

**Motion #21-097**

**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve permit application from Jason Manning to construct a garage at #55 Freshwater Crescent is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 5 Councillors Present)

*Councillor Smith returned to the meeting.*



*Councillor Fitzpatrick declared conflict due to family relation to company and vacated the meeting.*

**Motion #21-098**

**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Equipment Standing Offer Results as presented is adopted. **(CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 5 Councillors Present)**

*Councillor Fitzpatrick returned to the meeting.*

The Public Works & Safety Chair provided an update from the Committee meeting report.

**CULTURE, TOURISM & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillor Kay Smith; Councillor Fitzpatrick; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications)*

The Culture, Tourism and Beautification Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided an update from the Committee meeting report.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power and Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person – Manager of Recreation and Community programming)*

The Recreation Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided an update from the Committee meeting report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*(Councillor Jane Hynes, Chair; Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick and Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications)*

The Community Engagement and Communications Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided an update from the Committee meeting report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

*(Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick, Chair; Councillor Noella Collins, and Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power Resource Person – CAO)*

The Economic Development Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided an update from the Committee meeting report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Mayor wrote a letter on behalf of Council to the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport, expressing Council's concerns and disappointment regarding the rate increase of Marine Atlantic services in Argentina.



## COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Please cleanup after your pets when walking. There are waste bag dispensers provided at receptacles along walking routes to dispose of the bags. It is a regulation of the Town to cleanup after your pet and keep our town clean.

Residents are reminded to register your dog(s) at the Town Hall. Do not let your dogs' roam, keep them on a leash, and be mindful that people are afraid of dogs.

Recycling is an important contribution to the environment. Households that do not recycle are encouraged to start with recycling just one item to make a difference in the landfills and help the environment.

Walkers are reminded to wear something reflective while walking in the nighttime to prevent accidents. Please, be careful.

Government will be out of caretaker mode when we get results from elections in the next few weeks at which time business of Council can move forward.

An update on collections and inquiries/concerns regarding the Anti-Littering Regulations were referred to Committees for review. An update will be provided to Council next month.

The Town is encouraging residents to not litter. Garage/recycling bins are placed around town for use. The CAO will encourage the RCMP to have a better stand with littering as it is an offence.

Be aware of your location when hiking on trails and use the GPS apps on your phone. Clean up your garbage in the woods after cook-ups and if you have a fire, make sure it is extinguished.

If anyone needs assistance through difficult times another service available is the United Way, which can be reached by calling 211. It is a free, confidential information navigation service that connects people to critical government and community-based health and social services in their community that is available 24 hours a day. Call if you need help or someone to talk to. Visit [www.211.ca](http://www.211.ca) for more information.

The paving contracts for Route 100 and Southeast were awarded last year; however, they never started. As outlined in Committee reports, spring is here, and our own projects are moving forward. Council will be lobbying the government and hopefully get the paving project started as soon as possible.

Before government went into caretaker mode, Council submitted three Capital Works Project applications which were for flooding on the flats of Jerseyside, flooding on Station Road and sewer issues in Freshwater. Government has been reviewing some of the applications; hopefully, we will get positive news and receive some additional funding to get more work completed.



**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

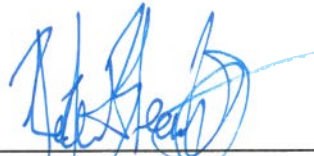
**Motion #21-099**

**Councillor Collins/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)



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**BERNARD S. POWER, MAYOR**



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**ROBERT BEAUPERTUIS, CAO**

April 20, 2021

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