

MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Council

Mayor: Wayne D. Power
Deputy Mayor: Keith Pearson
Councillors: Noella Collins
Dan Greene
Frankie Nash
William Woodman

Staff

Charlotte Hickey, CAO
Harold Power, Public Works Supervisor
Rhonda Power, Manager - Manager T M & C (arrived 7:25 p.m.)
Mary Greene, Manager of Finance
Gord Pike, Manager - Rec. & Com. Programming
Debbie Gear, Executive Assistant (Recording)

Observers: Seven (7)

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

Housekeeping Items

The following individuals and teams were offered congratulations for their efforts by the Mayor on behalf of Council and staff:

- Marcus Pittman and John Webber made the U16 Boys Team going to competition in Ontario.
- Hilary Neville and Abigail Gambin were chosen for the girls U18 Provincial Girls softball team.
- Marcus Pittman, Liam Shea, Jordan Pomeroy, Joel Nash, Douglas Cheeseman, and Coach - Mark Nash made the U18 Boys Team going to the nationals in PEI.
- Jordan Pomeroy, Andrew Kelly, Nick Pittman and Brent Hatfield were chosen as part of the Canada Games Team attending competition in Winnipeg.
- Jordan Pomeroy is one of 26 athletes invited to the tryouts for the Junior Men's National Softball team headed to competition in PEI.
- Bantam Boys won their division at the Moss 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.
- The Placentia Lions Special Olympics Team represented Placentia in the Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador Summer Games in St. John's/Mt. Pearl this past weekend participating in Track and Field, competing in the 200M, 100M, and the 50M track events. They also competed in the Javelin, Shot Put, and the Long Jump field events. After a couple months of training, their hard work paid off, members of the team came home with total of 29 medals including 14 Gold, 10 Silver, and 5 Bronze.
- 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.

Thanks!

Mr. Pat King of Freshwater is acknowledged for his contribution to community beautification by painting the hydrant in front of his property. Thank you Mr. King.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #17-165

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that the agenda for the July 18, 2017 meeting as is adopted by Council as presented.

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

Minutes of the Meeting of June 20, 2017

The minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2017 were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no errors or omissions noted.

Motion #17-166

Councillor Nash/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the minutes of June 20, 2017 are adopted as circulated.

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

JUNE 27, 2017 MEETING

Minutes of a special meeting held June 27, 2017 were circulated prior to the meeting; there was one error noted in the attendees list which was corrected.

Motion #17-167

Councillor Greene/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 27, 2017 are adopted as circulated and amended.

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

Two motions were passed at that time and are tabled here for ratification.

Ratification of Motion: Dunville Service Lines Project

Motion #17-168

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to award the Dunville Service Lines Project - Contract #DMA #17-CWWF-17-00089 to the low bidder, M. J. Hickey Construction Ltd. at a cost of \$1,738,373.81 plus engineering for a total project cost of \$1,966,906.41 including HST is ratified.

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

Ratification of Motion: Paving of Municipal Streets

Motion #17-169

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to adopt paving of municipal streets as per the list provided to Council prior to the meeting (O'Reilly, Flynn, and King Streets, Kelly's Lane and Lake's Road) and additional streets if funding permits; and to award the paving to the low estimate received from Concord Paving is ratified.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

A report on the Executive Committee meeting held on July 13, 2017 was circulated prior to the meeting for Council's information.

Public Works Manager

The Executive Committee recommended that Council approve the creation of the Position of Manager of Public Works to fill the position being vacated by the retiring Supervisor of Public Works funding for which was approved during the budget process.

Motion #17-170

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to create the Position of Manager of Public Works to fill the position being vacated by the retiring Supervisor of Public Works is adopted by Council.

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

Vote on Requirement to Vacate Seat

The Executive Committee recommended that Council resolve to vacate the Council seat formerly occupied by Frank Coombs due to Conflict of Interest in keeping with Section 207 of the Municipalities Act and as determined by the fact finding process conducted by Greg French Law.

