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A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held December 17, 2020 at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Council

Mayor: Bernard S. Power

Mayor: Keith Pearson

Councillors: Jamilee Fitzpatrick

Kay Smith

Jane Hynes

Lorraine Collins-Power

Noella Collins (Joined 7:40 pm, late due to work commitments)

Staff

Mary Greene, CAO(A)

Adam Greene, Public Works Superintendent

Rhonda Power, Mgr. Tourism, Marketing & Hospitality

Kathryn Smith, Executive Assistant (A), Recording

Absent: Debbie Gear (Medical Leave)

Spectators: Zero (0)

Mayor Power called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

HOUSEKEEPING

Council would like to remind all residents that on-street parking will be enforced between the hours of midnight 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 offence tickets for such infraction. Damages to personal property (fences, garbage boxes etc.) due to the accumulation of snow is 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.

The Government recently announced 41.5 million in funding for the West White Rose project in Argentia from the Oil and Gas Sector. The project is currently on hold until 2022. The Town is hopeful that the project will restart and is waiting to see how it will unfold.

Council would like to congratulate Dr. Jeffrey Collins of Charlottetown, PEI, who was awarded Honorary Fellowship. Dr. Collins is a native of our area. Congratulations Dr. Collins.

Congratulations to Nathan Barry who got first place in the Special Olympics Unified Sports Fall Fit Challenge.

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Congratulations to the Placentia Foodland who won the 2020 Foodland Holiday Decorating Contest and to Tamara Lalonde in their bakery who designed the cake. The prize is a \$5,000 donation to the Placentia Area Food Bank. Great job, this will certainly help a lot of people in our community.

Individuals or families who need an emergency food hamper can call 213-5333 and leave their name and telephone number. Organizations, businesses, or individuals interested in donating to the Food Bank can all 213-5333 or email placentiaareafoodbank@gmail.com

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #20-352

Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Council meeting held December 17, 2020 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-353

Councillor Hynes/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the minutes of November 30, 2020 are adopted as circulated. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Mayor Bernard Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person -CAO)

The Executive Committee had the following recommendations:

Motion #20-354

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve management pay increase of .30 cents an hour for 5 managers to be paid retroactively to April 1st in the amount of \$1,888.50 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-355

Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve to award preferred candidate, Olympic Construction Ltd. pending confirmation of funding commitment from ACOA and continuation of fundraising efforts of the Wellness Centre is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

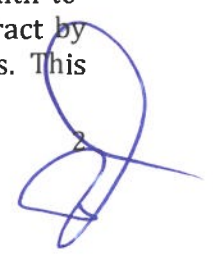
Councillor Fitzpatrick declared conflict due to family relation and left the meeting.

Motion #20-356

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve extension of Waste Management Contract to Provincial Ready Mix on a month-to-month basis for three months pending review of contract by management and compliance with contract conditions. This

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extension will follow the original contract, terms and conditions, and pricing if agreed is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Councillor Fitzpatrick returned to the meeting.

Motion #20-257

Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve 50/50 cost share with the Port of Argentia to replace overhead door at building 502. The Town's amount to pay is \$2,900 plus HST is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-358

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve to move to reduce gas tax project #188-2009-569 Gale's Road - Sewer Line Installation; #188-2009-572 Kelly Crescent Paving; #188-2009-573 Bartlett/Bruley Loop Paving; #188-2012-2052 Development of a Municipal Plan; #188-2014-5118 Relocation of existing sewer line on Hickey's Lane; #188-2015-5426 Arena Upgrades; to actual costs is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

All these projects are complete and a there is a savings from the projects of \$12,440.14. They must be reduced to their actual costs to close out the accounts.

