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On behalf of Placentia Town Council and staff, I extend heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of former Mayor William Hogan on his recent passing.

Former Mayor Hogan served the residents of the amalgamated community of Placentia passionately from 1997 to 2001 and from 2005 – 2013 but his presence was felt throughout the community long before and during the amalgamation process.

He served as Mayor of Dunville from 1969 until 1989 during which time he was part of the team that saw the construction of the Dunville Ball Field which has often been called the best facility this side of Montreal. During his tenure in Dunville, under the government of Joey Smallwood, residents saw the Town Hall extended to house a new fire hall.

Mr. Hogan saw the Town through many milestones and historic moments. His accomplishments are too numerous to mention but it would be a shame not to acknowledge his presence in the amalgamated Town of Placentia by pointing out just some of the accomplishments under his leadership:

- He spearheaded negotiations with the Provincial government for debt retirement prior to amalgamation.
- The Town Square upgrades including the Interpretation Centre, Arts Centre and Town Hall can all be attributed to his forward thinking and funding negotiations.
- Townside Placentia was fortunate in getting water and sewer supply firmed up and paving done through Prince William Drive/Blockhouse Road.
- The new Laval High School would have eventually become a reality, but Hogan led the charge to get it sooner and better; he lobbied Vale Inco to get \$2 million dollars to create the state-of-the-art facility it is today.
- Lower Placentia is protected by the wave wall which Hogan lobbied Clyde Wells and John Crosbie to approve funding so many years ago.
- He fought hard against the elimination of the Placentia Cottage Hospital when he served in the Clyde Wells government, three years of which he held a cabinet post.

When asked once what he thought of being awarded medals for his community Service, he replied, “I was honoured”. On behalf of the Town of Placentia and its residents, I too am honored to pay tribute to former Mayor William P. Hogan.

Out of respect for former Mayor Hogan and his immense contributions to the Town, the flags at the Town Hall will be lowered to half-mast, and the Town offices will close on the day of his funeral.

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