

Municipal Highlights



This publication is dedicated to providing residents with important information to highlight significant developments and other noteworthy items from the Placentia Council Chamber. The Municipal Highlights is published following each Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council recognized the following dates:

- April 28 - National Day of Mourning
- May 4 - 9, 2020 - Economic Development Week
- May 4 - 10, 2020 - CMHA Mental Health Week

Council extended condolences to Adrian Healey on the passing of his wife, Theresa Healey. Adrian was a past employee of the Town and worked in our taxation department for several years. Our thoughts are with him at this difficult time.

Council extended condolences to the families of the victims of the recent shooting rampage in Nova Scotia. It was a tragic event that unfolded, and our deepest sympathy goes out to all the families of the victims and to the RMCP on the loss of their member, Constable Heidi Stevenson.

Council acknowledged the widespread flooding in Fort McMurray and wished all the residents well and safe during this emergency.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$1,321.06 including HST for water and sewer supplies.
- \$1,035.00 including HST for Fire Shield yearly subscription.
- \$1,150.87 including HST for furnace oil at the Arena.
- \$2,933.93 including HST and a one-year warranty, to rebuild radiator in pumper truck.

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- Three Accessory Building
- Two Business Occupancy

INDISCRIMINATE DUMPING

Public Work Department is receiving reports of illegal dumping within the Town's planning boundary. The Town takes this matter very seriously and will be installing new surveillance cameras in known problem areas. All members of the community have a role to play in reducing litter and illegal dumping. If anyone has

information regarding illegal dumping, you are urged to contact the RCMP or Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS(8477).

WATER SEWER RATES FOR VACANT LAND

Council adopted a new policy for charging water and sewer rates for vacant land and vacant land with previous accessory buildings. In cases where water and sewer can be connected; rates of \$70 for water and \$30 for sewer will be charged, pending verification by the CAO (A) or Public Works Superintendent of connectivity.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Stakeholders Session scheduled for May 27, 2020 will take place as a virtual meeting. Topics will include "Impact of COVID-19 on the Economy" and "Supports for Business During COVID-19 Pandemic". Other municipalities will be contacted to find out how they are supporting businesses and how businesses in their communities are being impacted during the pandemic.

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TOGETHER WE CAN FLATTEN THE CURVE

- Wash**
your hands well and often to avoid contamination
- Cover**
your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue
- Avoid**
touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Clean**
and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stop**
shaking hands or hugging when saying hello or greeting other people
- Distance**
yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell

RECREATION FACILITIES

Unity PARC , the Arts Centre, Parks, Playgrounds and Field remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The boardwalk remains open however Council introduced stronger physical distancing measures with one way entry. Residents are doing a good job respecting the new guidelines. The Town will be approaching the Department of Transportation to upgrade the shoulder of the roadway to encourage pedestrians to keep off the street.



BOARDWALK ONE WAY ONLY

ENTER ON LEGION END

Please respect & don't stop to socialize



**RETURN via
VETERAN'S WAY**

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MARINE ATLANTIC

A letter was sent to Marine Atlantic requesting consideration to increase freight service in Argentia this summer given that tourist travel will be down. A copy also went to MP McDonald.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Council noted that there are a number of people who have been picking up litter in public spaces around town and in their neighbourhoods while practicing strong physical distancing at the same time. Councillors should forward names to staff so thank you cards can be mailed out. Council encourages everyone to do their part and help keep our environment clean. Bulk Pick up Collection is scheduled for June 1, 2020.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next public meeting is scheduled for 7PM May 26, 2020. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, May 15, 2020. During the COVID-19 pandemic the Council Chamber will be closed. Broadcasts of Council's virtual meetings will be shared on the Town of Placentia YouTube channel.

CIRCULAR TO MUNICIPALITIES RE PARADE

Municipalities have been directed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Provincial Government to refrain from holding parades during the Public Health Emergency, as they are not consistent with the recommended approach to limiting vehicular travel in the province for essential reasons only. Residents are asked to abide by this direction for the health and safety of everyone.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

We recognize these are trying times for all citizens but wish to congratulate you on staying the course and believing #TogetherWeCanFlattenTheCurve. Our behavior does make a difference in flattening the curve. By following the regulations and advice of our Public Health Professionals we are indeed seeing the results, with zero known cases in our community to date! We must remain positive and not let our guard down and continue to follow this advice and to support each other until the threat of the virus is flattened completely in our province. Please be assured that the Town of Placentia takes the safety of our community as a number one priority. We once again thank you for your vigilance and appreciate your cooperation in keeping our community safe and healthy.

RELIABLE COVID-19 INFORMATION

Government of Canada www.canada.ca

Government of NL www.gov.nl.ca

World Health Organization www.who.int

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS CONTACTS

Mental Health Crisis Line (1-888-737-4668/737-4668)

and TTY: 1-888-709-3555) Available 24/7

Crisis Text Line Text "Talk" to 68686

CHANNAL Warm Line (1-855-753-2560 or 753-2560)

Non-emergency, non-crisis telephone support between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

Kids Help Phone (1-800-668-6868) kidshelpphone.ca

Available 24/7

Hope for Wellness Help Line (1-855-242-3310):

www.hopeforwellness.ca

TOWN HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

Municipal business can be conducted by

Tel. 709-227-2151 Fax. 709-227-2323

Email townofplacentia@placentia.ca

www.placentia.ca YouTube: TownofPlacentia

Facebook: Town of Placentia Twitter @townofplacentia

After hours Public Works Emergency 227-4314/227-4316

LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

All Emergencies 911

Healthline 811

Ambulance 227-3808

Fire Department 227-3200

Food Bank 213-5333

Placentia Health Centre 227-2013

RCMP 227-2000



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