

Municipal Highlights

Photo credit: Sean Ryan

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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. Photo above was the winning entry in the Winter Carnival Photography Contest, taken by Sean Ryan!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council proclaimed **February 6 -12** as Allied Youth Week. Allied Youth is an organization for people in grades 7 through 12 throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. Allied Youth encourages members to make choices that reflect a healthy lifestyle, to educate themselves on issues facing youth today and allows students to run their own posts and make decisions at the post level.
- Council proclaimed **February** as Black History Month. The 2022 theme for Black History Month is: "February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day," which focuses on recognizing the daily contributions that Black Canadians make to Canada.
- Council proclaimed **February 21st** as Heritage Day and **February 21-27** as Heritage Week. Heritage Day and Heritage Week are a time to reflect on the achievements of past generations, to accept responsibility for protecting our heritage and celebrate our rich and diverse heritage.
- Council congratulated Healey's Store on the 64th Anniversary of customer service in our community.
- Council extended heartfelt condolences to Susan Bartlett and her family on the passing of her grandmother Florence Barry.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$8,224.58 plus HST and freight charges for repairs to the Flygt 3153 Pump.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

There were eight call outs in January including: alarms, medical assistance and attendance at collision sites. Members of the Fire Department also assisted residents during the February 5, 2022 rainstorm event with pumping equipment. Regular Firefighter Training Exercises have reconvened now that the Province has changed alert level status. The Fire Chief expressed concern over the interruption of response time with lift bridge malfunctions. Most recent issues caused a 45 minute delay.

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- One Commercial Occupancy
- Three Accessory Building Permits
- Two Pole Installation Permits

PLACENTIA REGIONAL WELLNESS CENTRE

Construction of the Placentia Regional Wellness Centre will commence in spring 2022 with an anticipated opening for 2024. The Town awarded Olympic Construction Limited the Design Build Contract of the Centre which is valued at \$10, 687,350.52 excluding HST. The Wellness Centre will provide jobs for the local economy, as well as support to the community's business sector during ongoing construction. The Town is in discussions with the YMCA regarding responsibility for the operations and programming for the facility when construction is completed. The new Wellness Centre will be located next to Unity PARC; the concept design includes an aquatics centre, fitness centre, multipurpose room and a four foot (4') indoor walking track in Unity PARC. The Wellness Centre will be a benefit to our community and the health and wellness of residents. We look forward for construction beginning in spring.



Conceptual drawing of the new Placentia Regional Wellness Centre adjacent to Unity PARC.

PLACENTIA ON MINECRAFT



Resident and high school student, Mitchell Williams created a digital replica version of Placentia through the game "Minecraft" which was released on YouTube in January 2021. His creation was acclaimed on NTV News, CBC News as well as social media. Mitchell has since expanded his project to include detailed historical buildings, landmarks, and other buildings throughout the town. Mitchell would like to use his creation to market the town in a tourism aspect. Committee would like to proceed to help with the promotion and will invite Mitchell for a meeting to discuss further.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The CAO will be contacting the Freshwater Community Centre to inquire if the organization will be hosting a summer recreation program. An update will be provided as information becomes available.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7PM March 15, 2022. Submissions, including permit applications, are due by Friday, March 4, 2022. The full meeting will be aired on the Town's YouTube Channel: TownofPlacentiaCouncil

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS HOUSING COALITION



A Housing Support Worker is now set up at the Placentia Chamber Office in the Placentia Mall. If you require any type of Housing Support (including assistance with cottage applications or NL Housing applications) drop by the office for assistance or call 709-227-5334. The Housing Support Worker can provide Support to people in the Placentia/ Cape Shore / Whitbourne areas. Landlords with properties to rent can call to advise of any vacancies for clients in need of housing options.

STORM UPDATE

There was a minimum of 130 water issue calls during the February 5th rainstorm. Four gas and two electric submersible pumps were continuously in use. The concerns were widespread throughout the Town and involve collapsing culverts, road shoulder undermining, outfall issues and so on. The significant rainfall estimated to be 150 ml plus affected properties that have never been reported on before. Public Works are preparing an inventory to record municipal infrastructure problems.

TOWN HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours 709-227-2151

After hours Public Works Emergency 227-4314



Unity PARC

Effective February 14, 2022

- Arena bookings must be made at the Town Hall during regular scheduled office hours, in-person or by calling 709-227-2151 ext. 0 or by calling Unity PARC 709-227-3996.
- Payments are preferred to be made at the Town Hall.
- Maximum capacity in the arena will be 50% capacity.
- Fitness room is reopen. Patrons must call Unity PARC in advance to book time slot. Limit 2 people per slot or one family.
- Canteen Service is resumed.
- Vaxpass required if not previously validated.
- The Arena is Monday to Friday 9:00AM to 11:00PM and Saturday to Sunday 8:00AM - 11:00PM.
- Rates are listed below. Off-peak times are Monday to Friday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM.

ORGANIZATION	FEE
Placentia Minor Hockey Association	\$115.00
PARC Figure Skating Club	\$115.00
Laval High School	\$115.00
Placentia Curling Club	\$115.00
Recreation Senior Hockey	\$132.00
AAA Boys & Girls	\$115.00
Private Rentals	\$132.00
Off Peak Rentals	\$90.00

For more information contact
UNITY PARC 709-227-3996

