



## MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held September 21, 2021 at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

### Council

**Mayor:** Bernard S. Power  
**Deputy Mayor:** Keith Pearson  
**Councillors:** Jamilee Fitzpatrick  
Kay Smith  
Jane Hynes  
Noella Collins  
Lorraine Collins-Power

### Staff

Mary Greene, Manager of Finance  
Rhonda Power, Mgr. of Tourism, Marketing & Communications  
Adam Greene, Public Works Superintendent  
Kathryn Smith, Executive Assistant (Recording)

**Spectators :** Zero (0)

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Mayor Power called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

## HOUSEKEEPING

Municipal Election Day is September 28. Polling Stations are open from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm at the Star of the Sea Hall for voters residing in Placentia, Southeast, Jersey side, and Ferndale; Freshwater Community Centre for voters residing in Freshwater; and Dunville Lions Club for voters residing in Dunville. Good luck to all candidates. Residents are encouraged to vote. Every vote matters!

Congratulations to the NL U23 men's softball team who won silver at the 2021 Rawlins Grand Slam Softball Championship in Saskatchewan. Local players included Jordan Pomeroy, Liam Shea, Brent Hatfield, Andrew Kelly, Joel Nash, Marcus Pittman and coaches Bill Pomeroy and Mark Nash. Congratulations to Jordan Pomeroy who received tournament MVP. Good job to all involved.

Congratulations to Jordan Pomeroy, Liam Shea, and Marcus Pittman on being selected to attend the 2021 U23 Men's National Team Selection Camp Roster from September 30 – October 3 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Good luck and have fun!

September 18 –26 is National Coaches Week. National Coaches Week is a time to celebrate the positive impact coaches have on athletes and their communities across Canada and an opportunity to recognize coaches for the integral role they play by taking the time to say **#ThanksCoach** for their time, effort, and generosity.

September 19 – 25 is Gender Equality Week. This year's theme, Advancing gender equality for all, is an opportunity to celebrate the progress Canada has made to date in advancing gender equality, while reflecting on the work that remains to make sure that everyone – regardless of their gender – can reach their full potential. Gender equality benefits everyone—women, men, non-binary people, and people of all gender identities—and can lead to greater health, happiness, and economic prosperity.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

**Motion #21-314**

**Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Collins-Power**

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Council meeting held September 21, 2021 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-315**

**Councillor Hynes/Councillor Smith**

Be it resolved that the minutes of August 17, 2021 are adopted as circulated. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Action Sheet**

The Action Sheet was reviewed by Council.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Mayor Bernard Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person –Manager of Finance)*

The Executive Committee had the following recommendations:

**Motion #21-316**

**Councillor Collins/Councillor Smith**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve that we, the Ultimate Recipient, The Town of Placentia accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, Project number 17-GI-22-00057, Jersey side Stormwater Collection with a total project value of \$1,998,722. This Council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share value of \$362,502 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the Town of Placentia. The Town's portion of \$362,502 for the project will be paid from own sources is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-317**

**Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to appoint Debbie Gear as Alternate Returning Officer for the 2021 Municipal Election is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-318**

**Councillor Hynes/Councillor Smith**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve September 30 which is observed as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada a holiday for Town employees is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-319**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to accept provincial funding for 2021/2022 Fire Protection Vehicles Infrastructure Program, Project No. FES-NL210006 based on a 70/30 cost share agreement for the Town of Placentia Council to purchase a Rescue Unit firefighting vehicle with an estimated project cost of \$310,000. The Town's portion of project will be paid from own sources is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Minutes from Meeting of August 17, 2021 Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Amendment to Motion #21-264. Motion should read: Be it resolved that the motion to approve the name of First Street in Freshwater to be changed to Ward's Lane is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

**Motion #21-320**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Crane Supply in the amount of \$1,202.22 including HST for water system supplies is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-321**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Edward Collins Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$5,820.75 including HST for excavator rental and pit run to construct a drafting site at the firefighter training ground in Argentia is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-322**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Edward Collins Contracting Ltd. in the amount of

\$1,396.10 including HST for maintenance to the 1 tonne sand truck is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-323**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Infotech in the amount of \$2,724.90 including HST for 2 computers and 2 monitors for the Town Office is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-324**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Manning Bradbury Law Offices in the amount of \$1,219 including HST for legal services rendered is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-325**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Matt's Auto Service Ltd. in the amount of \$1,161.74 including HST for commercial inspection and maintenance to fire services vehicle 2017 freightliner is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-326**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Placentia Area Theatre d'Heritage in the amount of \$1,050 including HST for entertainment services at the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Atlantic Charter is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

