

Municipal Highlights

August 2020



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 extended congratulations to Jake's Show N Shine on another successful fundraiser for the Autism Society.

Council extended condolences to Angus Gilbert, our Town Crier, on the passing of his son. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family.

Council extended congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2020 and recognized the beautiful ceremony held outside by the parents.

Council extended best wishes for a safe and successful school year to all students, teachers and staff.

Council recognized the following dates:

- August 28, 2020 is the deadline for submissions for the Argentia Management Authority Board renewal process.
- September is Walk for Families Month. The annual Red Shoe Crew-Walk for Families raises funds to provide programs and services for sick children and their families when they need it the most. The event coincides with the anniversary of the opening of the Ronald McDonald House and is the largest annual fundraising event - www.WalkforFamilies.ca.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$1,059.84 for 4 tires and tire levy for Public Works vehicle GML 122.
- \$2,031.36 for rental of dumpster and disposal during clean-up week.
- \$1,006.83 for 70 bags of Cold Patch for Road Repairs.
- \$1,380 for Universal Environment Services rendered.
- \$1,171.90 for 12 Canada Flags & 12 NL Flags.
- \$8,158.69 for repairs to the Town's Backhoe.
- \$3,174 for rental of vac/sewer jet combo for investigation and repairs at the Regatta Grounds Lift Station.
- \$60,375 for award of Splash Pad Project to Skyline Contracting Ltd., who was the lowest bidder of tender.

- \$100 to the Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation.
- \$689.99 for purchase of a laptop for the Fire Department budget.
- Sale of surplus assets to the highest bidders, Joseph Cleary – 2005 Venture Boat Trailer – bid price \$3,053.03; Terry Walsh – 2009 Chev Silverado 1500E – bid price \$672.90; Jason Ryan – 2008 Ford F150 SuperCab – bid price \$1,005.58
- \$1,920 plus HST for purchase of hand sanitizer and pencils for local students back to school package.
- \$10,800 for the 2020 PADA Virtual Summer Recreation & Beautification Program final payment.
- 10 garbage bins at a cost of \$400 a bin

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- Seven accessory building permits
- Three fence permits
- One vendor permit
- One demolition permit
- One residential building permit
- Four residential building extension permit
- One commercial building extension permit

RECREATION MONTH CONTEST WINNER



Congratulations to Sherry Pomroy, winner of the June is Recreation Month Contest and recipient of a FitBit.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Permits are now required from the Town prior to any land development which includes digging/construction of new or existing ditches, drains or culverts; or connection to an existing storm drainage system, whether publicly or privately owned. This permit will also require government approval from the Department of Environment and Labour.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN

Work is underway to introduce a new municipal bylaw requiring all businesses in the municipality to have a waste bin outside their premises. Introduction of more municipally owned waste bins throughout the community in public spaces is also a part of the plan.

SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GROTTO

The statue of Mary was restored this summer and the new statue of Bernadette was installed along with some shrubs and plants. The Tourism, Culture and Beautification Committee plans to continue with landscaping and installation of benches around the grotto next year.



Summer Beautification Workers Sean Short and Gerald McGrath assisted with landscaping at the site.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Effective Monday, August 24, 2020 masks are mandatory when entering the Town Hall. If you are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms, we ask that you do not enter our office. Masks covering the nose and mouth are mandatory in indoor public spaces in Newfoundland and Labrador. This includes places where municipal or government services are offered. We have received information that masks do not have to be worn by Councillors and staff when they are seated and can physically distance.

The Great Beach Boardwalk is now accessible from all entrances and users are permitted to travel in both directions. Some sections of the boardwalk are less than six feet, so the Town recommends using masks in these areas where physical distancing is not possible.

RESPECT OTHERS CAMPAIGN

The Community Engagement and Communications Committee is launching a Respect Others Campaign. The campaign includes purchase of hand sanitizer for all school age children in the Town along with a pencil with the slogan #RespectOthers. The Committee wants to remind everyone to be respectful of others and encourage kindness.

BOIL ORDER

A boil order is in effect for Argentia, Freshwater and Dunville until further notice. During this period, individuals are requested to bring all water to a boil for five minutes before drinking, cooking, and dental hygiene. While the boil order is in place, there will be intermittent outages for maintenance and flushing. A 24-hour notice will be provided before outages occur to the areas affected. We apologize for any inconvenience.

MARINE ATLANTIC

Mayor Power attended a meeting in Argentia with Marine Atlantic President and CEO Murray Hupman. Mr. Hupman assured those in attendance that the Argentia Ferry service is in the company's operational budget next year and will be back in operation for the 2021 season with the MV Atlantic Vision which is under lease until 2023. This is good news given the Argentia ferry service is a vital link for the tourism industry in the Placentia region and employs close to 30 workers.

VIRTUAL RECREATION PROGRAM

Council congratulated Placentia Area Development Association on the delivery of a eight week virtual recreation program. PADA offered weekly online activities for Placentia youth and also did a considerable amount of painting at numerous Town sites including the Great Beach Boardwalk. Thank you and hats off to all involved!



RELIABLE COVID-19 INFORMATION

Government of Canada www.canada.ca
Government of NL www.gov.nl.ca
World Health Organization www.who.int

TOWN HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

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