

MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Mayor:	Wayne D. Power	CAO: Ed O'Keefe
Deputy Mayor:	Keith Pearson	Admin. Office Manager: Mary Greene
Councillors:	Noella Collins	Executive Assistant: Debbie Gear
	Frank Coombs	
	Dan Greene	
	Frankie Nash	
Absent:	William Woodman (Ill)	

Mayor Power called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the regular start of business, the Mayor acknowledged the December 1, 2014 passing of Mr. Fred Whelan. Fred served Council from 1997 to 2005 in the capacities of Councillor, Deputy Mayor and Mayor. He was highly regarded in his community as a sincere and gentle man held in high esteem for his respect of others. His presence will be missed by all.

Mayor Power acknowledged the members of the Placentia Volunteer Fire Department who reached significant milestones throughout the year: Capt. Rodney Cooney the First Service Bar of the NL Fire Services Long Term Service Medal for 25 years of service; Capt. David Power reached 15 years of continued services; Firefighter Matt Power completed 10 years and Firefighter Tyler Whiffen reached the 5 year service level. Congratulations were offered these gentlemen and thanks extended to them and all volunteer firefighters.

Also recognized by Mayor Power were service awards received by Town of Placentia staff: Debbie Gear, Executive Assistant and Keith Brennan, Public Works Lead Hand both attained 15 years of service while Richard O'Reilly reached the 10 year level.

Richard McGrath, of the Town's Public Works Department was also commended for having attained certification in the Water Distribution System Basic Operator Education Program that was completed under the Provincial Department of Environment & Conservation.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda previously circulated was amended to include the budget as an item of discussion and was distributed prior to the meeting.

Motion #14-239

Councillor Nash/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Bet it resolved that the revised agenda as presented prior to the start of the meeting was approved by council.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Minutes of the Meeting of November 18, 2014

The minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2014 were circulated prior to the meeting; one error was noted: Page 9 - the seconder on motion # 14-234 should be Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson.

Motion #14-240

Councillor Collins/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that the minutes of November 18, 2014 were adopted as circulated and amended.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Business Arising from Minutes and/or Action Sheet

There has been no reply to date from Hon. Judy Manning regarding the use of Placentia Courthouse as an alternate venue for the Harbour Grace court.

Regarding the legal issue with the snow clearing tender, there is currently only an exchange of information between the lawyers on the matter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Mayor Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillor Dan Greene, Resource Person - CAO)

A report on the Executive Committee meeting held on December 5, 2014 was circulated prior to the meeting for Council's information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Dan Greene, Chair; Councillors William Woodman & Frankie Nash ; Resource Person - Administrative Office Manager)

Accounts Payable

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated December 4, 2014 with the exclusion of the invoice from MicMac Fire & Safety Limited for \$2,792.23. The total accounts payable approved for payment is \$47,515.60.

Motion #14-241

Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated December 4, 2014 is approved with the exclusion of the invoice from MicMac Fire & Safety Limited for \$2,792.23. The total accounts payable approved for payment is \$47,515.60.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene and Nash voted in favour of the motion.)

Cheque Register - General Account

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Cheque Register dated December 4, 2014 in the amount of \$89,957.84 for cheques numbered 022854 through to 022913.

Motion #14-242**Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that the Cheque Register dated December 4, 2014 in the amount of \$89,957.84 for cheques numbered 022854 through to 022913 is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene and Nash voted in favour of the motion.)

Cheque Register - Special Accounts

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Special Accounts Cheque Register for December 2014.

Motion #14-243**Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that the Special Accounts Cheque Register for December 2014 is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene and Nash voted in favour of the motion.)

Visa Statement

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Visa statement dated October 7 to November 4, 2014 in the amount of \$995.10.

Motion #14-244**Councillor Greene/Councillor Woodman**

Be it resolved that the Visa statement dated October 7 to November 4, 2014 in the amount of \$995.10 is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Greene and Nash voted in favour of the motion.)

iPad Covers

An invoice was received for the purchase of promotional items including iPad covers and pens that had not been processed through the Finance Committee. A recommendation for payment was deferred until all pertinent information is received.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor William Woodman, Chair; Councillors Dan Greene & Frank Coombs; Resource Person - Public Works Supervisor)

Lot #43 Frecker Place

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application to construct a new residence and personal use garage at lot #43 Frecker Place.

