

Municipal Minute

July 2017

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

CONGRATULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council extends congratulations to the following:

- Marcus Pittman and John Webber for participation on U16 NL Fastpitch Team
- Hillary Neville and Abigail Gambin for participation on the U18 Provincial Girls Ball Hockey Team
- Marcus Pittman, Liam Shea, Jordan Pomeroy, Joel Nash, Douglas Cheeseman and Coach - Mark Nash for participation on the U18 Boys Fastpitch Team
- Jordan Pomeroy, Andrew Kelly, Nick Pittman and Brent Hatfield for participation on the Canada Games Fast pitch Team
- Jordan Pomeroy one of 26 athletes invited to the tryouts for the Junior Mens National Softball team. (PEI)
- Bantam Boys Fastpitch won their division at the Constable William Moss Memorial Softball Tournament, defeating Goulds 10-1 in the final.
- Lafontaine Club won the intermediate division at the annual St. John's Day Senior Men's Softball Tournament.
- Placentia Lions Special Olympics Team - capturing 29 medals, including 14 Gold, 10 Silver, and 5 Bronze at the Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador Summer Games.
- Plaisance King Louis Jolliet (LJ) of Plaisance Kennels, took the Best Baby Puppy in Group award at the Newfoundland Kennel Club show last weekend. Congratulations to owner Sheila Flynn.

COUNCILLOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Council resolved to declare the Council seat formerly held by Francis Coombs vacant in accordance with the Conflict of Interest guidelines set out in the Municipalities Act, 1999. This was supported by a fact finding process conducted by an independent third party, Greg French Law, following an allegation that Mr. Coombs acted contrary to the legislation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING FACILITY

Council approved entering into a lease with the Port of Argentia for the period 2017 to 2022 with the option for three renewable five year terms at a rate of \$1.00 per year. The 2.98 acres of land will be used for the Placentia Volunteer Fire Department Training Facility.

PLACENTIA AWARE UPDATE

Registration statistics for the Placentia Aware Community Notification System indicate a significant increase following the recent interruption of services with the Sir Ambrose Shea Lift Bridge. Promotion of the system will continue throughout the summer with an introductory notification being issued August 24th. Residents and businesses can register for the system at www.placentia.ca or by visiting the Town Hall.

CANADA 150

In recognition of Canada's 150th Birthday the Town hosted a Canada Day Celebration at Fort Frederick in partnership with the Government of NL, Port of Argentia and Sobeys. The event included a live performance by the Right Mixx and a spectacular fireworks display!



EXPENDITURES

Highlights of expenditures approved by Council this month include:

- *New credit and debit processing rate that will result in an estimated cost savings of about \$4,300.*
- *A water system flushing plan identifying hydrant locations and flushing procedures at a cost of \$16,900.*

PERMITS

Council approved numerous permits for residential extensions, accessory building construction, and construction of decks and fences.

SOUTHEAST PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING

There was a great community turnout for the grand opening of the playground at the Wayne John Searle Recreation Complex. The project was spearheaded by the Southeast Playground Improvement Committee in partnership with the Placentia Recreation Commission, Town of Placentia and Government of NL. Corporate sponsors included Aviva and Newfoundland Power.



DUNVILLE WATER LINE PROJECT

Council awarded the tender for the Dunville Water Line Replacement Project to M. J. Hickey Construction Ltd. at a value of \$1,738,373.81. Work will include replacement of the main water line and service lines from the area near Fewer's Road to Station Road. Work on the project is scheduled to begin on July 24, 2017.

VISIT BY MINISTER COADY

The Honourable Siobhan Coady, Minister of Natural Resources met with the Executive Committee during a recent visit to the area. The discussions focused around the local impact of the Husky Energy Project, accessing the \$60M Innovation and Business Development Fund, the proposed Regional Wellness Centre and other topics relevant to her portfolio. The Minister also toured several points of interest including the Voices of Placentia Bay Exhibit and the Arts Centre.

MUNICIPAL PAVING

Council approved \$100,000 towards pavement for municipal streets to include O'Reilly Street, Flynn Street, King Street, Kelly's Lane and Lake's Road.

SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Town has published a Summer Activity Guide which features information on recreation programs, community events, local exhibits and theatre performances. The guide was distributed to all households through Canada Post and is available online and in print at the Town Hall and Arts Centre.

TOUR OF ARNOLD'S COVE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Earlier in the month Mayor Power and CAO Charlotte Hickey toured the Town of Arnold's Cove Business Park and Trans Shipping Facility along with the Port of Argentia's Marketing Manager Ray Greene.



EVENTS

The Tourism and Culture, Recreation and Economic Development Committees noted several upcoming community events which the town is hosting or partnering to deliver, including:

*August 4: HMCS St. John's Run the Rock for Children's Wish
August 4: Canadian Citizenship Ceremony
August 4-6: Voices of Placentia Bay Festival
August 12: PAHS Annual Tea Party
August 14: Mayor's March for Heart and Stroke
August 26 - Family Fun Day at Ferndale Veterans Park
September 19-21: Placentia Bay Industry Showcase*

For more information including up to date event information please visit www.placentia.ca/events

NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2017. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, August 4, 2017. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.