

# 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 will be published following each Council meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to Crescent Collegiate Hockey Team, winner for this year's Carnival Cup.
- Congratulations to Winter Carnival Contest Winners!
  - Keegan Roche - Slogan Contest
  - Ray Greene - Chili Contest
  - Dawson and Jayson O'Keefe, Scavenger Hunt Contest
  - Kenedi, Alexa and Aynslie; Tommy Leonard Family, Davie Kelly and Nicholas Kerrivan (4 way tie!), Snow Sculpting Contest
  - Wayne Collins - Grand Prize Draw

## EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$6,207.77 for two radar signs
- \$8,800.00 shipping and taxes included for the purchase of a skate sharpener for Unity PARC
- \$33.00 per month to maintain electricity to two poles located in the Legacy Garden that were formerly paid for by the Eastern School District.
- \$45,000 to Architect 49 for owner advisor work completed to date on the Wellness Centre project.
- \$5,000 for a marketing package for the Placentia Wellness Centre.

## PERMITS

- One Accessory Building Permit
- One Crown Land Application

## PORT OF ARGENTIA TAX AGREEMENT

The Town of Placentia and Port of Argentia have signed a new tax agreement. The tax agreement negotiations began in late 2017 and concluded in December 2019. The agreement will cover the taxation years 2018-2022 inclusive. It will also include continuation of the Access Agreement that was initially approved in 2007, in which the Town accepted responsibility to provide municipal services to Argentia. Mayor Power and Chairperson Burge are pleased that both parties arrived at an agreement that will bring fair taxation

revenue to the Town of Placentia. The Town anticipates receiving approximately \$3 million over the 5-year term of the agreement. The Port of Argentia has always been and will continue to be an important economic driver for the Placentia area providing both direct and indirect employment and benefits. Chairperson Burge stated that the Port appreciates the efforts of both parties in arriving at a mutual agreement and commended the negotiating representatives on both sides for working tirelessly to reach common ground. Mayor Power stated that both the Town of Placentia and Port of Argentia are eager to improve the working relationship with each other and all community stakeholders to further develop and grow the Placentia area.



L-R Front Row: Acting CEO Ray Greene, Marion King, Genny Picco, Councillor Jane Hynes, Acting CAO Mary Greene, Councillor Kay Smith, Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power, Councillor Noella Collins L-R Back Row: Ray Hefford, Wayne Power Jr., Francis Collins, Chairperson Hedley Burge, Mayor Bernard Power, General Manager Chris Newhook, Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next public meeting is scheduled for 7PM March 17, 2020. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, March 6, 2020. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all public council meetings. The broadcast of future meetings can be found on YouTube by searching for Town of Placentia Council.

## PUBLIC WORKS WINTER ISSUES

The Public Works Superintendent is investigating a number of complaints regarding damages to garbage boxes. The Committee asked that residents be reminded to keep their garbage boxes free of ice and snow to allow for easier collection and protection of their garbage boxes from heavy snow build up. The Committee also discussed the importance of continuing with snow removal from all hydrants and thanked those residents, who have aided Public Works after heavy snowfalls. The Committee discussed the importance of protecting the water shed area and will be erecting more signage outlining what is not permitted and enforcing same.

## ON-STREET PARKING BAN CONTINUES

The Town reminds all residents, on-street parking is prohibited between the hours of 12:00AM 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 offense tickets for such infractions.** A full list of infractions as well as their associated fines can be seen at <http://www.placentia.ca> in the *Town of Placentia Traffic Regulations*. Please note damages to personal property (fences, garbage boxes etc.) due to the accumulation of snow are not the responsibility of the Town or its contractor. Residents are asked to keep their garbage boxes free of snow to allow for safe waste collection.

## WINTER CARNIVAL 2020

Fun, Friends and Snow! Come on Let's Go! This was the theme of this year's Placentia Winter Carnival. The contest was won by grade 3 student Keegan Roche of Southeast.



L-R: A. J. Power, Preston Gambin, Keegan Roche and Sam Power

This year's winter carnival was very successful with a broad range of indoor and outdoor events for all ages.



## Winter Carnival 2020!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The following is a list of upcoming events that the Town is hosting or partnering with various community stakeholders to deliver:

Visit [www.placentia.ca/events](http://www.placentia.ca/events) for more details!

- Community Clean up Challenge - May 2
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection - June 13
- Age Friendly Expo – June 26-27
- Multicultural Celebration – June 27
- Canada Day Celebration – July 1
- PATH Summer Theatre Festival - July & August
- Argentia Days - July 10-12
- Annual Placentia Regatta – July 18
- Voices of Placentia Bay Festival – July 31– August 2
- Placentia Area Historical Society Tea Party - August 8
- Ferndale Family Fun Day - (TBA)
- Orak-Bat Basque Dancers - August 9 -12
- Jake's Car 'N Shine - August 22
- Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase – September 15-17
- Trunk or Treat – October (TBA)
- Light up the Square – November 30
- Santa Parade – December 5
- Mummers' Parade – December 27