

# Municipal Highlights

December 2020



Photo: John Bruce

*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 the following:

- Dr. Jeffrey Collins of Charlottetown, PEI, who was awarded Honorary Fellowship. Dr. Collins is a former resident.
- Nathan Barry for capturing first place in the Special Olympics Unified Sports Fall Fit Challenge.
- Placentia Foodland for winning the 2020 Foodland Holiday Decorating Contest and to Tamara Lalonde who designed the cake. The prize is a \$5,000 donation to the Placentia Area Food Bank.

## EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$1,729.49 for 6-month breathing air compressor maintenance and 6-month air sample for Fire Department
- \$2,060.18 for backhoe maintenance and repairs
- \$2,098.75 for RFP review for Snow Clearing Contracts
- \$1,650.84 for furnace oil at the arena
- \$1,153.68 for emergency service call for Clarke's Pond pump
- \$1,007.40 for supply of cold patch
- \$2,460 for purchase of rear backhoe tires
- \$1,000 for one-time grant for PAHS for operational needs
- \$2,900 for garage door maintenance

## OTHER APPROVALS

- Award of Wellness Centre contract to preferred candidate - Olympic Construction Ltd. pending confirmation of funding commitment from ACOA and continuation of fundraising efforts

- Extension of Waste Management Contract to Provincial Ready Mix on a month-to-month basis for three months pending review of contract by management and compliance with contract conditions

## BUDGET 2021

Council unanimously approved the 2021 Budget and Tax Structure. There were no increases in tax rates.

Expenditures by Department include:

General Government	\$979,434
Protective Services	\$203,791
Transportation Services	\$1,046,532
Environmental Health	\$936,560
Planning & Development	\$138,225
Recreation and Cultural	\$466,459
Fiscal Services	\$3,015,305
Total Expenditures	\$6,786,306

*This total overall budget includes \$4,785,197 for operating expenditures with a balance of 2.5 million for multi-year capital works and gas tax projects.*

## Placentia Area Food Bank

*Serving families from Branch to Ship Harbour*



Individuals or families who are in need of an emergency food hamper can call 213-5333 and leave their name and telephone number.

Organizations, businesses or individuals interested in donating to the Food Bank can call 213-5333 or email [placentiaareafoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:placentiaareafoodbank@gmail.com)

Thank you



## CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

The CAO(A) contacted the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities and learned that the SAG grant does not cover water filtration systems. The CAO(A) will explore other funding source possibilities. The application for the Clarke's Pond Capital Works Project has been with government since September 29<sup>th</sup> awaiting approval to go to tender. Mayor Power is pursuing meetings with Ministers Bragg and Bennett to discuss the project and address delays.

## SNOW CLEARING

Council would like to remind all residents that on-street parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 10:00AM for the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> in order to effectively carry out snow clearing activities. Also, for safety reasons, the dumping of snow from driveways onto public roadways will not be tolerated. The Town has been authorized by the Provincial Government to issue summary offence tickets for such infraction. Damages to personal property (fences, garbage boxes etc.) due to the accumulation of snow is not the responsibility of the Town or contractor. Residents are asked to keep their garbage boxes free of snow to allow for safe waste collection.

## UNITY PARC

The Town was awarded the Special Assistance Grant funding for the arena in the amount of \$10,000 from the provincial government in response to covid-19.

## CONVENT UPDATE

The Culture, Tourism and Beautification Committee met with Father Jose and members of Our Lady of Angels Parish Finance Committee to discuss the Convent land. Discussion was positive and the Committee is optimistic that the land will be turned over to the Town which would be a major milestone and step closer to restoring the property.



## PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- One residential building permit
- One commercial building permit
- One crown land permit

## WEST WHITE ROSE PROJECT

Government recently announced 41.5 million in funding for the West White Rose project from the Oil and Gas Sector. The project was suspended until 2022. The Town is hopeful that the project will restart and is waiting to see how it will unfold.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7PM January 19, 2021. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, January 8, 2021. The full meeting will be broadcasted live on the Town's YouTube Channel. The recordings can be found on YouTube by searching for Town of Placentia Council.



Left to Right: Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Kay Smith, Councillor Lorraine Collins Power, Mayor Bernard Power, Councillor Jane Hynes, Councillor Noella Collins and Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick



Wishing you all a happy, safe and health 2021.

Cheers from the Freshwater Community Centre & LaFontaine Club!