Motion #14-245**Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs**

Be it resolved that the application to construct a new residence and personal use garage at lot #43 Frecker place is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Lot # 24 Frecker Place

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application to construct a new residence at lot #24 Frecker Place.

Motion #14-246

Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that the application to construct a new residence at lot #24 Frecker Place is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Lot #2 Frecker Place

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application to construct a new residence at lot #2 Frecker Place.

Motion #14-247

Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that the application to construct a new residence at lot #2 Frecker Place is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Hartigan Street

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council ratify the following permits previously approved by the Public Works Supervisor #2-4 Hartigan Street - construction of a deck; #2-4 Hartigan Street - construction of a fence; #2-4 Hartigan Street - construction of a shed.

Motion #14-248

Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that the following permits previously approved by the Public Works Supervisor have been ratified by vote of Council.

#2-4 Hartigan Street - construction of a deck

#2-4 Hartigan Street - construction of a fence

#2-4 Hartigan Street - construction of a shed.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Crown Land - Old Settlement Hill

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for crown land at 192-196 Old Settlement Hill.

Motion #14-249

Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that the application for crown land at 192-196 Old Settlement Hill is approved .

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Crown Land - Smith's Pond

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the crown land application at Smith's Pond pending confirmation that this does not interfere with the Town's watershed.

Motion #14-250**Councillor Greene/Councillor Coombs**

Be it resolved that the crown land application at Smith's Pond is approved pending confirmation that this does not interfere with the Town's watershed.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

NL Power Poles Applications

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the following permits from Newfoundland Power:

- installation of 10 poles and two anchors to provide service to MUN's Radar Site in Argentina;
- installation of two poles and one anchor to provide service to a new house at Frecker Place;
- installation of one pole to provide service to a new house at Frecker Place.

Motion #14-251 Councillor Greene/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the following permits from Newfoundland Power for:

- installation of 10 poles and two anchors to provide service to MUN's Radar Site in Argentina;
- installation of two poles and one anchor to provide service to a new house at Frecker Place;
- installation of one pole to provide service to a new house at Frecker Place are approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Access Agreement - O'Reilly

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve an access agreement between the Town of Placentia and Ronald O'Reilly for property located at Hickey's Lane, Dunville as per the agreement attached to this document.

Motion #14-252**Councillor Greene/Deputy Mayor Pearson**

Be it resolved that the access agreement between the Town of Placentia and Ronald O'Reilly for property located at Hickey's Lane, Dunville as per the agreement attached to this document is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Seven Island Lounge

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the motion from the December 8, 2014 Budget Review meeting passing the permit application for an Occupancy Permit for Seven Islands Lounge.

Motion #14-253**Councillor Greene/Deputy Mayor Pearson**

Be it resolved that the motion moved by Councillor Woodman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pearson approved at the December 8, 2014 budget review meeting for an Occupancy Permit by Seven Island Lounge has been ratified by Council.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Municipal & Community Services Committee Report

(Councillor Frank Coombs, Chair; Councillors Dan Greene & William Woodman; Resource Person - CAO)

The Municipal Services Chair advised Council that the water quality report from the Department of Environment was circulated on December 4th via e-mail.

An update of the lift bridge repair is that all couplers will be replaced in January; the lift of the bridge will not be permitted until that work is done. Government does not foresee any closures due to that work. Although somewhat muddy during wet weather, the alternate route through Southeast is generally in good condition.

There was no Municipal Enforcement report presented at this meeting.

Councillor Collins asked that water testing be done at Eastern Health to determine the suitability of the water at that facility for drinking.

Culture & Tourism Committee Report

(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillors Noella Collins; Resource Person - Manager of Town Affairs)

Some problems were identified with the new web site i.e. access to post minutes and a suitable location to post notices but staff are working through them.

