

December 2025



Council

Mayor
Jamie Neville

Deputy Mayor
Wayne Power

Councillor
William Neville

Councillor
Sheldon Slaney

Councillor
Kay Smith

Councillor
Ed Tobin

Councillor
Gerard Wilson



Chief Administration Officer
Gerry Hynes

A Message from the Mayor



Council is pleased to share this newsletter and keep you up to date on what's happening in our community. As we head into the Winter season, the new Council is settling in and working hard to ensure our town remains vibrant, welcoming, and successful. We are focused on delivering quality services and offering programs that reflect the interests of our residents and local businesses.

This time of year brings a great energy to Placentia, and we're concentrating on a few key priorities: providing quality services to residents, seeking funding for important infrastructure, highlighting local events, partnering with community organizations, and supporting our business community.

As the season gets underway, we encourage everyone to take part—shop local, join in on community activities, and enjoy everything Placentia has to offer. We're proud to help bring people together through events and recreation opportunities that make Winter here so special.

From Council, I offer you warm wishes for a joyful Christmas season and a safe, active, and memorable Winter. We look forward to seeing you around our beautiful community!

Yours Truly,
Jamie Neville
Mayor

A Chuckle from the Mayor

*What do gingerbread men use
when they break their legs?*
Candy canes.



Welcome to our New Council

The Town of Placentia is pleased to announce that our new Mayor and Council have officially taken their Oath of Office!

We extend our best wishes to Mayor Neville and Council as they begin their term of office. Together, they will guide our community through important initiatives in Economic Development, Finance, Public Works, Planning, Recreation, and Tourism. They look forward to ensuring a vibrant and prosperous future for the Town of Placentia.

Committee Meetings

Committee Meetings of Council are held during the second week of each month. Residents and community groups wishing to have an item reviewed or considered by Council are asked to submit all relevant information no later than the first Friday of the month. This ensures your request can be included on the meeting agenda and given proper attention by Council.

Public Meetings of Council

Public Meetings of Council take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm and are open for residents to attend. For those unable to join in person, meetings are also livestreamed and available for viewing on our YouTube channel, providing convenient access to Council discussions and decisions.



Back (L-R): Councillors William Neville, Sheldon Slaney, Gerard Wilson, and Ed Tobin

Front (L-R): Deputy Mayor Wayne Power, Mayor Jamie Neville, and Councillor Kay Smith



Town of Placentia YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@townofplacentiacouncil2542>

For more information, contact:

townofplacentia@placentia.ca

Council Committee Structure

Committee meetings of Council will now be open to the public. Committees of council review & discuss business to be presented at the public meeting during the second week of the month. The deadline for all information submissions is 4:00pm on the first Friday of each month.

Executive Committee

Mayor Jamie Neville - Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Wayne Power
Councillor Kay Smith

Community and Economic Development

Deputy Mayor Wayne Power - Chairperson
Councillor Kay Smith
Councillor Ed Tobin

Finance Committee

Councillor Kay Smith - Chairperson
Councillor William Neville
Councillor Gerard Wilson

Public Works and Planning Committee

Councillor Gerard Wilson - Chairperson
Councillor Sheldon Slaney
Councillor Ed Tobin

Recreation Committee

Councillor Sheldon Slaney - Chairperson
Councillor William Neville
Councillor Ed Tobin

MP Rowe Visits Placentia

The Town of Placentia was pleased to welcome Mr. Johnathan Rowe, Member of Parliament for Terra Nova -The Peninsulas, during his recent visit to our community.

MP Rowe joined us for the Wild Rose Recognition Luncheon, where he spent time connecting with community members and celebrating the contributions of local residents and volunteers.

During his visit, MP Rowe also met with Town representatives to discuss a number of important priorities, including ongoing infrastructure needs that are essential to supporting community growth and long-term sustainability.

A highlight of the day included a tour of the Voices of Placentia Bay Exhibit, where MP Rowe showed particular interest in the unique French artifacts, traditional songs, and captivating stories that reflect the deep cultural roots of Placentia Bay. This exhibit also features compelling highlights of the American presence at Argientia, offering a meaningful look into the region's diverse history.

