

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 extended condolences to the Town's Manager of Finance, Mary Greene and family on the passing of her father-in-law Raymond Greene of Freshwater.

Council extended congratulations to:

- Brooke Lannon who made the Team Canada Roster for the U21 Women's Ball Hockey team and will be representing Canada at the 2023 ISBHF World Junior Championship from July 3rd – 6th in Liberec, Czechia.
- Jordan Pomeroy who has been selected as a member of the U23 Men's National Team and will represent Team Canada at the U23 WBSC Men's Softball World Cup from April 15th – 23rd in Parana, Argentina.
- Star of the Sea 2023 Board of Directors and Ladies Auxiliary Board of Directors who were recently elected at the 147th Annual Election of Officers. Council is looking forward to continued partnership in the future.
- Former resident Earle Hall, President and CEO of AXES.ai team for being named one of the 25 People to Watch in 2023 by Global Gaming Business.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$10,431.58 including HST for water and sewer supplies.
- \$16,965 for first quarter assessment fees.
- \$5,748.85 including HST for a thermal Imager for the Fire Department.
- \$14,110.50 to supply and install 3 sets of steps at the Regatta Grounds for municipal contribution for the Placentia Rowing Club's application to ACOA.
- \$10,000 to the Freshwater Community Center for the 2022 Summer Day Camp program.
- \$186,325 plus HST for the purchase of a new electric Zamboni for Unity PARC.
- \$10,000 for a batting cage for the Placentia ball field.

PERMITS

An update on permits issued by the Town can be found at www.placentia.ca/permits

OTHER APPROVALS

- Cost-shared funding for Dunville Watermain Replacement with a total project value of \$7,350,000 and recipient share value of \$1,333,048.
- Extension to the existing Port of Argentia Tax Agreement for one (1) year is adopted.
- Cost to amend the survey for sale of land in Freshwater that inadvertently did not originally include the access road/driveway.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Staff are reviewing accounts that are delinquent in property and water & sewer taxes. The Town will be following the "Municipalities Act, 1999" for collection of taxes. Letters will be sent to property owners and businesses to address arrears.



TOWN OF PLACENTIA
MUNICIPAL TAX
DISCOUNT DEADLINE - MAY 3, 2023

Taxpayers are reminded that the 10% discount deadline for payment of current residential property and water and sewer taxes is **May 3, 2023**.

Tax payments can be made with cheque, cash, debit or credit card at the Town Hall, by mail (postmarked), telephone or online banking with the Royal Bank, Scotia Bank, Bank of Montreal or CIBC.

Residents are reminded to deduct the 10% from the invoice total before paying bill online if making payment prior to the discount date of **May 3, 2023**.

PORT OF ARGENTIA UPDATE

- The Port is actively pursuing aquaculture opportunities in Argentia
- The transfer of land waterways in Argentia has been completed with the Federal government.
- There have been 700 hectares of water lots identified in Argentia harbour
- Boskalis and subcontractors are moving ahead with developing berms
- The Port is pursuing development of the school area.
- Cenovus is in operation and work is ongoing

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Council meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7PM February 21, 2023. Submissions, including permit applications, are due by Friday, February 10, 2023. The full meeting will be aired on the Town's YouTube: TownofPlacentiaCouncil.

TOWN HALL INFORMATION

Office Hours 709-227-2151

After hours Public Works Emergency 709-227-4314

RC EPISCOPAL CORPORATION LAND - TOWN SQUARE

The CAO was directed to negotiate the purchase of land in the Town Square. A second bid was submitted that is currently being reviewed by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Council reassured residents that the safety and security of the public remains a top priority of Council. Council is committed to working with the RCMP to address issues of concern. Council will have a public consultation with the RCMP, Eastern Health Addictions Support Department, and the Eastern School District, as well as other community partners, to educate and discuss the available supports in our community. The date for the consultation will be advertised once determined. Council will continue to lobby for additional RCMP presence for the local detachment in the Town.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Winter Carnival - February 8-14
- Age Friendly Expo - April 28-29
- Business Excellence Awards - May 27
- Multicultural Celebration - June 27
- Canada Day Celebrations - July 1
- PATH Theatre Festival - July & August
- Tours of St. Luke's - July & August
- Annual Placentia Regatta - July 22
- Argentia Day - July 23
- Voices Festival - August 4-6
- Ferndale Fun Day - TBA
- PAHS Tea Party - August 12
- Jake's Show 'N Shine - September 16
- PBIS - September 20-21
- Trunk or Treat - TBA
- Light Up the Square - November 27
- Santa Parade - December 2



FEBRUARY 8-14, 2023

Join in the fun! We have lots of activities planned for you!
Youngtree & Carole Bee free concert, youth and adult dances,
community brunch, valentine's social, old fashioned bingo, bike run &
boil up, kid's fun day, trivia night, free skating, contests and more!

www.placentia.ca #PlacentiaCarnival