The Christmas Tree Lighting event took place on December 1, 2014 and was most successful even though weather dictated the move inside to the Arts Centre. The Committee was pleased with the decision to decorate the large tree in the garden and will review plans to do the multiple large trees along the perimeter of the square next year.

The Dunville Lions Club-Town of Placentia Santa Claus Parade was a tremendous success again this year. The number of floats was comparable to last year. The Dunville Lions Club will be consulted on a possible earlier start next year to take advantage of afternoon sun. The only complaint received was that the parade moved a bit too fast for walkers.

Recreation Committee Report

(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillor Frankie Nash; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson; Resource Person - Manager of Town Affairs)

Rate Increases

The Recreation Committee recommended that Council approve an increase in fees for participation in the summer recreation program to \$40.00 for one child and \$65.00 per family.

Motion #14-254

Councillor Nash/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to increase fees for participation in the summer recreation program to \$40.00 for one child and \$65.00 per family is approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

The increase in fees will help cover the cost of supplies such as balls and bats, etc.

The CAO met with recreation stakeholders earlier in the month to discuss staffing needs for the Town's summer program as well as the requirements of the Recreation Commission and Community Youth Network. Further discussions will be held early in January.

The Recreation Commission wants Council to review and update their Constitution. They also want to start a board renewal process. The constitution has been circulated and Council is asked for their input by January 5th. A meeting with the Commission will take place later in January.

Laval High School Principal, Gord Pike will be contacted to discuss a cooperative use of all facilities between the school and the Town.

The Winter Carnival has been set for the weekend of the February 27th. Planning for this event will take place in January.

Culture & Tourism Committee Report

(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillors Noella Collins; Resource Person - Manager of Town Affairs)

The committee hosted an economic development forum early in December titled *It's Our Business*; notes on the session were circulated to Council prior to the meeting. This was attended by representatives from different government agencies, the local college, the AMA and several industrial residents.

Industry partners made it clear that they are here to work and would prefer to be supporters of the initiatives of this forum rather than participants.

The AMA and CBDC are most interested in developing a move forward strategy with the Town to promote economic development.

Generally it was a good session that will be furthered with another meeting in the spring.

Briefing Notes

There were two briefing notes circulated - one relative to an engineering meeting with Council to update the Town on capital works projects. Both the Protective Wave Wall/Boardwalk repair project and the Freshwater Water Lines project are ready to go to tender. Projects could be awarded by the end of January and be ready to start late in April or early in May.

Councillor Coombs commented on the success of the meeting held in Freshwater that was discussed in the second briefing note. Residents were appreciative of the information provided and the response to their questions. It was suggested that a similar meeting be held in Dunville.

The Deputy Mayor commended the Town's engineer, Darryl Mills on his presentation. His work for the Town is exceptional.

Councillor Collins asked that it be stressed to the residents of Dunville that the work in Freshwater is necessary to move forward with Dunville improvements.

COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Councillor Collins commented that provincial roads throughout the Town are deplorable; Council has not had a reply to the latest correspondence sent to the Department of Transportation on this matter.

Call for Privileged Meeting

Council entered into a privileged meeting at 7:56 p.m. to request an update on a Human Resources matter before the Town.

Motion #14-255

Councillor Collins/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council entered into a privileged session to discuss a human resources matter before the Town.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

The privileged session ended at 8:03 and the public meeting of council resumed at that time.

Deputy Mayor Pearson received a call from a local resident thanking him for assistance offered when requested.

Councillor Nash wished everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Councillor Greene reiterated Councillor Nash's wishes.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

2015 FINANCIAL BUDGET

Presented by Finance Chair: Councillor Dan Greene

The Municipality of Placentia will complete its current fiscal year on December 31st. To date expenses are \$4,146,792.25 with an anticipated total expenditure of \$4,216,269 as per 2014 budget forecasts.

The 2015 budget process commenced late October 2014 with an invitation extended to all Councillors, committees and management to review individually and collectively the 2014 experiences and the anticipated fiscal requirements for 2015. Periodic and frequent meetings were held throughout the ensuing weeks with the final draft of a budget circulated to Council on December 8, 2014.

