

Municipal Highlights



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

Condolences were extended to former Mayor Bride McLennon, on the passing of her husband Pat. Condolences were also extended to former Deputy Mayor Jamie Neville on the passing of his mother Patricia "Tish" Butler Neville. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families during this difficult time.

Council also extended congratulations to the following:

- Brooke Lannon who will be playing defense on the U20 Team Canada Ball Hockey team. Good luck to Team Canada and Brooke!
- Laval's Jr Girl's and Jr Boy's Cross-Country teams for winning gold medals and respective Sectional Banners in their competitions.
- Catherine Wadman of Laval High School who was recipient of the Centenary for Responsible Government Scholarship for highest marks.
- Kerry O'Reilly Wilks who was named one of 2020's most Influential Women in Business at the CIWB Awards in Calgary.
- The newly elected Freshwater Community Centre Board: Paul Maher (President), Jason Manning (Vice), Michelle Manning (Secretary), Dan Culleton (Treasurer), Directors Don Wakeham, Ferg Manning, Wendy Leonard and Donna O'Reilly.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$1,225 to Crane Supply for water and sewer supplies.
- \$7452 to Everbridge for the annual renewal of the Placentia Aware Notification System
- \$1,279.39 for 2020 Fire Protection Week Supplies.
- \$17,407 to Municipal Assessment Agency for Fourth Quarter Fees.
- \$20,987.50 to Byron D. Smith Professional Corporation Chartered Professional Accountants for 2019 Audit Fees.
- \$8,000 plus HST and freight charges to repair the Blockhouse Lift Station.
- \$5,020.90 including HST for CO Detectors for Unity PARC.

OTHER APPROVALS

- \$68,651.60 to Innovative NL for engineering fees for design of Blivet project . The total amount of the project is \$707,560.
- \$42,036.72 to Innovative NL for Engineering and Project Management engineering fees for design of the SCADA project. The Total amount of the project is \$552,300.
- Submission to the multi-year capital works program for the following capital works priority list:
 - Station Hill Erosion Control at a cost of \$639,410.94;
 - Jersey Side Stormwater Collection at a cost of \$1,998,772.06;
 - Freshwater Sewer upgrades and Outfall Replacement at a cost of \$554,353.52.
- \$100,000 toward multi-year capital works project for paving.
- Name change of H&E Design's 36 home subdivision in South-east be changed from Morrissey's Lane to Morrissey's Place.
- 2019 Audited Statements from Byron D. Smith Professional Corporation Chartered Professional Accountants.
- The Town of Placentia Tax Recovery Plan dated Dec. 31, 2019.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020 - LEST WE FORGET



Front Row: Ian Walsh, Angela Power, Ed Traverse, Sergeant (Retired) William Neville (Veteran), Terry Clower (Veteran), Bill Cochrane. Back Row: Maureen Whiffen (Veteran), Jim Budden, Gregory Collins, James da Silva (Veteran), Steve O'Keefe (Veteran), Wayne Power

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Council reviews the Town's capital works requirements regularly and prioritizes each project based on its need, impact, and financial viability. Applications are made accordingly within program guidelines to the Multi Year Capital Works Program. This is a cost shared funding program between the Federal and Provincial Governments and Municipalities.

This current Council committed to the Dunville Water System as its top priority to deliver clean & clear drinking water from Clark's Pond. Since 2018, the Town has invested \$3,449,568 into the Dunville Water System with water main and service line upgrades. The Final Phase of the connection to Clark's Pond and pumphouse upgrades was approved for 2020-2021 Capital Works and is scheduled to go to tender following environmental approval by the province. This document has been with Government since September 29, 2020. Both the Mayor and Town officials have lobbied the Premier, Minister and Department officials to approve release of the tender document to commence the project in 2020.

Upon completion, this project will connect Dunville to the Clark's Pond water supply. The combined total investment of these two projects is approximately \$6,947,049.

Replacement of services lines and a section of the main line towards the Argentia Access Road is on the Capital Works priority list for future submission. The November 10, 2020 Engineering estimate for this project is \$7,932,438.81. While the Town has encountered numerous breaks in the Dunville water system, these breaks are on the service lines and not the main line.

In order for Council to submit applications, the Town has to identify its share of funding, this would include its own sources or borrowing. During the last application deadline, Council made application for critical infrastructure improvements from the priority list that the Town could fund from its budget without borrowing from outside sources. There are a multitude of projects on the capital works priority list and projects are continuously being added as infrastructure deteriorates and the need for new improvements arise. Council submits projects on a regular basis although there is no guarantee that all projects will receive approval at the same time.

The three projects submitted to Multi Year Capital Works (Water & Sewer) during the last submission deadline on November 13, 2020 were:

1. Station Hill Erosion Control - \$639,410.94
2. Jersey Side Stormwater Collection - \$1,998,772.06
3. Freshwater Sewer upgrades and Outfall Replacement - \$554,353.52



There was an additional funding application discussed for roads under the Multi Year Capital Works (50/50) and accepted by Council. In the recent agreement by the Port of Argentia both the Town of Placentia and Port committed to working together to improve infrastructure and partner for available funding programs. The Port of Argentia allocated \$150,000 towards road work for 2021. The Town also allocated \$100,000 towards this application. If approved this investment of \$250,000 would be matched with government funding of \$250,000 for a half of million dollars in pavement throughout the municipality.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Provincial Government has announced temporary changes to the Atlantic Bubble travel protocol. Effective 12:01AM on Wednesday, November 25th people arriving in Newfoundland and Labrador from within the Atlantic Bubble will also be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. Atlantic Bubble travelers will not have to apply for a travel exemption at this time. Rotational workers will now have to wait until day 7 to be tested rather than day 5. Updates on these temporary changes related to the Atlantic Bubble will be provided in two weeks. Non-essential travel outside of Newfoundland and Labrador is not recommended at this time. For accurate, up to date information regarding COVID-19, visit the government website at www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19

Due to concerns related to the public health pandemic, Council has decided to cancel the Santa Claus Parade this year; however, Santa will be driving through neighborhoods prior to Christmas. The date and time will be advertised through social media.

CONVENT UPDATE

Correspondence was received from His Excellency, Archbishop Hurd advising that the request to acquire land that Our Lady of Angels Convent is situated on was forwarded to the Sacred Heart Parish Finance Committee for review. A meeting is scheduled later this month between the Parish and the Town's Committee.

UNITY PARC

Skate sharpening is now available at Unity PARC at a cost of \$8. Anyone interested in having their skates sharpened can call 227-3996 to arrange an appointment.

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- One residential building permit
- Two commercial building permits
- Two vendor permits
- One fence permit

TAX ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Council would like to remind business operators that if your business has ceased operation, please notify the Town in writing or email frontdesk@placentia.ca to avoid further billing. Business and property owners can also call the accounting staff at 227-2151 or email frontdesk@placentia.ca to update your current profile information such as address, telephone numbers, etc.