

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

Council extended congratulations to Scott Penney on his new position as Chief Executive Officer with the Port of Argentia.

Council recognized the following dates:

- September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month visit www.bridgethegapp.ca for information or call the 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Line at 1-888-737-4668.
- October 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign theme is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen."
- October 1st as the effective date for plastic bag ban. Remember to bring your reusable bags when shopping.
- October 1st as effective date for minimum wage increase to \$12.15 per hour.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Council expenditures included:

- \$2,000 one-time grant to the Star of the Sea Association for renovation projects.
- \$1,280 to purchase an electrostatic sprayer for Arena sanitization.

PERMITS

Council approved the following permits:

- Five accessory building permits
- One residential extension building permit
- One approval in principle residential building permit
- One commercial building extension permit
- One crown land permit

RECENT STORM DAMAGE

There were significant damages throughout our municipality during the September 18-19 rainfall. Public Works crews worked diligently to address damages on Town owned roads and ensure safe conditions. There was also substantial damage to provincially owned roads that the Department of Transportation and

Infrastructure are addressing. The Mayor is lobbying the provincial government for emergency funding to address areas most effected by the storm. Thanks, are extended to the Public Works Department, the Placentia Volunteer Fire Department, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and local contractors who worked to secure the roads that were washed out to ensure public safety.



*Picture above of road washout on Freshwater Crescent
Picture below of LaFontaine Brook*



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Council recognized October 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Placentia. This year the Fire Department held a virtual presentation for students of St. Anne's Academy. Thank you to Fire Chief Power, Firefighter Eric Adams and Firefighter Mascot Sparky for helping to **Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!**



TAX COLLECTION

The Accounting Department is in the process of implementing Council's collection policy for outstanding taxes. Taxpayers in arrears to the Town will be notified of the following course of action:

- Water Shut-off
- Property Seizures
- Garnishment of Rental Income
- Collection Agency Referral

Curb stops will be marked within the next couple of weeks. These avenues will be pursued along with all other legal options. Any individuals who have made arrangements for regular payments are encouraged to continue doing so. Those who are experiencing financial hardship can discuss same with Town staff by calling 709-227-2151.

FACILITY REOPENINGS

The tentative date for reopening of the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre and Unity PARC will be October 15, 2020. New rules will be introduced to ensure a safe reopening for the general public and staff.

BOIL ORDERS

Effective September 25, 2020, boil orders were lifted for Argentia, Freshwater and Dunville. Boil orders were initiated by Service NL due to low chlorine levels in part of the water distribution system. Public Works initiated a hydrant flushing program to increase the flow of stagnant water and thereby helped increase chlorine flow in the system to give positive testing with Service NL. Thanks to residents for their patience and understanding during the boil order.

PROVINCIAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

Mayor Power noted that the Route 100 and Southeast Paving Project was valued at 2 million and the tender was awarded for 1.6 million. The Mayor asked the province to use the remaining \$400,000 for other sections of provincially owned roads and the Freshwater Loop as it is in deplorable condition.

MEETING WITH MHA

The Town met with MHA Sherry Gambin-Walsh in September to discuss a number of issues including highway signage, road maintenance, capital works, Dunville water supply and the Placentia Wellness Centre.

INTERN HIRING OPPORTUNITY

The Economic Development Committee reported that the Husky Centre of Excellence launched its Intern Hiring Program in December 2019. The Husky Centre is committed to supporting the growth and development of NL companies and individuals in the field of sales and supply chain management.

Through the contribution from Husky Energy and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), the centre is pleased to provide the opportunity to hire student interns to meet the needs of the organizations in exchange for experience that helps the students hone their skills and explore future career paths. The centre offers wage subsidy up to \$4,500 and connects undergraduate students at the Faculty of Business Administration at Memorial University with a small or medium-sized business for a part-time internship in the field of sales and supply chain management.

If you would like more information, please contact Sarah Teo (tseo@mun.ca) or by calling 709-864-7347.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Effective October 1, 2020 Town Hall counter service has returned to regular schedule. The Town Hall is open from 8:30 am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday. To comply with physical distancing guidelines, we ask that there be a maximum of 2 people in the Town Hall foyer at one time. Use of face masks is mandatory in all municipal buildings. For the safety of our residents and our staff, if you are experiencing cold/flu like symptoms we ask that you do not enter our office.

TOWN HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

Municipal business can be conducted by Tel. 709-227-2151
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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	Health Centre	227-2013
RCMP	227-2000		