2014 FISCAL YEAR

This past year resulted in many unforeseen incidents but I am pleased to report that this Council in its inaugural year came together and worked with staff to overcome them and realize some major achievements. At this point I'll highlight some of the good and the not so good events of the last 12 months.

- 2014 got off to a rocky start when residents of the community were faced with a power outage. This was on the heels of a major storm weeks earlier that devastated the protective wave wall on the Beach Road resulting in damages to the boardwalk that necessitated closure of the structure for a number of weeks until emergency repairs were made.
- Larkin's Pond pumping station was faced with what is commonly referred to as a water hammer resulting in damages to the water line system throughout the pump house.
- Repeated problems with the sewer system in Dunville had to be dealt with; application was made for funding to replace the existing system.
- Excessive leaks throughout the municipality and in particular in Freshwater and Dunville placed high demand on the Public Works Department.
- The lift bridge, although not the Town's responsibility, affected all residents of the area and kept the Town busy lobbying the Province for repairs of the bridge and upgrading of the alternate route.

Those are some of the negative problems facing the Town and although not the pat on the back news most Council's like to report, they are important to disclose so that residents are aware of the issues that have to be dealt with on a day-to-day basis.

Our Town Council and staff strive to be both proactive and reactive in addressing problems. I am pleased to report the following achievements during the 2014 fiscal year.

- Prince William Drive and the Blockhouse Road have been recapped.
- An agreement was reached on the development of Frecker Place which will see 14 new housing units developed during Phase I. There were 20 plus new housing starts elsewhere in the town in 2014 and another three subdivisions are going through the planning stages. An application for approval in principle has been received to develop an apartment complex and commercial operation in Townside Placentia as well. These are all positive growth indicators.

- The legacy project from the 350 Anniversary Celebrations has resulted in the creation of a community garden at the former St. Edward's School site. There are a few more improvements scheduled for 2015 such as seating, inclusion of the new St. Bernadette statue and the installation of the Placentia Bay Veteran's Cenotaph to be done this spring.
- Council commissioned a water study that has been completed by our engineers that reaffirms the validity of our plan to create a single source water supply from Clark's Pond to Dunville.
- Application has been made to the province for \$1.5 million in funding to repair service lines in Dunville to cut down on the waste of chlorinated water – one of the recommendations from that water study.
- Gas Tax funding of \$800,000 has been approved.
- A new marketing package resulted in redesign of our web site and town logo and 2015 will see the development of a branding and promotional package that will encourage new families to settle in Placentia to avail of opportunities resulting from industrial growth at Argentina.
- Review of the Municipal Plan and Regulations is ongoing and a draft is currently with the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs that will be followed early in the new year with public consultation.
- And I am pleased to report that the Town Hall/Arts Centre is now equipped with an emergency generator that will provide power to the Town as an emergency operations centre and a warming centre in the event of emergency situations such as we faced late last December. We now have alternate power supply at the Fire Hall, Town Hall and the Arts Centre in the event of emergency.

So as you can see, the Town of Placentia has been having quite a busy year.

Our vision remains to promote the Town of Placentia as a place to live, grow and work. Our committees are developing strategies to work with industry and tourism partners to encourage growth and foster economic development and recreation advancement in addition to providing the basic services of water and sewer and infrastructure as per the Municipalities Act mandate.

I am very pleased to report that everything we accomplished during the 2014 fiscal year was done within the boundaries of the budget set this time last year. Once again, Council will close out this fiscal year without accessing funds available to us in bank overdraft protection. We continue to avoid cash flow deficit and reduce tax arrears which proves Council's dedication to strong fiscal management.

The residents of Placentia continue to show their support of Council, with a tax collection rate in excess of 96% and a reduction in our taxes in arrears to approximately \$187,363.85.

Continued sound monitoring of finances will be the standard for the 2015 fiscal year and improvements will be made where identified. Tight controls will ensure that proper job costing is done, that expenditures are applied to proper accounts and that purchasing practices are monitored. I am pleased at this time to present the 2015 Operating Budget for the Town of Placentia.