Motion #17-171

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to vacate the Council seat formerly occupied by Frank Coombs due to Conflict of Interest in keeping with Section 207 of the Municipalities Act and as determined by the fact finding process conducted by Greg French Law. is adopted.

(CARRIED 4:2 Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors and Nash, Greene voted in favour of the motion; Councillors, Collins and Woodman voted against the motion.)

Mr. Coombs will be advised of his right to appeal within 21 days of the date of notification under section 410 (1) of the Municipalities Act.

Land Lease - Fire Training Site

The Executive Committee recommended that Council approve entering into a lease with the Port of Argonia 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.

Motion #17-172

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to enter into a lease with the Port of Argonia for the period 2017 to 2022 with the option for three renewable five year terms at a rate of \$1.00 per year is adopted. The 2.98 acres of land will be used for the Placentia Volunteer Fire Department Training Facility.

(CARRIED 5:1 Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Greene, and Woodman voted in favour of the motion; Councillor Collins voted against the motion.)

Codes of Conduct for Councillors and Staff

The Executive Committee has reviewed drafts of a Code of Conduct for Councillors and a Code of Conduct for Employees. This document was circulated to Council for their perusal on July 13, 2017 with the intention of voting on it this evening; however the draft has now been sent to CUPE and will be brought forward to next month's committee meetings to provide a recommendation to Council. This is in keeping with Council's strategic planning and is based on information supplied by other municipalities who have such policies in place.

Hon. Siobhan Coady and Hon. Sherry Gambin-Walsh visited the Town Hall recently. They discussed the Husky Project and issues of concern with Mayor Power and the CAO and toured the Town Square facilities. Mayor Power and the CAO also met Ken McDonald and his EA; the Town is information gathering for them in hopes of positive feedback on our request for federal funding for the pool.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Accounts Payable

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated July 11, 2017 in the amount of \$71,987.52.

Motion #17-173

Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated July 11, 2017 in the amount of \$71,987.52 is adopted.

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

Cheque Register - General Account

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Cheque Register dated July 11, 2017 in the amount of \$157,051.24 for cheques numbered 025763 to 025887.

Motion #17-174

Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that the motion to adopt the Cheque Register dated July 11, 2017 in the amount of \$157,051.24 for cheques numbered 025763 to 025887 is adopted.

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

Cheque Register - Special Accounts

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Special Accounts Cheque Register for the month of July 2017.

Motion #17-175

Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that the Special Accounts Cheque Register for the month of July 2017 is adopted.

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

Visa Statement

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Visa statement dated May 30 to June 2017 in the amount of \$2,236.69.

Motion #17-176

Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Visa statement dated May 30 to June 2017 in the amount of \$2,236.69 is adopted.

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

Account # HUNT-001 Tax Adjustment

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve a tax credit adjustment of \$2,500.00 plus interest of \$1,350.00 to account number HUNT-001; confirmation has been received that the company was not operational in Argentina during this period.

Motion #17-177

Councillor Greene/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a tax credit adjustment of \$2,500.00 plus interest of \$1,350.00 to account number HUNT-001 is adopted.

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

Other Highlights of the meeting

The Finance Committee did not recommend approval of the Placentia Rowing Club's request for a donation for the opening ceremonies of the Placentia Regatta. The Town provides the Regatta Committee a grant each year, however if a shortfall is indicated following the event, the Town will revisit the request.

The Committee did not recommend waiving Arts Centre rental fees for the Placentia Theatre d'Heritage. Accounting practice is that the Centre should collect all revenues properly. A funding request to offset the fees was forwarded to Placentia 350th Inc. for consideration.

Staff were successful in negotiating a reduction in fees with Moneris; this will result in a savings of approximately \$4,300 per year for the Town.

