

Municipal Highlights



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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 - Child Abuse Prevention Month
- ◇ April 18 -24 - Volunteer Week
- ◇ April 21 - Administrative Professionals Day
- ◇ April 22 - Earth Day
- ◇ May 31- Bulk Collection Day

Council extended congratulations to Gord Pike for his contribution to the Town. Gord has been the Manager of Recreation and Community Programming since 2017. Council wished Gord well in his future endeavours.

Council extended congratulations to Argentia Gold on the official opening of their facility in Argentia.

Council extended a warm thank you to Sergeant Kimball Vardy for protecting and serving our community for the past 4 years. Sergeant Vardy will be transferring to another post in the near future. The Sergeant was actively involved in many community groups including our Placentia Age Friendly Committee.

Council also extended a warm welcome to new RCMP Staff Sergeant Tim Williams.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$1,772.21 for annual flow testing of fire fighting equipment
- \$1,493.34 for 6-month servicing of breathing air compressors
- \$1,440.25 for materials for Splashpad maintenance shed
- \$9,117.82 for 12 chlorine cylinders and the return of 12 cylinders
- \$1,196 for brake maintenance on the F350 Ford Salt Truck
- \$2,000 for fireworks for Canada Day as per grant
- \$17,361.50 for second quarter assessment fees
- \$1,104 for 4 hour sewer jet combo truck rental
- \$150 donation towards Laval High School Scholarship Fund

OTHER APPROVALS

- RFQ to replace CO Detectors at the arena to the lowest bidder Skyline Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$8,625 including HST
- Business Tax Incentive Policy to come into effect May 1, 2021

BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVE POLICY

The Town's newly adopted business tax incentive policy recognizes long standing businesses in the Town with a reduction in their business taxes.

Businesses can receive the tax incentive in their business taxes in a year of a milestone anniversary of operations in the Town based on Council approval of a standard application. For determining the length of operations, the beginning year will be based on the latter of the year of amalgamation (1994) or the first of operation of a business. The definition of business will be based on legal entity. If a business owner sells the legal entity, the years of operation will not be affected for the basis of award for incentive. In the first year of the policy, businesses shall only receive one incentive being the highest milestone achieved. In the year of award, businesses will receive the incentive after all outstanding taxes are paid and they have an approved application. Applications are to be received by June 30 of each year. Should a business not meet the application deadline in a milestone year they may apply the next year. Businesses with an existing tax agreement with the Town do not qualify for this incentive.

Incentives consist of :

- 5% forgiveness of business tax capped at \$500.00 for 5 years of operations
- 10% forgiveness of business tax capped at \$1,000.00 for 10 years of operations
- 25% of forgiveness of business tax capped at \$1,500.00 for 25 years of operation plus a commemorative plaque

Applications for the Business Tax Incentive will be available at the Town Hall and on the Town website www.placentia.ca by May 1, 2021.

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- Two vendor permits
- One building permit
- One accessory building permit
- One building extension permit

HERITAGE

The Town designated The Three Sisters building as a Municipal Heritage Structure and the Star of the Sea as a Municipal Heritage Landmark. Presentation of bronze plaques to both sites took place earlier in April. Congratulations to the recipients on their valuable contribution to Placentia's heritage properties.



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

The Town has requested a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Hon. Elvis Loveless, regarding the bridge and other matters of provincial infrastructure throughout the town. Paving projects on Route 100 and Southeast were awarded last year, however, have still not started. The Town will express the importance of getting these underway as well as lobby for some additional paving.

FITNESS ROOM

The Strength and Conditioning Room at Unity PARC is open from 2:30pm – 8:00pm Monday to Friday until May 31, 2021. Each day will consist of four 60 minute sessions, with 30 minutes in between sessions designated for cleaning. The sessions are 2:30-3:30, 4:00-5:00, 5:30-6:30, and 7:00-8:00. A maximum of eight people may attend each session. You must pre-register for a session by calling 709-227-3996 during the hours of operation and reserve your spot. The main door will be unlocked 10 minutes before each session to allow patrons access.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7PM May 18, 2021. Submissions, including permit applications, are due by Friday, May 7, 2021. The full meeting will be aired on the Town's YouTube Channel: [TownofPlacentiaCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/TownofPlacentiaCouncil)

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



NOTICE - DISCOUNT REMINDER

The deadline for a 10% discount off current residential property and water and sewer taxes if the account is paid in full is **extended to April 30, 2021**. Seniors have until June 30, 2021 to avail of the 10% discount or a 5% discount, if taxes are paid in full on December 21, 2021.

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

FOX HARBOUR ROAD WASTE RECOVERY FACILITY

The landfill on Fox Harbour Road which is operated by Eastern Regional Service Board has reopened. The Town has requested a meeting with the Board to discuss increasing their hours of operations and rules.