2015 FISCAL BUDGET

The following budget has been finalized and is being presented here tonight for Council's consideration.

Total Budget Expenditure is as follows:

General Government	882,014.00
Protection Services	184,539.00
Transportation	758,893.00
Environmental Health	1,000,252.00
Planning & Development	180,560.00
Recreation & Culture	405,859.00
Fiscal Services	928,404.00
Total Budget Expenditure	\$4,340,521.00

Some highlights of the 2015 budget are:

- Capital Works funding of \$2,969,625 after HST rebate was secured from the Provincial government; this means that our municipality will realize just under \$3 million dollars of work at a cost of only \$600,000 to the taxpayers. Projects to be undertaken for this funding include:
 - Improvements to the Freshwater Water Distribution System – Phase I of the single source water supply initiative, \$1.1 million
 - Replacement of the leaking Jersey side Reservoir, \$400,000
 - Repair to the Protective Wave Wall on Beach Road and replacement of damaged sections of the Boardwalk. \$1.5 million
 - Upgrades will be completed on the sewer line at Hickey's Lane Dunville from Gas Tax funding.
 - Continued monetary contribution will be made to recreational equipment upgrades such as playground equipment.
 - \$25,000 will go toward community events in the Town Square to promote the spirit of cooperation and friendship in the community while encouraging Tourism and Cultural growth.

- Council passed a motion in September of 2014 to enter into a new Gas Tax Agreement with the Province that will provide the Town of Placentia with funding of \$800,620 over the next five years.

Expenditures for 2015 have increased by \$124,252.00 due largely to labour costs, community initiatives and fiscal responsibilities. The Town agreed to keep the mil rate for residential property owners at 8.5 mils and commercial property at 9.5 mils. I am pleased to advise that due to our diligence and sound fiscal management we will not be increasing property taxes this year.

Council also reviewed the rates charged for water and sewer and that due to the work ongoing to enhance the water quality for areas such as Dunville & Freshwater an increase in water and sewer rates of \$20 will be implemented, as well as a \$5.00 increase to properties availing of the additional water units. Increased expenses in this year's budget were further covered through increased revenues generated from growth in business and residential development.

Therefore Council will be making the following adjustments to the Tax Structure.

- Water rates will increase by \$20 – basic water tax will now be \$312 and water and sewer will increase from \$360 - \$380 per year with additional units increasing by \$5.00 per unit.
- Educational Institutions will have an increased rate from 5 mils to 5.5 mils.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that we as a Council must continue to lobby new growth in our area and encourage new housing starts while dealing with the day-to-day business of infrastructure management.

We will continue to work with other local agencies to promote new industry in Argenticia, as well as business development throughout the community. We are committed to lobbying for local hiring and purchasing preference on behalf of our residents and businesses.

And that I think concludes the highlights of the past year and the upcoming year.

I would like to thank the other members of the Finance Committee and management and staff for their hard work and dedication to preparing this balanced budget for presentation to you here tonight. Mr. Mayor and Fellow Councillors: I present this Fiscal Plan and Budget for 2015 as prepared by your Finance Committee and town management for your consideration and approval.

As Chair of the Finance Committee I now move the adoption of our 2015 Budget and Tax Structure as presented.

Motion on Increase to Honorariums

The budget as presented allows for a 4% increase to Councillors' honorariums and a motion is required to approve same.

Motion #14-256**Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that Councillors' honorariums increase by 4% or by \$1,826.68 was defeated by Council.

(Defeated 3:3 Tie Vote: Mayor Power and Councillors Greene and Coombs voted in favour of the motion; Deputy Mayor Pearson and Councillors Collins and Nash voted against the motion.)

Motion on the Budget

Councillor Greene moved that the budget be approved as presented but that motion was not seconded or voted on. An amendment was made to that motion to remove the 4% increase in Councillors honorariums account from the budget. It was agreed that \$1,826.26 be reallocated to the Public Works pumps account.