There was a motion for Council to approve an application for a Special Assistance Grant to assist in water filtration for Dunville residents that was recommended by the MHA. This motion was withdrawn. The CAO(A) had contacted the Department of Municipal Affairs, Climate Change and Environment and was informed that water filtration systems do not qualify under a SAG grant. The MHA will be engaged for more short-term options to avail of. The CAO(A) will also research if there is another grant available to apply for to provide a short term solution for the residents of Dunville while we wait for the Clarke's Pond project to be completed. The application for the Clarke's Pond project has been in with the government since September 29th. The normal process is a review, release tender for two weeks, then the evaluation and project award. The application is still with government after numerous discussions with Ministers involved, most recent being several zoom sessions with government. The Department of Environment has questions and concerns about the project and Council has expressed frustrations with the delay of the project moving forward. The funding has been approved and Council is optimistic that the result will be a positive one to move forward with the project and get the connection to Clarke's Pond completed. The Public Work Superintendent has submitted requested information to the government pertaining to the project and there has been no delay on the Town's part. The Premier has been approached and has asked that Minister Bragg and other members of his department meet to discuss the project with the Town. The Town is hoping for a favorable response. As this is out of the Town's hands while awaiting government approval, Dunville residents can lobby the provincial government to move forward with the project. The Town is actively



looking to get the issues resolved. There is another meeting scheduled for December 21st with Minister Derek Bennett of the Department of Climate Change, Environment and Municipalities to try to move forward.

Motion #20-359

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application for Multi-Year Capital Works funding for 2021 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-360

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the Motion to approve request from the Placentia Area Historical Society for a one-time grant of \$1,000 to cover operational needs is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Kay Smith, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person-Mgr. of Finance)

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

Motion #20-361

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Acklands-Granger Inc. in the amount of \$1,729.49 for 6-month breathing air compressor maintenance and 6-month air sample for Fire Department is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-362

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Madsen Construction Equipment in the amount of \$2,060.18 for backhoe maintenance and repairs is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

The Mayor declared conflict in the next motion due to involvement in the Snow Clearing Contract and vacated meeting. Chair moved to Deputy Mayor Pearson.

Councillor Fitzpatrick declared conflict due to family relation and left the meeting.

Councillor Collins joined the meeting.

Motion #20-363

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

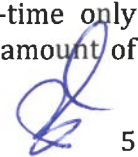
Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Moores & Collins in the amount of \$2,098.75 for RFP for Snow Clearing Contracts is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 5 Councillors Present)

Mayor Power returned to the meeting.

Councillor Fitzpatrick returned to the meeting.



- Motion #20-364** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice Parkland Fuel Corporation in the amount of \$1,650.84 for furnace oil at the arena is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #20-365** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Rebuilt Pumps & Motors Ltd. in the amount of \$1,153.68 for emergency service call for Clarke's Pond distribution pump is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #20-366** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from S&S Supply Crosstown Rentals in the amount of \$1,007.40 for supply of High-P cold patch is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #20-367** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Remaining Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated December 8, 2020 in the amount of \$15,982.22 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #20-368** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Operating Account in the amount of \$275,315.71 for cheques numbered 028952 to 029039 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #20-369** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Special Accounts in the amount of \$100,394.60 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #20-370** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the visa statement dated October 28 to November 27, 2020 in the amount of \$3,332.73 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #20-371** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time only interest adjustment to account #RYANW002 in the amount of \$1,137.41, the account is paid in full is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #20-372** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time only interest adjustment to account #MULRT001 in the amount of



\$880.65, the account is paid in full. There is no adjustment for water & sewer tax is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #20-373

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the purchase of rear backhoe tires from Devan Holdings in the amount of \$2,460 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Lorraine Collins Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Resource Person - Public Works Superintendent. Councillor Noella Collins)

Motion #20-374

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve permit application from Integrated Logistics (NL) Ltd. to construct a commercial shed at #2 Waterfront Drive in Argentia pending all Government Services Centre approvals or exemptions is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #20-375

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Sarah O'Brien for single residential development at #14-26 Shaw's Lane with the upgrade of town road and property access and the following stipulations: streets where there is municipal water shall be paved with asphalt within one year; land for street must be acquired and surveyed to the correct size and turned over to the town when development is completed with street reservation of 15m with 10m paved with a 30m turn around; extension of existing water main to the boundary of the surveyed property; drainage plan to be approved by the Town of Placentia and Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities; subject to all other Service NL approvals. All stipulations must be met before the Town takes over road and supplies property with town services. Occupancy must be approved by the town prior to occupying the dwelling is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #20-376

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve crown land application #157240 from Evan Traverse for parcel of land in Southeast on Route 91 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Highlights of the Public Works & Safety Committee Meeting:

The RCMP report for November was circulated and reviewed by Committee. There were 62 files open and backup was provided to another agency on 1 occasion.