The Town appreciates MP Rowe's engagement and looks forward to continued collaboration on initiatives that support our residents, heritage, and future development.



Wild Rose Awards

The Wild Rose Recognition Awards recognize those who go above and beyond to enhance our community. The 2025 nomination period opened in August, and we encouraged residents to consider nominating deserving neighbours, groups, or volunteers. The Wild Rose Recognition Awards highlight efforts that enhance our town's natural charm through gardening, maintenance, beautification, environmental stewardship, and community pride. Like our community, wild roses are often associated with natural beauty, resilience, and growth.

This year's award recipients embody the spirit of community pride. Their contributions whether through public projects, private property beautification, or environmental care reflect a genuine commitment to the beautification of Placentia. Pictured below are the outstanding individuals and community organizations whose dedication and passion continue to make Placentia a more vibrant, welcoming, and beautiful place to live. Thank you and congratulations to all!



Back L-R: Ross O'Keefe, Vince O'Keefe, Alan Tremblay, Madonna Tremblay, David Martin, Chelsie Miller, Tony Flynn, Jacquelyn Bursey, and Harold Foley.

Middle L-R: Jean Anne O'Keefe, Melanie Martin, Kay Smith, Denise Flynn, Davonne Foley.

Front L-R: Vera Greene, Pam Constantine, Dave Constantine, Sharon Woodman, Linda Miller, Mary Tobin and Annie Patterson.

Not pictured: Loretta Nash, Angie Pittman, Evelyn Traverse, Brendan McHugh, Genny Picco, Rhonda Griffiths, Beth and Dan Greene, Darlene and Gerry Roche, Terry and Donna Griffin, Wayne and Glenda Collins, Helen Mooney, and Sandra Power.

Tax Payment Deadline

Please be reminded that any outstanding municipal taxes and fees must be paid in full by December 31, 2025 to avoid any penalties or interest charges. If you are experiencing financial hardships, please contact us.

For any questions about tax payment deadline , please contact:

Lesley Murphy, Manager of Finance
lmurphy@placentia.ca

Business Excellence Awards

During Small Business Week, the Town of Placentia, in proud partnership with the Placentia Chamber of Commerce, celebrated the outstanding businesses and entrepreneurs who continue to strengthen our community and drive local economic growth. Together, we hosted an evening dedicated to recognizing excellence through three award streams: the Business Excellence Awards, Tax Incentive Awards and the Business Milestone Awards. These programs honour dedication, innovation, and longevity across our vibrant business community. Congratulations to all recognized businesses.

Placentia Chamber of Commerce Recipients:

- Mary Brown's Chicken
- Maher's Contracting LTD.
- Placentia Dental
- Hike Placentia
- Community Connections Housing Coalition
- Express Signs
- Port of Argentia
- Placentia Regional YMCA
- Argentia Industrial Services
- RBC Placentia
- Freshwater Community Centre
- Rosedale Manor
- Physio & Co.



Town of Placentia Recipients:

- Devon Holdings Inc.
- Mary Margaret's Flowers
- Jormac Construction
- Seafair Capital
- Island Arts and Crafts
- Dockside Pub
- Beauty by the Sea
- Pretty Pawtastic Parlour
- Shane Collins Towing and Equipment
- Placentia Dental
- Rugged Coast Contracting
- Erin's Pet Grooming
- Little Jay's Pet Grooming
- Maher's Funeral Home
- Dr. Dan Greene's Dental Office
- Healey's Store
- Modern Salon



For any questions about the Business Excellence Awards, please contact:

Jennifer Bennett, Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications:

jbenett@placentia.ca

709-227-2151 ext. 224

Placentia Area Sports Hall of Fame

A new organization, the Placentia Area Sports Hall of Fame (PASHF), has officially been incorporated by a group of dedicated community volunteers. This initiative aims to formally recognize the deep and long-standing tradition of organized sports in the Placentia area, which dates back over a century to events like the early days of rowing at the Bruley and the legacy of the infamous Seven Placentia Giants.

