

Municipal Minute

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council extended congratulations to Laval Senior Girls Basketball Team who won an invitation tournament at Dunne Academy this past weekend.
- Council extended congratulations to the new Executive of the Star of the Sea and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Star of the Sea Association

President - Dave Griffin
Vice President - Jim Roache
Secretary - Dennis Leonard
Treasurer - Paul Power
Director - Bill Bailey
Director - Glenn Fitzgerald
Sergeant at Arms - Alf Cahill
Public Relations - George Mooney

Ladies Auxiliary

President - Betty Leonard
Vice President - Madonna Ryan
Treasurer - Nellie Moore
Director - Frances Mills
Director - Doreen Traverse

PLACENTIA WELLNESS CENTRE

The tender for the Owner Advisor for the Placentia Wellness Centre closed on January 5th. Screening of the submissions will be done by a selection committee comprised of staff from the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Town's Executive Committee. The owner advisor will prepare tenders to select a contractor for the design and construction of the facility is expected to start this summer.

UNITY PARC FITNESS ROOM - Find Your Fit

There are several exercise machines now available in the upstairs fitness room (over the dressing rooms) at Unity PARC. Equipment includes: treadmill, elliptical, rowing machine, abs-machine, and a recumbent bike. There will be small dumbbells, resistance bands, an exercise (Swiss) ball and a workout bench added in the next week or so. New mats have been installed for floor work. The fitness room is open to adults only (18 years and older). Patrons are asked to bring along indoor footwear.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$17,368 for our quarterly payments to the Municipal Assessment Agency for annual assessment service fees.
- Cost of up to three public works staff to attend Safe Drinking Water three day conference in Gander

PERMITS

- One Residential Permit
- One Vendor Permit

WINTER CARNIVAL

February 14-17, 2019 is the scheduled date for this year's Winter Carnival. The carnival is being held earlier in hopes the weather will be more cooperative. Students from St. Anne's Academy have been asked to submit ideas for the carnival theme. A Winter Carnival planning session is scheduled for 1:30pm Tuesday, January 22 at the Arts Centre. New Volunteers are welcome to attend!



TRAFFIC CALMING

The following are traffic radar statistics collected throughout our Town. Motorists are reminded to slow down!

Traffic statistics for Blockhouse Road (December 17th 2018 to January 13th 2019) are as follows:

- 62,964 motorists travelled west on Blockhouse Road (Average of 15,741/week)
- Average number of vehicles per day 2,249
- 28% of motorists exceeded the 50km speed limit
- Max speed clocked 114km/h

Traffic statistics for Dunville (Argentia Side) (December 17th 2018 to January 13th 2019) are as follows:

- 13,202 motorists travelled towards Dunville from Argentia (3,301/week average)
- Average number of vehicles per day 472
- 82% of motorists exceeded the 50km speed limit
- Max speed clocked 111km/h

Traffic statistics for Dunville (Highway Side) (December 17th 2018 to January 13th 2019) are as follows:

- 26,454 motorists travelled towards Dunville from the highway (8,752/week average)
- Average number of vehicles per day 945
- 56% of motorists exceeded the 50km speed limit
- Max speed clocked 140km/h

Traffic statistics for Jerseyside Hill (December 24th 2018 to January 13th 2019) are as follows:

- 35,009 motorists travelled up Jerseyside Hill (11,670/week average)
- Average number of vehicles per day 1,667
- 50% of motorists exceeded the 50km speed limit
- Max speed clocked 111km/h

WASTE COLLECTION

In response to the number of complaints the Town has received about uncollected waste, the contractor has been directed to comply with the contract. Council urges residents to contact the Town Office 709-227-2151 or email publicworks@placentia.ca to register waste collection complaints. Residents are also asked to make every effort to ensure their waste is accessible on the morning of collection.

ON-STREET PARKING BAN CONTINUES

The Town reminds all residents, on-street parking is prohibited between the hours of 12:00AM and 10:00AM for the period of December 1st to March 31st in order to effectively carry out snow clearing activities. Also, for safety reasons, the dumping of snow from driveways onto public roadways will not be tolerated.

The Town has been authorized by the Provincial Government to issue summary offense tickets for such infractions. A full list of infractions as well as their associated fines can be seen at <http://www.placentia.ca> in the *Town of Placentia Traffic Regulations*. Please note damages to personal property (fences, garbage boxes etc.) due to the accumulation of snow are not the responsibility of the Town or contractor. Residents are asked to keep their garbage boxes free of snow to allow for safe waste collection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following is a list of upcoming events that the Town is hosting or partnering with various community stakeholders to deliver:

- Winter Carnival Planning Session- January 22
- Seniors' Guitar Session - January 22
- Community Consultation Session - February 5
- Winter Carnival - February 14-17
- Wild Rose Award – March
- Volunteer Appreciation – April
- Age Friendly Fair and Expo – May 31-June 1
- Multicultural Celebration – June 27
- Planting Day – June 29 (tentative)
- Canada Day Celebration – July 1
- Annual Placentia Regatta – July 20
- Voices Festival – August 2-4
- Placentia Bay Industry Showcase – September 17-19
- Trunk or Treat – October 27
- Light up the Square – December 2
- Santa Parade – December 7
- Mummer's Parade – December 29

Visit www.placentia.ca/events for more details!

PLACENTIA MUMMERS PARADE 2018

Thank you to all those that came out to support the 2018 Mummers Parade. Residents at both Lions Manor and Beachside Manor were delighted to welcome the mummers.



PLACENTIA BAY CULTURAL ARTS CENTRE ANNIVERSARY

May 2019 marks the 10th Anniversary of the opening of our Arts Centre. Anyone from the Arts Community interested in participating in a month long celebration for the Arts Centre's anniversary is asked to contact the Manager of Tourism at 227-2151 ext. 224 or email rpower@placentia.ca

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next public meeting is scheduled for 7PM February 19, 2019. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, February 8, 2019. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings. The broadcast of future meetings can be found on YouTube by searching for Town of Placentia Council.