The Finance Committee conducted a six month fiscal review and are pleased to report that expenditures are at 52% of the budget projections and revenues are at 70% as a result of good fiscal management. Of particular interest, the arena revenues are at peak and the fall season has not yet started. This is attributed to extra tournaments and introduction of summer activities (i.e. fitness sessions, floor hockey, etc.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

#1 Ferndale Road - Residential Extension

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a residential extension at #1 Ferndale Road, Jersey side with the stipulation that the existing porch be removed.

Motion # 17-178

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a residential extension at #1 Ferndale Road, Jersey side is adopted with the stipulation that the existing porch be removed.

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

#20 Battery Road - Accessory Building

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to construct a shed at #20 Battery Road, Jersey side on condition that the application meet municipal guidelines for accessory building construction including height less than 6m and less than 80% square footage of the primary building.

Motion # 17-179

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a permit to construct a shed at #20 Battery Road, Jersey side is adopted on condition that the application meet municipal guidelines for accessory building construction including height less than 6m and less than 80% square footage of the primary building.

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

#1132 Main Road - Accessory Building

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to construct a garage at #1132 Main Road, Dunville with the stipulation that the application meet municipal guidelines for accessory building construction including height less than 6m and less than 80% square footage of the primary building.

Motion # 17-180

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a permit to construct a garage at #1132 Main Road, Dunville is adopted with the stipulation that the application meet municipal guidelines for accessory building construction including height less than 6m and less than 80% square footage of the primary building.

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

#405 Southeast Road - Accessory Building

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to construct a shed at #405 Southeast Road, Placentia with the stipulation that the application meet municipal guidelines for accessory building construction including height less than 6m and less than 80% square footage of the primary building.

Motion # 17-181

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a permit to construct a shed at #405 Southeast Road, Placentia is adopted with the stipulation that the application meet municipal guidelines for accessory building construction including height less than 6m and less than 80% square footage of the primary building.

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

#1255-1257 Main Road - Residential Extension

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to construct an attached garage at #1255-1257 Main Road, Dunville as per the application submitted.

Motion # 17-182

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a permit to construct an attached garage at #1255-1257 Main Road, Dunville is adopted as per the application submitted.

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

#7A O'Reilly Street - Fence Construction

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to construct a fence at #7A O'Reilly Street, Placentia as per the application.

Motion # 17-183

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a permit to construct a fence at #7A O'Reilly Street, Placentia as per the application is adopted.

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

Argentia Locations - Wayfinding Signage

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to install wayfinding signage at various locations in Argentia.

Motion # 17-184

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a permit to install wayfinding signage at various locations in Argentia is adopted.

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

#20 Swan's Road - Patio Construction

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to construct a patio #20 Swan's Road, Placentia as per the application.

Motion # 17-185

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a permit to construct a patio #20 Swan's Road, Placentia as per the application is adopted.

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

#19 Humphrey Street - Accessory Building

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to construct a shed at #19 Humphrey Street, Jerseyside with the stipulation that the application meet municipal guidelines for accessory building construction including height less than 6m and less than 80% square footage of the primary building.

Motion # 17-186

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a permit to construct a shed at #19 Humphrey Street, Jerseyside is adopted with the stipulation that the application meet municipal guidelines for accessory building construction including height less than 6m and less than 80% square footage of the primary building.

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

Vendor Permit - Jewelry Sales

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a vendor permit to sell jewelry at Placentia Mall.

Motion # 17-187

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a vendor permit to sell jewelry at Placentia Mall is adopted.

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

Vendor Permit - Ticket Sales

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to sell tickets at Placentia Mall (Placentia Seniors Club).

Motion # 17-188

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a permit to sell tickets at Placentia Mall for the Placentia Seniors Club is adopted.

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

Flushing Plan

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve a water system flushing plan identifying hydrant locations and flushing procedures at a cost of \$16,900 as approved in the budget process. This recommendation is also approved by the Finance Committee for expenditure purposes.