Motion #14-257**Councillor Greene/Deputy Mayor Pearson**

Be it resolved that the operating budget for the fiscal year 2015 as presented by Councillor Greene and amended by vote of Council to remove \$1,826.26 from Councillors' honorariums and reallocate same to the Public Works pumps account was approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Motion on the Tax Structure

The 2015 tax structure has been amended to reflect an increase to water & sewer tax of \$20 with an increase of \$5.00 to each additional unit and to reflect an increase of .5 mils to the Educational rate.

Motion #14-258**Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash**

Be it resolved that the 2015 Tax Structure as presented and perused by Council was approved.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, Collins and Coombs voted in favour of the motion.)

Closing Comments

Councillor Collins noted that the new generator at the Town Hall had been running; the CAO explained the clock may need to be reset and it will be done by the contractor at no cost to the Town.

Deputy Mayor Pearson commended everyone on a good job well done with the budget; problems were hashed out and a resolution to them was found that satisfied all Councillors.

Councillor Nash agreed that there was good compromise and the budget process ended with meeting the Town's requirements.

Councillor Greene stated that he is impressed with our staff and the understanding they have of the Town's fiscal operations. He also commented on the number of storms and unexpected fiscal problems encountered this past year and acknowledged that Council has grown as a unit and he hopes this will continue. 2015 will be a busy year that will require Council's review of staffing and

recreation and leisure services as well as dealing with the deficiencies at the Arts Centre and the arena including replacement of the boards up there.

Mayor Power continued that other considerations will be the swimming pool and the replacement fire truck, continuing with the move toward an amalgamated water supply and the issue of new federal effluent regulations. The foregoing will require a look at new revenue sources and the Executive Committee will start brainstorming early in the new year and will be following the Province's fiscal framework planning. All this will be capped with the anticipated increase in municipal assessments.

Mayor Power thanked everyone for their cooperation in 2014 - council and staff and wished all the best in the holiday season.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Wayne D. Power, Mayor

Ed O'Keefe, CAO

Date

ACCESS AGREEMENT

**BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF PLACENTIA (THE OWNER)**

**&
RONALD O'REILLY OF FRESHWATER (THE USER)**

Whereas the Town of Placentia owns land located at Hickey's Lane Dunville, Placentia, NL;
And whereas Ronald O'Reilly Freshwater Crescent, Freshwater, Placentia NL owns land bordering land owned by the Town of Placentia on Hickey's Lane, Dunville, Placentia, NL as indicated on attached

Schedule A;

And whereas Ronald O'Reilly has requested permission to access his land at Hickey's Lane for the purpose of storing construction equipment by accessing Town owned land at Hickey's Lane;

And whereas by motion of Council #14-134 approved June 17, 2014 Council has agreed to Mr. O'Reilly's request to access through Town owned property under condition that Ronald O'Reilly undertakes construction of the road as per the attached ***Schedule B*** for the aforementioned purposes at his sole cost and responsibility and undertakes to have the right-of-way surveyed at his sole cost and responsibility ;

And whereas Ronald O'Reilly agrees to guarantee that said road access will never be obstructed by barricade, parked vehicles, equipment or any other object; and agrees that responsibility for maintenance of the road, snow clearing and any other related service are his sole responsibility;

And whereas Ronald O'Reilly acknowledges that this property is zoned rural and does not permit residential construction and further acknowledges that this is not a permit to build/construct or raise any other type structures on said land owned by the Town of Placentia without prior written approval of Council;

Therefore the Town of Placentia (Owner) agrees to this access agreement for its land at Hickey's Lane, Dunville, Placentia in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador to Mr. Ronald O'Reilly (User) for the sum of \$1.00 receipt of which is acknowledged.

This agreement is in effect for the period of two (2) years from the date of signing and must have written mutual agreement for renewal after that period.

Agreed to as per the undersigned:

FOR THE TOWN OF PLACENTIA

SIGNATURE OF USER

MAYOR WAYNE D. POWER

RONALD O'REILLY

_____(WITNESS)

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_____(DATE)

_____(DATE)