There are some roaming dogs in Dunville that are repeatedly being reported to the Town. The issue is being addressed by the Municipal Enforcement Officer following Town regulations and processes.

ATV Usage on Roads/Safety Presentation with RCMP is scheduled for January 2021. The date and time will be advertised on social media when decided.

Anthracite and filter sand have been added to the Dunville water system. This is a regular maintenance item that the Town is anticipating may help with the colour of Dunville water. There is no guarantee it will help. The process takes a couple of weeks to filter through the system so residents should not expect immediate results. Committee thanks residents for their patience while we work towards better water for Dunville.

CULTURE, TOURISM & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications Absent: Councillor Fitzpatrick due to work commitments)

The Culture, Tourism and Beautification Committee invited members of the Sacred Heart Parish Finance Committee to attend to discuss the convent land. Members of the parish in attendance were Father Jose, Wayne Power, Margie Lannon, and Ian Walsh. The meeting was interesting and positive. The Archbishop has requested the report of the meeting and what land the Town is requesting. This is a work in progress and the Town is anticipating a positive outcome. The next meeting is scheduled for January.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power and Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person - Manager of Recreation and Community programming)

Back to Play information can be found on the Town's facebook page, Recreation page or website at www.placentia.ca/return-to-play-unity-parc

The Town has been awarded the Special Assistance Grant funding for the arena in the amount of \$10,000 from the provincial government in response to covid-19.

Signage will be posted both inside and outside the arena to advertise skate sharpening. If outside users of the arena would like to get their skates sharpened, they can call 227-3996 so attendants can record their names for contact tracing.

A guest sign in page will be created for the arena with a loading page to ensure safety and security of users. Staff and guests will have different access points for wifi.

There is great demand for the fitness room to reopen. The room has poor circulation, and two air exchange units are needed to be installed to reopen the areas. These will be purchased in 2021. The Town is ensuring that the room is safe to open as per CMO direction.



The skate sharpener is getting good use and is generating revenue for the arena. It is estimated to generate \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year.

The Music and Friends group has restarted their sessions at the Arts Centre. Guidelines and rules of the Chief Medical Officer are being followed.

The splashpad is completed and winterized. There needs to be changeroom and restroom facilities at the site. Funding options are being explored with the Playground Committee.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

(Councillor Jane Hynes, Chair; Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick and Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications)

Council would like to remind residents to sign up for the Placentia Aware Notification System for alerts and updates by visiting the website placentia.ca, contacting the Town Hall office by calling 227-2151 or email townofplacentia@placentia.ca. The Town releases many important notices on the system which are important for safety reasons, so all residents are urged to sign up.

The Town is continuously trying to improve how we communicate with residents. Council meetings and community events are live streamed and have poor quality of sound, video, and limited space for uploads. An upgrade of equipment would be beneficial to engage better with the community.

The Port of Argentia along with the Town sponsored a food drive and the RCMP had their annual "Fill the Police Vehicle." If anyone needs food or would like to donate, you can call 213-5333. It is important to continue to support the local food bank.

The Town will have a Christmas greeting on VOCM from December 23rd – December 29th.

Many functions did not happen this year including the Age Friendly Fair. Council is reevaluating how to safely offer support to community events when possible.

The Town's 2021 calendar has arrived, it is a one-page calendar with local photos courtesy of Vanessa Mooney. It will be available in the New Year for residents at the Town Office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick, Chair; and Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power Resource Person – CAO; Absent: Councillor Noella Collinsdue to work commitments)

Correspondence was received proposing a potential initiative for the Town to explore. Committee will be looking further into the initiative and the topic will be discussed with stakeholders.



Budget Speech 2021
Speech Presented By
Councillor Kay Smith, Finance Chair

Good evening Mayor, fellow Councillors and staff as well as members of the general public who are viewing our 2021 Budget Presentation virtually.

It is a pleasure to be presenting my fourth budget speech as Finance Chair. Council is pleased to announce that we have met our planned goals and objectives for 2020, including a collection rate of 98%. Despite the trying year we have had with the pandemic, shutdowns, and economic hardships, we have persevered and are moving forward into the New Year with a positive outlook for 2021.

Council was faced with many challenges with the pandemic. Along with our regular community updates, our Community Engagement and Communications Committee continues to keep our residents well informed with pertinent information regarding public health recommendations, funding supports, business and facility operations, community restrictions and health supports. Residents can find up- to-date information on our website www.placentia.ca.