Motion # 17-189

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Greene

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a water system flushing plan identifying hydrant locations and flushing procedures at a cost of \$16,900 as approved in the budget process is adopted.

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

Waste Collection Contract

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the renewal of the Waste Collection Contract with the Eastern Regional Service Board for an additional one year period effective January 1, 2018. There was a motion made by Councillor Woodman and seconded by Councillor Greene but it was withdrawn and deferred to the next committee meeting. Staff is asked to gather information on how residents can dispose

of items such as creosote blocks and fish nets that Eastern Waste does not collect and that cannot be brought to the Fox Harbour Road Waste Recovery Facility. The CAO informed Council that these are special wastes that Eastern Waste will not collect; however there is a system in place for their disposal. Fish nets are a concern because they jam up machinery and special consideration has to be made but they can be brought to Robin Hood Bay. Other wastes such as creosote blocks and railway ties are also accepted at the Robin Hood Bay facility but they are not collected by Eastern Waste.

Permits Not Recommended for Approval

A request for a permit to construct a shed at #71 Hartigan Street was rejected because it does not meet municipal regulations. Council requested that staff revisit the application.

A request to install a sea can for storage at #214 Harbour Drive was rejected. Regulations require there be a primary building before an accessory building is constructed; sheds are to be of the same material and siding as the primary building and sea cans are meant for industrial sites and this is a residential area.

The request for a permit to operate a vehicle detailing business in the Placentia area was rejected as submitted based on the assumption that the operation would be located in a residential area. The Public Works Supervisor was asked to clarify this, if it is mobile the permit will be approved.

Station Road

Serious erosion continues on Station Road as evidenced after the recent rain storm. Management will contact engineering firms for a quote to do a study to determine what needs to be done to protect the integrity of the hill and the residents that could be affected by the existing problems.

Blind Hill - Southeast

A resident contacted the Town of Placentia regarding blind hill conditions on Southeast Road believed to be a contributing factor to a pedestrian/vehicle accident last week. This road is the responsibility of the provincial Department of Transportation and Works and therefore the issues outlined cannot be addressed by the Town of Placentia. However; the Town will support the resident's initiatives to address speeding, ditching and shoulder of the road washout, bus stop location, and installation of signage regarding the blind hill by writing the various agencies confirming the need for attention to these matters.

Request to Construct a Road off Follett's Lane

The Committee did not recommend construction of a new road off Follett's Lane - this is green space and the proposed road is not permitted adjacent to the waterway.

MUNICIPAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Councillors Dan Greene & William Woodman; Resource Person - CAO)

The Municipal Enforcement Officer is asked to inventory the number of sea cans in the area to advise the owners they are not permitted in residential zones and to inform them they need a permit to erect a shed.

The monthly report of the Municipal Enforcement Department's activities was circulated with Council packages.

Stats have been taken from the radar speed sign on Prince William Drive; since its installation, speeding has decreased by 20%. Information taken from the sign will provide RCMP with time of day that the highest exceedances are recorded. Speeding is a concern all through the municipality and next year the Town will purchase another sign as part of its three year traffic calming strategy.

Bridge Issues

The entire community is aware that the lift bridge was out of commission from around noon until about 11:30 p.m. on Sunday July 16 when it reopened to vehicular traffic only. Mayor Power spoke with the Deputy

Minister of Transportation and Works as well as the Assistant Deputy Minister throughout the day to obtain information for residents. The bridge was fully operational by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Mayor Power has requested a meeting to be debriefed on the problems and to determine a path forward to alleviate them and disruption of service. Mayor Power will ensure that the Department understands the effect this type situation has on tourism and local business and express concerns with lack of signage, flag persons, notices, etc. for residents and tourists - not only at the bridge but in Dunville directing traffic to the Southeast Road. Council expressed their concerns with response time, if the bridge was non-operational at noon, why was it 10:30 p.m. before someone from maintenance was on site.

