

Municipal Highlights

March 2023

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Purple Day is a global effort to promote Epilepsy Awareness in countries around the world. Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26th annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma, and improve the quality of life for people living with epilepsy throughout the country and globally. The Town has signed a proclamation for awareness and support. Please wear purple on March 26th to support Epilepsy awareness.

March 6 was World Lymphedema Day. Lymphedema is a chronic and debilitating disease that affects many people in our province. March 6 of each year is internationally recognised as World Lymphedema Day to raise awareness about this disease and the treatment options available. The Town signed a proclamation for support and awareness.

March 21st, we celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down syndrome around the world. This year, Down Syndrome International has chosen the theme With Us, Not For Us. A reminder to the entire community that people with Down syndrome need to be a part of the work being done to secure them the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

COUNCIL EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

- Congratulations to former Town of Placentia employee Rhonda Power who is pursuing a new career after 26 years. Your service and accomplishments are greatly appreciated, all the best in your future endeavours!
- Congratulations to all minor hockey and basketball teams who participated in tournaments over the past month.
- Congratulations to the first all female U11 Lions Hockey Team who won the banner at their provincial tournament.
- Congratulations to Cadet Bishop & Cadet Brooks who will be travelling to Happy Valley Goose Bay to participate in the Atlantic Winter Expedition.
- Congratulations to Kiwanis Music Festival participants.
- Congratulations to Anne Whelan, CEO of Seafair Capital who will be inducted into the NL Business Hall of Fame in May.

APPROVALS

- Council approved a Municipal Tax Agreement with Cenovus Energy Inc.
- Council adopted the Equipment Standing Offer for the period of May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 .

PERMITS

- Development permit for marshall yard
- Vendor permit for mobile pressure washing business
- Fence construction
- Vendor permit to operate a mobile party bus
- Installation of sea can in Argentia to be used as a boat basin

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Letters have been sent to those that are delinquent in property and water & sewer taxes. The Town is following the *Municipalities Act, 1999* for collection of taxes. Those that have received a letter are strongly encouraged to contact the Town and make arrangements to avoid water shut off.



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**TOWN OF PLACENTIA
MUNICIPAL TAX**

DISCOUNT DEADLINE—MAY 3, 2023

Taxpayers are reminded that the 10% discount deadline for payment of current residential property and water & sewer taxes is May 3, 2023.

Tax payments can be made with cheque, cash, debit or credit card at the Town Hall, by mail (postmarked), telephone or online banking with the Royal Bank, Scotia Bank, Bank of Montreal or CBIC.

Residents are reminded to deduct the 10% from the invoice total before paying bill online if making payment prior to the discount date of May 3, 2023.



PORT OF ARGENTIA UPDATE

- A second contract has been approved with Boskalis
- Port of Argentia Board selection closes March 31st
- The Port is currently hiring for two (2) positions, a Health, Safety & Environment Coordinator and General Manager, Port Operations. Information about these job opportunities can be found on both the Port of Argentia and Town of Placentia websites

UNITY PARC ARENA UPDATE

Unity PARC Arena and Fitness Room use & indoor walking closes to the public April 14th, 2023.

TOWN HALL INFORMATION

Office Hours 9AM— 4:30PM 709-227-2151
After hours Public Works Emergency 709-227-4314

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The link to watch this broadcast and future meetings can be found on the Town's website www.placentia.ca. The next public meeting is scheduled for 7PM April 18, 2023. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, April 7, 2023. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings.

COMMUNITY 5K RUN/WALK/STROLL EVENT

Congratulations to everyone that took part in the annual Paddy's Day walk/run/stroll event!



PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

The Town of Placentia hosted a Public Safety Engagement session on Monday, March 27th, 2023. We would like to thank the RCMP in helping us create important safety dialogue among our residents.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN YOUR HOME

Host families are required for Laval High School in September 2023 for the NL Academic Island International Student Education Program. All students will be in Laval from September—December. For more information please contact hayward@academicisland.ca

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING

Sorting your waste into the three waste streams is as easy as 1, 2, 3! Place rinsed **containers** in a transparent blue bag. Place **paper products** in a separate transparent blue bag. Place both bags at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Thank you to Cenovus Energy Inc. for the generous donation of speed radar signs. Speeding is still an issue throughout the Town. Drivers are asked to proceed with caution in school zones and keep an eye for children at play.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Easter Social—March 31st
- Volunteer Week— April 16-22
- Age Friendly Expo— April 28-29
- Business Excellence Awards—May 27
- Multicultural Celebration—June 27
- Canada Day Celebrations—July 1
- PATH Theatre Festival—July & August
- Tours of St. Luke's—July & August
- Annual Placentia regatta—July 22
- Argentia Day—July 23
- Voices Festival—August 4—6
- Ferndale Fun Day—TBD
- PAHS Tea Party—August 12
- Jake's Show N Shine—September 16
- Trunk or Treat—TBA
- Light up the Square—November 27
- Santa Parade—December 2

