

Municipal Highlights



Placentia
Newfoundland & Labrador

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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 welcomed Jonathan Galgay to the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Town.
- Council extended congratulations to Fire Chief Wayne Power on his 50th membership anniversary in the Volunteer Fire Department.
- Council extended heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of former Mayor William P. Hogan on his recent passing. Out of respect for former Mayor Hogan and his immense contributions to the Town, the flags at the Town Hall were lowered to half-mast, and the Town offices will close on the day of his funeral.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$3,501.75 to 84641 NL Corp for emergency replacement of hot water tank at the arena.
- \$1,256.97 Camions Carl Thibault Inc. for auto pump A/C on Fire Engine #3.
- \$1,428.30 to Eastchem (NL) Ltd. for water treatment supplies.
- \$1,522.60 to Edison Security Services Inc. for replacement of security cameras at the arena.
- \$7,159.90 to Edward Collins Contracting for repairs to damage from Hurricane Larry in Jersey side.
- \$17,069 for First Quarter Assessment Fess for 2022.
- \$9,940 plus HST to Mills and Wright Landscape Architecture for design, costing and drawings of outdoor stage design, lighting, accessibility, fencing, and 2 interpretive panel designs for the Town Square.
- \$1,378.85 to Edison Security Services Inc. for replacement of security cameras at the Town Hall.
- \$689,436.59 including HST to Locke's Electrical Ltd. for Blivet Retrofit & Upgrades project No: 17-GI-21-00093 (tender award)

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE

Public Works Department was issued approximately 380 work orders in 2021. 325 work orders were successfully completed with 55 jobs remaining related to bridge repair, hydrant replacement, water leaks, signage, storm drainage, asphalt repairs, culverts, manholes, landscaping or other maintenance. Public Works is committed to addressing all issues in a comprehensive, timely, and cost effective manner.

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- One Commercial Building Extension
- One Residential Building Extension
- One Accessory Building Permit
- One Taxi Permit

PLACENTIA WINTER CARNIVAL

2022

Carnival 22 is here!
Let's spread LOVE everywhere!

February 10 - 14

SIR AMBROSE SHEA LIFT BRIDGE



Council emphasized the vital importance of the need for the Provincial Government to address the intermittent interruptions of the bridge operation and the necessity for the Town to be notified and updated on such occurrences. The CAO has reached out to the Department of Transportation as well as Communications and Public Engagement Division to address same.

BUDGET 2022

Council unanimously approved a balanced budget of \$6,546,170.84 presented by Finance Chair, Councillor Kay Smith. The budget allocated monies to allow for dedicated resources and funding to create, identify and spearhead new projects throughout the Town of Placentia. Council also reaffirmed its commitment to:

- Enhance the quality of life for its residents, businesses and visitors;
- Focus on delivering core municipal services;
- Provide a safe and healthy environment for citizens;
- Provide efficient and effective governance which is fiscally responsible;
- Create an atmosphere of openness and responsiveness to the needs of the community;
- Nurture and promote the Town's heritage and culture.
- Play a role in economic development.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- No increase to mil rates
- No increase to water and sewer rates
- Two changes to fee structure for compliance letters and tax certificates
- Reintroduction of General Repair Permit - \$25
- Change in discount period*
- Commitment to clean drinking water and safe municipal infrastructure identified as top priority

*The discount period for all groups will be changed to one discount date on the close of business on **May 2, 2022**. This will replace March 31st and June 30th. This change was made to comply with regulations imposed by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

The Town has been awarded funding for a number of capital works projects scheduled to commence this spring/summer, namely:

Freshwater Outfall Upgrade \$430,000
 Regatta Grounds Lift Station Upgrade \$211,000
 Harbour Drive Storm Drainage System Upgrade \$736,00
 Jersey Side Storm Water Collection Project -\$1,998,822
 Southeast Blivet \$689,436.

The Town is awaiting decision on funding applications for Shoreline Protection for Harbour Drive & Fort Louis Boardwalk \$1.4 million and Town Square Revitalization \$290,000.

WINTER CARNIVAL 2022

Winter Carnival 2022 is planned for February 10-14, 2022. Fun family activities are being planned to lift community spirit. More information will be posted in the coming days! The planning committee welcomes suggestions and partnerships!

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

RELIABLE COVID-19 INFORMATION

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

DEPARTMENT	BUDGETED EXPENSE
General Government	\$1,013,930
Protective Services	\$276,068
Transportation Services	\$1,056,132
Environmental Health	\$944,775
Planning & Development	\$133,314
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$462,058
Fiscal Services	\$2,659,893.84
TOTAL BUDGET 2022	\$6,546,170.84