The PASHF is governed by a nine-person Board of Directors, which will also include a liaison from the Town of Placentia Council. The Board has established a robust structure, including an Executive Committee and five Standing Committees, to fulfill its mandate effectively.



Front L-R: Keith Pearson (Vice Chair) Leo Quilty (Chair), Rhonda Power (Secretary), and Terry Foley (Treasurer)

Back L-R: David Constantine (Director), Pamela Constantine (Director), Paula Martin (Director), Tiffany Hepditch (Director) and Leonard Hickey (Director)

For more information, contact:
PlacentiaAreaSports@gmail.com

Infrastructure Updates

Leak Detection

The Town of Placentia has completed a comprehensive leak detection study to identify and assess areas of concern within our waterline system. This work has revealed several leaks throughout the network, which we have now prioritized for repair based on urgency and critical need.

Our community is currently using approximately 2,000,000 gallons of water per day, four times more than what is typical for a municipality our size. Thanks to this in-depth study and the ongoing repair efforts, we are making steady progress in addressing these leaks.

Orcan Drive Wave Wall

Efforts are underway to address the condition of the Orcan Drive wave wall. Work includes patching and reinforcing the wall with concrete, encasing pipes for added protection, and the possible replacement of flappers. In addition, the Town is exploring a Climate Adaptation Plan, supported by the Green Municipal Fund, a program of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This plan will serve as a valuable tool in securing funding for future capital works projects, helping to ensure the long-term resilience and safety of our coastal infrastructure.

For any questions about infrastructure, please contact:

Rodney Cooney, Public Works Superintendent
rcooney@placentia.ca

Congratulations Fire Chief



The Town of Placentia is proud to recognize Fire Chief Wayne Power of the Placentia Volunteer Fire Department as the recipient of the 2025 Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year Award, presented by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) in partnership with Fire Underwriters Survey. This prestigious national award honours exceptional leadership, dedication, and service within the volunteer fire sector. It is awarded annually to a volunteer fire chief who exemplifies outstanding commitment to public safety, innovation in fire service delivery, and unwavering support for their department and community. Chief Power received this well-deserved recognition during Fire-Rescue Canada 2025, the annual national conference of the CAFC, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 23, 2025. We extend our sincerest congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Chief Power for his remarkable contributions to the fire service and the community of Placentia.

Fire Prevention Week

The Placentia Fire Department proudly observed Fire Prevention Week 2025 with a series of community-focused events aimed at promoting fire safety awareness. This year's theme was "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." The theme highlighted the importance of safely using and storing lithium-ion batteries commonly found in phones, laptops, toys, power tools, and other rechargeable devices. Activities included a community fire vehicle parade, presentations and fire drills at local schools and public spaces, as well as tours and demonstrations at the fire hall. The Town of Placentia extends its sincere thanks to the members of the Fire Department for their ongoing dedication and commitment to keeping our community safe.



For any questions about the Fire Department, please contact:

Wayne Power, Fire Chief
firechief@placentia.ca

2025 Holiday Events

December 10

Treasured Memories Tree Lighting - Town Square 7:00pm

December 12

Seniors Dinner and Dance - Star of the Sea Hall 6:00pm

The Relics - Lafontaine Club 10:30pm

December 14

Elevate Grinchmas - Star of the Sea Hall 10:00am

Breakwater Farm and Market - Freshwater Community Centre 10:00am

Richard and Robbie - Lafontaine Club 5:00pm

December 17

Dunville Healthcare Auxiliary Sing Along - St. Annes Church 7:00pm

Christmas at the Opry - Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre 8:00pm

December 18

Mental Health Paint Night - Freshwater Community Centre 5:30pm and 7:00pm

December 20

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party - Lafontaine Club 9:00pm

Staff Party and Customer Appreciation Night - Star of the Sea Hall

December 21

Afternoon Tea with PATH - Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre 1:00pm

December 23

Tibbs Eve Dance - Star of the Sea Hall 10:00pm

December 26

The Brewmasters - Lafontaine Club 10:00pm

December 31

New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance - Star of the Sea Hall 6:00pm and 8:30pm

January 1

Welcome to 2026 Fireworks Display - Fort Frederick 6:30pm



Get Alerts. Stay Connected.

