

Municipal Minute

February 2018

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.

COUNCIL MEETING WEBCAST

Council voted unanimously to webcast Council meetings using YouTube Live. Staff will rearrange the audio equipment in the Council Chambers to make it suitable for recording meetings. Residents will be notified on how to access the broadcast once equipment is in place.

ALLIED YOUTH WEEK

Council proclaimed February 18-24, 2018 as Allied Youth Week in the Town of Placentia. Allied Youth is an organization for students grade 7 through 12 that encourages members to make choices that reflect a healthy lifestyle.

EXEPENDITURE APPROVAL

Highlights of approved expenditures included:

- \$1,633.10 plus HST for maintenance to SCBA and air supply
- \$2,239.06 plus HST for annual SCBA flow testing & repair
- \$1,198 plus HST for hypochlorite for water treatment
- \$1,270 plus HST for soda ash for water treatment
- \$1,224.70 for 2017 High Five Training for students
- \$748.86 for CFM Membership
- \$1,091 for Annual Convention Expense Claim
- \$1,794.74 for labour and materials to Avalon Controls Ltd. For Dunville Water Treatment Plant repairs.
- \$828 plus HST for equipment rental for Freshwater sewer line repair
- \$13,761 plus HST to Centinel for repair of the ammonia system at Unity PARC
- \$336 plus HST for Hospitality NL Membership
- \$200 for Flower Bulbs for Wild Rose Awards
- \$350,000 for Operating Line of Credit at RBC for 2018
- \$3,215 plus HST for equipment rental for Burnt Woods leak repair
- \$730.00 for equipment rental to transport salt and sand

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- Three accessory buildings
- One taxi permit
- Two crown land applications
- One mobile vendor
- One marshalling yard
- One signage
- One commercial and other development

MEETING WITH HUSKY ENERGY

Mayor Power provided Council with the following update from a recent meeting with the Port of Argentia and Husky:

- Traffic Safety Committee will meet in March
- 90 workers on site - 15% locals by end of week
- Regular meetings will be held to keep Town apprised
- Local companies will be used where possible

EDUCATION WEEK

Laval High School and St. Anne's Academy celebrated Education Week on February 11-17th. This year's theme for Education Week was "Believe and Achieve". A number of Councillors and staff had the opportunity to attend activities at our schools.



Mayor Power reading to Grade 3 students at St. Anne's

TRAFFIC CALMING

Council's Public Safety Committee provided the following stats collected on the Town's stationary traffic sign during the week of January 29 to February 25, 2018.

- 64,102 motorists travelled west on Blockhouse Road
- Average number of vehicles per day 2,288
- 28% of motorists exceeded the 50km speed limit
- Max speed clocked 97km/h

The above stats are shared regularly with the RCMP. Council urges all motorists to please slow down to keep everyone safe.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The Placentia Fire Department held its annual cold water rescue practical exercise in Argenta on February 17th with 11 firefighters participating under the direction of Captain Chris Newman.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Community Consultation Session - March 6 (revised date)
- Wild Rose Award - March 21
- Legendary Coasts Tourism Event - March 22
- Peter Jacobs Concert - March 23
- Lions Speak Out - March 25
- Volunteer Appreciation - April (TBA)
- Age Friendly Fair and Expo
- Multicultural Celebration - June 27
- Canada Day Celebration - July 1
- Annual Placentia Regatta - July 21
- Voices Festival and Laval 50 - August 2-6
- Placentia Bay Industry Showcase - September 18-20
- Trunk or Treat - October 28
- Light up the Square - November 26
- Santa Parade - December 1
- Mummer's Parade - December 30

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

WINTER CARNIVAL

"Ice and Snow, We're Ready to Go" was the winning entry for this year's Winter Carnival slogan contest. The winner of the contest was grade 6 student, Hailee O'Keefe. Our Winter Carnival Chairs, Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor Collins Power thanked staff, community volunteers and sponsors for their contribution towards this year's carnival scheduled for February 22-25th.



Above: Carnival Chairs, Councillor Lorraine Collins Power and Councillor Fitzpatrick present Hailee O'Keefe with her slogan contest prize. Below: Carnival mascots, Peter and Peggy Penguin visit Stepping Stones Family Resource Centre for story-time!



NEXT MEETING

The next Public Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7PM March 20, 2018. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, March 9, 2018. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Did you know that a backflow valve can help prevent sewage in an overloaded main sewer line from backing up into your property? Placed directly in the sewer lateral coming from your property, the valve will automatically close in the event that there is a back up in the main sewer. Without this valve, your property is not protected. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that a backflow valve is installed.