

# Municipal Highlights

March 2020



*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.*

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BERNARD POWER

Fellow Residents,

Your elected Mayor and Council are working on your behalf taking proactive measures for the health and safety of municipal staff and the general public during the covid-19 global pandemic and this province’s first Public Health Emergency. We all recognize that these are unprecedented times for our community, province, country and world. We must understand the risk, support each other and act responsibly together to stop the spread of covid-19.

It is extremely important that we follow healthcare professionals advice and ensure that we:

- Self-isolate for two weeks after travel from outside the province
- Wash hands with soap and water following proper washing technique often
- Avoid touching mouth, eyes and nose
- Practice physical distancing daily keeping at least 2 metres apart
- Practice good respiratory hygiene
- Wash handles, door knobs, mobile devices and other high touch surfaces often
- Call 811 if there are any covid-19 symptoms
- Call 911 if there is any difficulty breathing

In order to support physical distancing we have discontinued counter service at the Town Hall. Municipal business can still be conducted by calling the Town Hall at 227-2151, faxing 227-2323 or email [townofplacentia@placentia.ca](mailto:townofplacentia@placentia.ca). Unity PARC Arena, Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre, Public Works Depot and the Fire Hall are all closed to the public. Our playgrounds, parks and fields are also closed until further notice. The Boardwalk will remain open but residents are encouraged to practice safe physical distancing. Municipal essential services will continue. Garbage collection, snow clearing, ice control and essential water and sewer and road maintenance work will continue.

During this time, it is important for residents and businesses to stay connected with the Town. We have tools to help make this easy. I encourage you to sign up for our Placentia Aware Community Notification System and Town APP if you haven’t already done so. It will allow us to get information to you when necessary.

In the past week, both the provincial and federal Governments have announced a number of programs to help unemployed individuals and to support businesses with wage subsidies. Council encourages you to avail of these programs, we must do what we can to support the sustainability of our community. There is no doubt that most people are concerned about this pandemic, rightfully so, we must help each other. Protect your family, check on and help out your neighbours, and keep our community spirit alive.

I want to take this time to thank all essential workers including our healthcare professionals, emergency responders, utility workers, municipal, provincial and federal workers, food industry workers, transportation workers, manufacturers, essential suppliers, construction, maintenance and repair workers and all other people who on the frontlines. I also want to thank all community volunteers who are also doing what they can to help whether it is the fire department, food bank or church groups. Your work is also important and appreciated.

Stay strong, healthy and safe everyone!



## CONGRATULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the recent 2558 Placentia Royal Canadian Army Cadets in receipt of the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Level International Award. The recipients were:

Chief Warrant Officer Raven Ralph;  
Master Warrant Officer Lucas Brazil;  
Sergeant Craig Barry;  
Sergeant Dalton Barry; and  
Master Corporal Damien Janes.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a non-competitive, internationally recognized program designed to encourage young people to develop positive skills and lifestyle habits. There are four sections of activities for the award in which participants must complete a prescribed achievement in each of the categories. These are Service, Skill Development, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey. The award, founded by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, is the world's leading youth achievement award.

## EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$3,517.85 for wave wall repairs
- \$141.00 monthly lease photocopier lease
- \$2,024.00 for emergency water main repair in Bond's Path
- \$3,126.97 for flow test, bi-annual compressor service and air sample
- \$2,513.90 for pollution liability insurance
- \$17,830.75 for ice control materials
- \$2,523 plus HST for purchase of a confined space kit and air quality monitoring
- \$49,156.75 and \$39,312.75 for the purchase of two trucks
- \$4,811 for 70 chairs for the Arts Centre

## PERMITS

- Council approved the following permits:
- Two Accessory Building
- Two Business
- One Crown Land

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next public meeting is scheduled for 7PM April 21, 2020. Submissions, including permit applications, for consideration by Council are due by Friday, April 10, 2020. During the covid-19 pandemic that Council Chamber will be closed to the public. The broadcast of meetings can be found on YouTube by searching for Town of Placentia Council.

## RELIABLE COVID-19 INFORMATION

Government of Canada [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca)  
Government of NL [www.gov.nl.ca](http://www.gov.nl.ca)  
World Health Organization [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

## MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS CONTACTS

Mental Health Crisis Line (1-888-737-4668/737-4668)  
and TTY: 1-888-709-3555) Available 24/7  
Crisis Text Line Text "Talk" to 68686  
CHANNAL Warm Line (1-855-753-2560 or 753-2560)  
Non-emergency, non-crisis telephone support between 10:00 a.m.  
and 12:00 p.m., 7 days a week.  
Kids Help Phone (1-800-668-6868) [kidshelpphone.ca](http://kidshelpphone.ca) Available 24/7  
Hope for Wellness Help Line (1-855-242-3310):  
[www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca)

## TOWN HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

Municipal business can be conducted by  
Tel. 709-227-2151  
Fax. 709-227-2323  
Email [townofplacentia@placentia.ca](mailto:townofplacentia@placentia.ca)  
[www.placentia.ca](http://www.placentia.ca) YouTube: TownofPlacentia  
Facebook: Town of Placentia Twitter @townofplacentia  
After hours Public Works Emergency 227-4314/227-4316

## LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

All Emergencies	911
Healthline	811
Ambulance	227-3808
Fire Department	227-3200
Food Bank	213-5333
Placentia Health Centre	227-2013
RCMP	227-2000
Town Public Works	227-4314/227-4316



### Wash

your hands well  
and often to avoid  
contamination



### Cover

your mouth and nose  
with a tissue or sleeve  
when coughing or  
sneezing and discard  
used tissue



### Avoid

touching eyes, nose,  
or mouth with  
unwashed hands



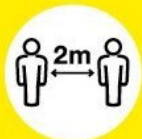
### Clean

and disinfect  
frequently  
touched objects  
and surfaces



### Stop

shaking hands  
or hugging when  
saying hello or  
greeting other  
people



### Distance

yourself at least  
2 metres (6 feet) away  
from other people,  
especially those who  
might be unwell