The Town of Placentia offers a text, email, and telephone communication system designed to keep residents informed about important updates including water shut-offs, road work, community events, safety notices, and more.

Placentia Aware – our community notification program ensures you receive timely alerts during situations such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, water advisories, or emergency evacuations.

Stay connected and informed wherever you are. Messages can be sent directly to your home phone, mobile phone, email, or via text message . You choose what works best for you.

To sign up, contact the Town Office at 709-227-2151 or visit Placentia Aware Community Notification Program <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736726689/login>.

Skating Schedule

Up to December 19

Lunch Hour Lace Up

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12:00pm

Moms and Tots

Monday & Wednesday
10:30am

50+ Shinny Skate

Thursday 1:00pm

Sensory Skate

Tuesday 10:00am

TGIF Seniors Skate

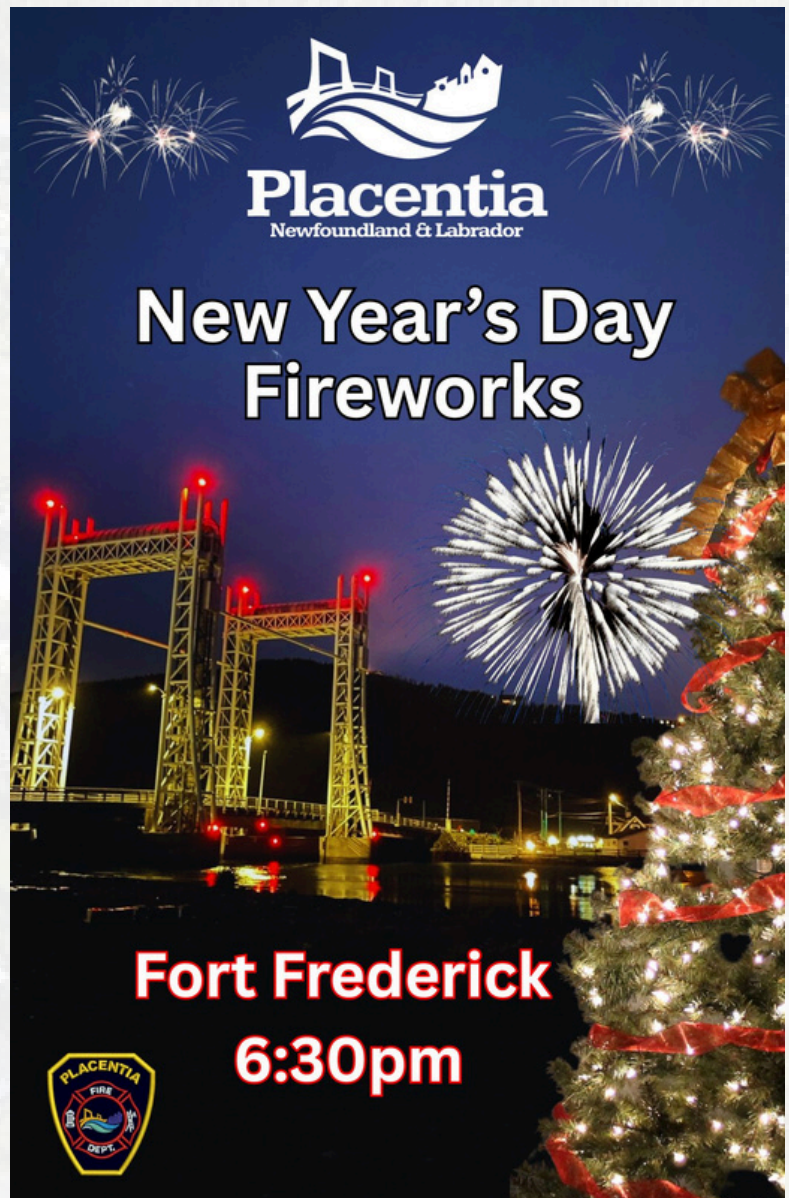
Friday 10:00am

General Skating

Wednesday 3:00pm
Sunday 4:00pm

**For any questions about the Arena,
please contact:**

Matthew O'Reilly, Manager
moreilly@placentia.ca



For any questions about Communications or Special Events, please contact:

Jennifer Bennett - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications
jbennett@placentia.ca



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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Wishing you a season full of light and
laughter for you and your family.

Town Hall Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24, 9:00am-12:00pm

Christmas Day - Thursday December 25, **CLOSED**

Boxing Day - Friday, December 26, **CLOSED**

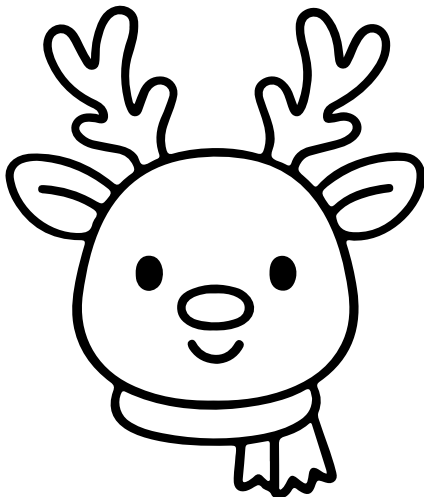
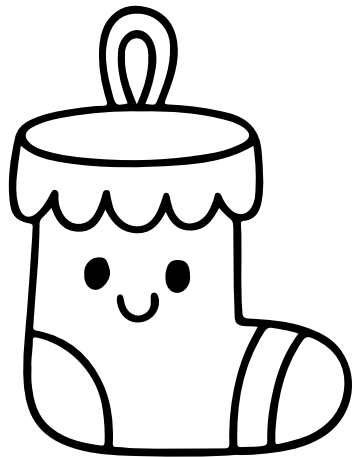
New Year's Eve - Wednesday, December 31, 9:00am-12:00pm

New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1, **CLOSED**

For emergencies outside of office hours, please call 709-227-4314

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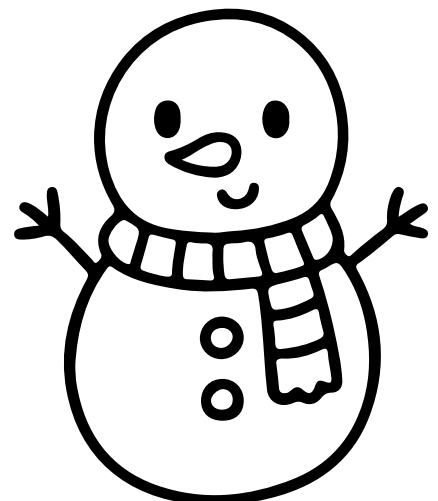
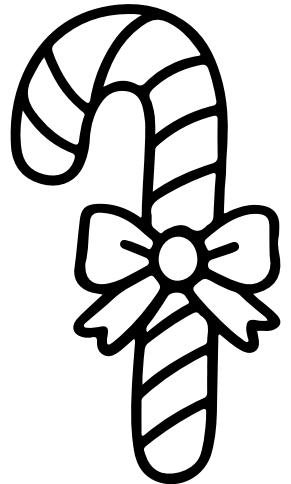
Complete your word search and color the Christmas pictures, then drop them off at Town Hall to enter your name in our prize draw. Entries must be received by Friday, January 2.



PLACENTIA AREA WORD SEARCH

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Arena	Dunville	Jerseyside
Boardwalk	Ferndale	Placentia
Bonds Path	Festival	Southeast
Bridge	Freshwater	Trails
Castle Hill		



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