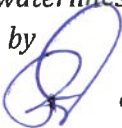
Key Elements of the Budget

For the fourth straight year, our Council has worked with staff to develop a balanced budget. I am happy to announce that there will be no increases in taxes levied for residential property, commercial property, business taxes, and water & sewer taxes in our 2021 budget. We understand that COVID has had an impact on businesses, so our Economic Development Committee is in the process of exploring and developing incentives for businesses.

We as a Council feel that this years' budget works fairly with all departments while ensuring that the needs of all citizens are met with regard to municipal services, infrastructure development and community programs.

Highlights of 2020

I would like to take this opportunity to review highlights of the past year. The Dunville water connection project is currently in phase two of connecting Gull Pond, Barron's Pond and Clarke's Pond and pumphouse upgrades with the final phase scheduled to be completed 2021 at a cost of just over 3.4 million dollars. Dunville will be connected to a new water source and have significant improvement in quality of water. Anthracite and filter sand have been purchased to help with the water colour issues for Dunville residents until the water connection project is completed. The Dunville water project remains a number one priority for Council. Infrastructure upgrades at Burnt Woods have been completed which provided new waterlines, better ground storm drainage and paving for residents. Upgrades to the Lift Station by

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Lawton's was completed at a cost of \$130,000 with a life expectancy of work for 20 years. Paving was completed around town at a cost of \$60,000.

Capital Works projects including Blivet Retrofit and Upgrades at a cost of \$792,467 and SCADA Systems project at a cost of \$420,467 have been approved and will proceed to be completed in 2021.

The Town and the Port of Argentia reached a fair tax agreement that will result in approximately three million dollars with taxation based on gross revenues earned by the AMA over a five-year period. This agreement resulted in a lot of improvements to infrastructure being completed without added burden on residents.

Public Works & Safety

The Town continues to support the Volunteer Fire Department with the purchase of a new laptop to install a new Responding App dispatch system for emergency responders. The Town also endorses the importance of firefighters training and promotes travel and accommodation so members can accomplish upgrading to their firefighting and emergency response skills as needed.

Recreation

The Splash Pad Project was completed at the Southeast Playground below budget at a cost of just over \$58K. Children of our community will be able to enjoy its benefits when it opens to the public this summer.

The Recreation Committee was successful in creating a Winter Activity Guide for residents to avail of activities happening for all age groups in town. The Music and Friends group had many successful events which seniors enjoyed. The Town partnered with PADA and hosted a virtual summer program for kids in the area. Some upgrades to the Arena were completed including a stronger internet connection and the purchase of a skate sharpener which has been generating adequate revenue for the Town.

Culture, Tourism & Hospitality

The reduction in tourism travel globally in 2020 had a significant impact on Tourism in our Town however our Tourism, Cultural and Beautification Committee pivoted and focused on Stay Home Year. Ad campaigns encouraged locals to explore, reconnect and soak it all in. Energy was also directed towards community beautification projects through a partnership with the Town Recreation Department and Placentia Area Development Association. Both Municipal Recreation Maintenance Workers and student workers completed improvements to various town properties and attractions. Summer students also produced virtual tours and



videos that were posted online. There were great reviews, and many people visited our area for the first time, promising to return.

In an effort, to protect our built heritage, the Tourism, Culture and Beautification Committee designated the Star of the Sea building as a Municipal Heritage Landmark and the Three Sisters building as a Municipal Heritage Structure. Plaques will be presented to acknowledge these designations in the new year. The Committee also partnered with Voices of Placentia Bay to deliver various Voices projects both publicly and virtually.

Key Elements of the Budget

Council identified key areas for Capital Works Projects for 2021 with submission to the multi-year capital works program for the following capital works priority list: (1) Station Hill Erosion Control at a cost of \$639,410.94; (2) Jersey side Stormwater Collection at a cost of \$1,998,772.06; (3) Freshwater Sewer upgrades and Outfall Replacement at a cost of \$554,353.52; Funding for these projects is from Town's own sources. Council is also partnering with the Port of Argentina to complete some paving projects throughout the town.