It was noted that the condition of the secondary road through Route 91 is less than acceptable. The Minister of Transportation and Works and our MHA confirm that the department will be asked to review the maintenance of that road.

CULTURE & TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT

(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillors Noella Collins; Resource Person - CAO)

The Arts Centre has had updates to the facility including a portable floor and upgrades to sound and lighting.

Films on the Go starts on Wednesday with a presentation called *Crocuses* directed by native Wanda Nolan. The Small Town/Big Town musical by Laval High school is also being presented.

Planning is in place for the Ternua 2017 visit. Details of activities during the visit are available on the Town's social media sites; it was noted that the Festival being held from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. on July 27th is free admission to the general public.

The Voices of Placentia Bay Festival is set for August 4th to the 6th. In addition to the performances from local talent, Blue Eyed Blonde, Nautical Mile and Sons of Erin will take the stage. All residents are encouraged to attend.

The Town has placed three students with the Tourism Department.

The summer activity guide was distributed by the Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications and has been mailed out to residents.

The Town map has been circulated throughout the community, as well as placed in the Whitbourne Visitors Information Centre.

Wayfinding Signage has been designed with the assistance of funding from the Avalon West Community Development Corporation. The Town is preparing an application to the provincial and federal governments to cost share in implementation of the recommendations contained in the plan.

Placentia Aware registration continues, all residents are encouraged to make sure they sign up to receive emergency notifications and events updates from the Town. For further information see the Town's **Sign Up Notifications** on the homepage of the Town's website www.placentia.ca.

The acceptance of the painting of the pride crosswalk on Prince William drive was attested to by 40,000 hits on our web site. Visitors from Plentzia, Basque Country were impressed and will be painting a similar crosswalk in their home town.

The recent Canada 150 fireworks event undertaken by the Town was a vast success. There have been many positive comments on the street about how the Town once again stepped up to commemorate such an important event. An excellent job was done by all who organized the event.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillor Frankie Nash; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson; Resource Person - CAO)

The summer recreation programs are in full swing with 140 children registered for weekday activities as well as plans for a seniors program on Fridays and implementation of weekday evening activities for both boys and girls. Students took part in a week long training camp which included First Aid, High Five, Coaching, Safety, Labour Relations and familiarization with the Employee Handbook.

The official opening of the Wayne John Searle Playground took place on Sunday July 9th. Again staff were commended for the excellent organization of the event.

Dunville Lions Club and Freshwater Community Centre are donating fitness equipment for a wellness room at Unity PARC. Some renovations have to be made but it is hoped the facility will be functional this fall.

The Placentia Regatta takes place on July 22. Council sends congratulations to the Placentia Lions Team from 1997 who will be recognized during the opening ceremonies on the 40th anniversary of their portage from Placentia to St. John's with their rowing shell on their backs and who proceeded to take the triple crown of the rowing events.

The Mayor's March in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation will take place on August 14th at 7:00 p.m. This is open to all Councillors and staff and all residents are invited and encouraged to take part.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Frankie Nash, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson; Councillor Noella Collins; Resource Person - CAO)

PBIS

The date for this year's Placentia Bay Industry Showcase is September 19th and 20th. The PBIS is in its 14th year. The Town wishes the organizers well with their planning.

Lunch and Learn

The Chamber of Commerce is interested in hosting the next Lunch and Learn meeting, but are waiting on a reply from Eddie Maher and Bill Hicks (from *Argentia Gold Ltd.*) regarding their new business venture.

It was suggested to check with CBDC as they may be able to offer a babysitting course through the Youth Ventures Program. This has been scheduled for youth starting at the Grade VII level; there are 18 teens registered.

The Committee continues to discuss opportunities in the tourism sector including development of a farmers' market for the area.