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

**Motion #21-327**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Provincial Ready Mix Inc. in the amount of \$1,035 including HST for 4 hour rental of vacuum truck on July 5<sup>th</sup> to clean out blivet in Southeast is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

*Councillor Fitzpatrick returned to the meeting.*

**Motion #21-328**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from S&S Supply in the amount of \$1,007.40 including HST for 70 bags of cold patch is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-329**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Remaining Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated September 13, 2021 in the amount of \$18,150.04 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-330**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Operating Account in the amount of \$108,593.78 for cheques numbered 029582 to 029630 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-331**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Special Accounts in the amount of \$166,219.87 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-332**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Visa statement dated July 28 to August 27, 2021 in the amount of \$3,405.34 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-333**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve property tax & interest adjustment to account #POWEV001 in the amount of \$120.03 upon payment of account in full is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-334**

**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time only interest forgiveness to account #CLARL003 in the amount of \$536.96, the account is paid in full is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

The Public Works Committee had the following recommendations:

*Councillor Hynes declared conflict and left the meeting due to family relation to company.*

**Motion #21-335**

**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Smith**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Caregivers to erect a double-sided sign at #77 Blockhouse Road as per development regulations is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

*Councillor Hynes returned to the meeting.*

**Motion #21-336**                      **Councillor Collins/Councillor Fitzpatrick**  
Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Jeil Gale to construct a patio at #1 Villa Marie Drive as per development regulations is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-337**                      **Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes**  
Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Jeil Gale to construct a shed at #1 Villa Marie Drive as per development regulations is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

*Deputy Mayor Pearson declared conflict for the next motion and left the meeting.*

**Motion #21-338**                      **Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins**  
Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Keith Pearson to construct a deck at #47 Frecker Place as per development regulations is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

*Deputy Mayor Pearson returned to the meeting.*

**Motion #21-339**                      **Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes**  
Be it resolved that the motion to reject application from Lily Martin for residential extension at #4 Eveleigh's Hill as rear yard requirement cannot be met and does not qualify for variance is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-340**                      **Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes**  
Be it resolved that the motion to rescind Motion #21-304 to approve application from Evan Traverse for residential development at #21-31 Castle Hill Road with stipulations that the right-of-way is brought to municipal standards with street reservation of a 15m road way, 10m paved, and 30m turn around within 1 year at developers cost; extension of water line to boundary at developers cost; water pressure will be lower than required so own sources will be required to boost water pressure; sewer connection will be at cost of developer; all stipulations must be met before Town takes over road and development is to be done according to the Municipal Plan. This is not a permit to occupy is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**Motion #21-341**                      **Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins**  
Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Evan Traverse for residential development at #21-31 Castle Hill Road with stipulations that the road is maintained by the Town, however, is not currently paved; water pressure will be

lower than required so own sources will be required to boost water pressure; Town water & sewer connection will be at the cost of developer; all costs associated with the foregoing are the responsibility of the proponent; development is to be done according to the Municipal Plan. This is not a permit to occupy is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

**CULTURE, TOURISM & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillor Kay Smith; Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications.)*

The Culture, Tourism and Beautification Committee had no meeting to report, however, Councillor Collins provided an update.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power and Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person – Public Works Superintendent)*

The Recreation Committee had the following recommendation:

**Motion #21-342**

**Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve up to \$15,000 under energy conservation to tender, supply and install installation at Unity PARC as per Public Works Superintendent recommendation. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Deputy Mayor Pearson provided an update from the Committee meeting report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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

The Community Engagement and Communications Committee had no meeting to report, however Councillor Hynes provided an update.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

*(Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick, Chair; Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power; Councillor Noella Collins; Resource Person – CAO.)*

The Economic Development Committee had no meeting to report, however, Councillor Fitzpatrick provided an update.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence received since last meeting was circulated for Council's information.

**Other Business of Councillors**

The Mayor provided the following updates:

The Dunville Water System Update: this Council has worked relentlessly to get Dunville connected to the Clarke's Pond water source. Council identified early that the water source needed to be upgraded from the Wyse's Pond connection. Council was successful in getting funding for this project. In an estimated time of three weeks this project should be completed and Dunville will be connected to Clarke's Pond water source with cleaner water. This is a great achievement with over \$5M expended for the project. All communities of Placentia will now be on the same water source. This project has been a great accomplishment for this Council.

