



The Town of Placentia is pleased to present The Municipal Minute, a publication dedicated to providing residents with important information to highlight significant developments, milestones and other noteworthy items from the Council Chamber. The Municipal Minute will be published following each Public Council meeting.

### SPECIAL GUEST

Mayor Wayne D. Power opened this month's Council meeting by welcoming The Honourable Sherry-Gambin Walsh, MHA for Placentia-St. Mary's who observed our session this month. The Town was very pleased to see Minister Gambin-Walsh take such interest in our Council.

### PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Power was joined by members of Allied Youth Placentia Post 1182 this week to officially proclaim February 19-25, 2017 as Allied Youth Week in Placentia. Allied Youth Week is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of youth leaders in our province and highlighting the mission of Allied Youth: youth leadership, education on youth issues, service to schools and communities and fun, healthy, and engaged lifestyles for young people. The group informed the Mayor about their upcoming projects and volunteer work they are taking part in including the "Fill 'er Up Challenge" where students are gathering hygiene products to donate to the Lion's Manor Nursing Home. Donations for this activity can be dropped off at Laval High School.

Mayor Power also proclaimed February 22, 2017 as Random Acts of Kindness Day. Random Act of Kindness Day is a celebration of simple kindness that encourages people to tap into their own human spirit and share kindness with one another, thereby nourishing and strengthening our community. This day will be reflected throughout the Town by wearing pink and we ask all residents to complete a random act of kindness and pay it forward, not only on this day but every day.



Mayor Power with members of Allied Youth Placentia Post 1182 proclaiming Allied Youth Week 2017

### CAPITAL WORKS

Council has identified improvements to the Dunville Water System as its number one priority for capital works projects. They have comprised a plan to change the water source in Dunville to avail of better quality water for the area. This plan is estimated to cost \$5 million and the lobby effort to obtain funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments has started with Mayor Power contacting representatives at both levels to discuss the importance of the project and the need to bring this project to fruition. Council has worked hard to reduce its debt ratio and is prepared to contribute to this project.

## ENERGY OPPORTUNITY

The Town recently underwent an energy audit to evaluate the energy we consume and areas of potential savings. Council is pleased to inform residents that they have agreed to pursue upgrades to its facilities to become more energy efficient. The costs of these upgrades will be self-funded through guaranteed energy savings and will not cost the town any capital money. This is an exciting and innovative opportunity for the Town and Council is pleased to note we will be spending our money more efficiently.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On February 1, 2017 Mrs. Mary Drake of Placentia celebrated her 105th birthday. She took part in a two day celebration including an open house and a dance at Beachside Manor. Mayor Power was pleased to participate in the celebrations by delivering greetings on behalf of all residents. Council and staff wish Mrs. Drake many more years of health and happiness.



*Town of Placentia's oldest resident Mrs. Mary Drake with Mayor Wayne D. Power at her birthday celebrations.*

## SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Town has been working to find a proponent to offer a children's day camp program for this summer in the absence of CYN's Camp Chaos. The Town is pleased to announce that the YMCA is interested in offering this service in the area this summer. The Town has agreed to provide the same support to the YMCA that was given to CYN in this endeavour and noted this organization will bring nationally recognized programs and employment to the area. More details on this program will be available this spring from the YMCA NL.

## EXPENDITURE NOTES

Approval was given to finance two new vehicles for the Town fleet at a cost of \$474.35 and \$795.22 per month

as approved in the 2017 budget. Approval for a purchase of a sander for the one new vehicle was given at a cost of \$7,929.25 as per 2017 budget. Approval for storm surge repairs in the amount of \$9,525.47 was given to affect repairs to a manhole at Blockhouse Road and repairs to Harbour Drive washout areas and seawall cribbing.

## FIRE TRUCK

Council is pleased to note that the official presentation of the new Fire Truck will take place at 7pm on March 1st at the Fire Hall. Residents are invited to attend.

## FUNDING SECURED

Council is pleased to announce it has received approval for funding that will see improvements to the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Center. In conjunction with the Provincial Government and ACOA, the Town will be completing upgrades including lighting, sound, flooring and other improvements. The Town is aiming to have these upgrades completed before the start of our busy tourism season.

## PERMITS

Council is pleased to approve four permits that will see new service providers in the area including contracting, painting, counselling and event décor services.

## WINTER CARNIVAL

Council encourages all residents to participate in the annual Winter Carnival on February 23 to 26, 2017. "Look at the Snow, Come On Let's Go!" is this year's slogan. A calendar of events has been distributed by mail and is available on our website.

## SUMMER EVENTS

Council noted a number of significant events coming this summer including our annual Voices of Placentia Bay Festival set for August 4-6, 2017. We also welcome visitors from Plentzia, Spain and the "In the Footsteps of Basque Whalers" cruise ship in June. In July we will welcome Basque visitors from St. Pierre and France who will be rowing from Placentia to St. Pierre. More details on these events will follow.

## NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Meeting of the Town of Placentia Council is scheduled for March 21, 2017. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by council are due by Friday, March 10th, 2017. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.