RDÉE TNL Funding

A copy of a draft Memorandum of Understanding outlining proposed terms and conditions of a possible agreement between the French Economic Development Board and the Town of Placentia was circulated. It is understood that there will be no financial commitment expected from the Town of Placentia. The Town will request a meeting with this group to further discuss terms of a MOU which will be brought to Council before the Town enters into an agreement.

COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Staff responsible for community events, facility improvements, beautification improvements were all complimented for their efforts. Comments have come from residents and visitors that the entire Town is looking really good. Kudos to all.

Mayor Power and the CAO met with MP Ken McDonald and his Executive Assistant, Ken Carter recently. Issues of concern to Council were discussed and it was a very positive meeting. Mr. McDonald hopes to attend some of the Town's upcoming events.

Ministers Siobhan Coady and Sherry Gambin-Walsh recently toured the Town Square and were very impressed by our facilities. A brief discussion was held on the upcoming Husky Project in Argentia and the need for government support to upgrade our infrastructure. During the meeting Mayor Power brought the matter of the \$60 million dollar Husky fund to the table and made it clear to the Ministers that the Town is adamant that our municipality should be the recipient that benefits most from this along with support for improvements at the Port of Argentia. Route 100 through Dunville was once again brought to the province's attention with another level of urgency in light of the increased traffic to come with the Husky project.

Mayor Power and the CAO were invited by the Port of Argentia to visit the Transshipment facility in Arnold's Cove. This was deemed to be an enlightening experience and a valuable information sharing expedition with ideas shared on mutual opportunities for business at the Argentia Industrial Park and the Arnold's Cove Business Park.

The visit by the municipal representatives from Plentzia, Basque Country was highlighted as a great four day during which the visitors explored our culture and enjoyed our hospitality. Historian Sabino (who was unable to attend) contacted the Mayor with thanks to the Town of Placentia for the gift sent to him. The visit to Spain and their visit to us were memorable experiences and it is hoped the Town will continue to strengthen these ties.

There is a lot of pebble debris at the foot of Jersey Hill that needs to be cleaned up. This is not a municipally owned road so staff will contact the Department of Transportation with the request to do so. Provincial maintenance crews will also be reminded of our request to repair the washouts on the side of the road up to Southeast. A similar problem with erosion of the shoulder of the road exists on Fox Harbour Road as well.

Thanks was extended to the Southeast Playground Committee for their work in upgrades to the Wayne John Searle Playground and on a successful grand opening.

It was noted that the dumping in the watershed area continues; staff advised that the Department of Transportation and Works has temporarily barricaded it and that they will be conducting an environmental assessment and installing guardrails there. Town staff will be reinstating the signage that went missing from that area identifying it as the Town's water supply.

Fort Louis Road Extension is going to be upgraded when the contractor is here to pave. The improvements should help the Town's contractors with garbage collection, snow clearing, etc.

Special thanks was sent out to the Town's Tourism Committee and staff for the excellent job they are doing putting off this year's special events. This was agreed to by all council and it was noted that the variety of events is great for tourism and that the aesthetics of the town are better than ever. It was suggested that there be some plan in place for any activity/event for tourists in the event that the bridge is stuck.

A resident in Jersey side noted that drains are filled and there is nowhere for water to go; he asked if they could be cleared. Public Works advised that this was assessed by engineers a couple of years ago and the solution is new catch basins and culverts which is a capital project.

There have been a lot of compliments on the Town this spring/summer. Council encourages all residents to mow and keep their properties tidy. A request was made to have staff mow the area next to Freshwater Bridge, the Courthouse and the triangle near the Liquor Store.

Council was reminded of this Friday's opening ceremonies of the Placentia Regatta where the 1977 Placentia Lions Crew will be honoured and the full day of races to be held on Saturday.

The Dunville Services Lines Project will start on Monday the 24th of July and pavers are expected in the next week or so.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

MAYOR WAYNE D. POWER, MAYOR

CHARLOTTE HICKEY, CAO

DATE