The process for permits: There is 7 Committees of Council at which there are three Councillors and a resource person. When Public Works, for example, receives an application, the Committee will review to make sure it is compliant with development regulations and brings forth the recommendation to Council for all of Council to vote on. The same process is followed for all requests received by Committee's. All Committee's must ensure due diligence and follow processes. It takes a lot of work and dedication to run the Town.

Council has a base priority list for capital works projects. The last list was over \$30M. Council has responsibilities and priorities can change. Unforeseen circumstances occur and priorities change due to issues that must be dealt with. The capital works priority list is a working list. Council will continue to apply for funding to get projects completed.

### **COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

Thanks were extended to the Port of Argentia for their partnership.

Councillors thanked family, residents, and fellow Councillors for the support, learning opportunity, and dedication over the past four years of being on Council.

Councillors thanked staff for their continuous support, professionalism, assistance, respect and for accepting recommendations and guidance from Council.

Council thanked Public Works and Fire Department for their preparation, being on standby and keeping the town safe during Hurricane Larry.

The Mayor extended thanks to Ian Hubber of Environment and Climate Control Canada who is the storm warning meteorologist. Ian provided numerous updates, was in communication with staff, and available for discussions throughout the day with the Mayor regarding Hurricane Larry and what the town should expect. There were concerns for the flats of Placentia and the evacuation of facilities. Through monitoring the hurricane and reviewing information from Ian, it was determined there was no urgent need to evacuate. Decisions were based on facts and Ian Hubbard was instrumental in guiding Council and staff to make these decisions. Thanks to all that were involved during Hurricane Larry.





Council wished Dr. Wentambenza a warm welcome who will be joining the team at Placentia hospital on October 11.

### Wellness Centre Update

The Wellness Centre started as a project of the Town that was going to cost roughly \$4.5M, then possibly \$6M and finally approval in funding for \$9M was received from the province. There were many struggles with the permit system and tender shortfall. The overage caused approximately an additional \$2.3M for the Town to contribute. Council lobbied the provincial and federal government. Last month the provincial government increased their contribution from \$3.6M to \$4.5M. Ken McDonald has expressed his commitment to the project and Council has requested the federal government to increase their portion. Council is still hopeful the project will proceed and are doing their due diligence to make sure that it will benefit the community.

Robert Beaupertuis, former CAO was requested to give his opinion on the Wellness Centre project before submitting it to government. On the municipal debt and debt payment capacity, he stated that "At the end of 2017 the town of Placentia has long term municipal debt of \$3.7M and it was near the limit debt payment capacity set by the province of 20% of non-capital grant related revenue. Over the last 4 years the debt has been reduced dramatically. By the end of 2021 it will be under \$1.7M. This is because current loans are almost all shorter than 10-year terms. As well, the town has not taken on any new debt over the last years while completing capital works projects. By the end of 2024 the town will essentially have all loans paid off. This would allow the town to take additional debt without too much of a burden on operating cash flow needs."

His conclusion is that "based on current approved funding levels the town of Placentia can meet both the capital and operating costs of the Placentia Wellness Centre and has flexibility to incur greater costs. This project is shovel ready and unlikely to proceed should the town not receive the total \$4.5M that was allocated from the Vale Community Fund; however, this funding has since been received. This project is key to the long-term viability of the town as it will entice families to move here while ensuring we keep the families already in the area. Currently the population is aging, and growth has been stagnant. But with the Wellness Centre the town becomes more attractive for Vale and Port of Argentia workers to live in a healthy and vibrant community. This will help spur growth in other avenues as well. The town and its municipally maintained infrastructure have contributed greatly to the province as the town has been a host to recent major industrial projects and can do so again in the future. Placentia could be a transitional economic tool for the province. But to do so, the town needs further support for a project like the Wellness Centre."

Council will continue to lobby to see that the town can have a viable operation for the residents of Placentia. Council will continue to source funding and are doing due diligence to ensure the same.



**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion #21-343**

**Councillor Hynes/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

  
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**BERNARD S. POWER, MAYOR**

  
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**MARY GREENE, TOWN CLERK**

October 28, 2021  
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