Council is pleased to announce their commitment to the development of the Wellness Centre and have awarded Olympic Construction Ltd with a proposed amount of just over \$10,775,000 with the Town's portion being approximately 2M.

Council fully supports Public Works' decision to revise the tax structure to include that all permit fees must be paid upfront which means that the processing fee and permit fee must be paid with submission of application.

The Public Works and Safety Committee are continuously working with the RCMP to provide safety to the town and are partnering in the New Year to host an ATV Safety Presentation at the Arts Centre for residents. Committee has amended the Anti-Litter Bylaw and this year will enforce businesses to require a garbage receptacle outside their business to try to alleviate littering and promote beautification of our town. We will continue to focus on the cleanup of unsightly properties and work to make our town a prominent tourist destination.

The final highlight of the 2021 budget I will bring you is the affirmation that Council will continue to reward our residential property owners for their support of Council initiatives. This will be achieved by continuing to offer the following discounts:

- Seniors of the age of 65 years or over will be offered a 10% discount if their account is paid in full by June 30th. For those seniors who cannot meet the June deadline, Council is pleased to offer an incentive of a 5% discount if their account is paid in full by December 21st.*



- *The 10% discount date for all other residential property owners will remain from March 31st.*
- *Council is reviewing a business initiative of introducing a reward for businesses who stay in business over milestone periods, such as 5 years (bronze), 10 years (silver), and 25 years (gold).*

Ladies and gentlemen, I believe this covers the more noteworthy points of our 2021 fiscal deliberations and I am pleased at this time to present the Budget 2021 as prepared by your Finance Committee and town management for your consideration and approval.

<i>Department</i>	<i>Expense</i>
<i>General Government</i>	<i>\$979,434.00</i>
<i>Protective Services</i>	<i>\$203,791.00</i>
<i>Transportation Services</i>	<i>\$1,046,532.00</i>
<i>Environmental Health</i>	<i>\$936,560.00</i>
<i>Planning & Development</i>	<i>\$138,225.00</i>
<i>Recreation and Cultural</i>	<i>\$466,459.00</i>
<i>Fiscal Services</i>	<i>\$3,015,305.31</i>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$6,786,306.31</i>

This total overall budget reflects \$4,785,197 for operating expenditures with the balance of 2.5 million being invested in multi-year capital works and gas tax projects.

Mr. Mayor, and Fellow Councillors, I would like to take this time to thank all management and staff for their assistance in helping Council arrive at a balanced budget for 2021.

Motion #20-377

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to adopt the Town of Placentia's 2021 Budget in the amount of \$6,786,306.31 as prepared for submission to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #20-378

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the tax structure for the fiscal year January 1 to December 31, 2021 as presented perused and approved by Council is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

The Mayor thanked Councillor Smith for the budget presentation. Council has certainly been improving to say the least, with the opening comment of a 98% collection in taxes during a pandemic situation is certainly great for the Town of Placentia. This is based on efforts of staff, thanks to all involved. Thank you to the Finance Committee for a balanced budget. It

is good for residents that taxation has not increased. Some may see a reduction in taxes due to lowered assessments. The decrease of assessed values caused a loss of revenue to the Town of just over \$300,000 so through the budget process Council found this money in savings accordingly without having to increase raise taxes.

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Wishing residents, staff, and fellow Councillors a very Merry Christmas. This year will be different for a lot of people, some are home in quarantine right now. This is a different season for us and is a time to reflect on what is important. Make decisions on behalf of your loved ones and not yourself. Follow guidelines of the Chief Medical Officer, what we do over Christmas will reflect how we begin 2021.

To staff, this has been a very trying year for everybody especially due to covid-19. Your professionalism and dedication through covid-19 has been greatly appreciated. Enjoy your time with your family because there have been many times over this past year you have been pulled away from them when you should have been home. Thanks to all inside and outside employees, those that are out in the field do not work a 9-5 job and some people forget that sometimes. They are there to ensure the infrastructure is in place. We wish you all the best over the Christmas season, enjoy it.

Thanks, the Chair of Finance for working hard to bring forth a budget that certainly meets the needs of our residents without any tax increases. Clean water for Dunville residents remains a top priority of this Council and this goes without question. We will do what we need to do to get there.

Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion #20-379

Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)


BERNARD S. POWER, MAYOR


MARY GREENE, CAO(A)

January 28, 2021
DATE



