



## Discover Placentia 2021

The global health pandemic has impacted how we deliver our events but we are up to the challenge and have made adjustments following public health guidelines to make our events safer and more enjoyable! The following is a list of events that we are hosting or partnering with community stakeholders in the coming months:

Community Clean up Challenge - May 9-15th	Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Sept. 18
Multicultural Celebration - June 27	Canada Day Celebration - July 1
Annual Placentia Regatta - TBA	Voices of Placentia Bay - August 6-8
Trunk or Treat - October 31	Light Up the Square - November 29
Santa Parade - December 4	

You can also watch for pop up events on our website!  
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### PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

In 2020 the Public Works Department focused on infrastructure improvements through own sources and through cost sharing funding programs to repair and replace priority infrastructure.

Our PW Department repaired or replaced close to 100 water lines that service residents throughout the Town while also operating and maintaining 7 separate water pumping stations/treatment facilities for our water distribution systems. The Department also operates and maintains 10 sanitary sewer pumping stations along with other municipal owned infrastructure.

Through partial funding from government agency programs and Town sources we completed 2 major projects and have awarded 2 more for engineering and completion in 2021. We installed new storm drainage system, water main and new asphalt on Burnt Woods Place to reduce flood risks from failing water main and failed drainage systems. The Town also completed the replacement of Sanitary Sewer pumping station near Blenheim Street which included the replacement of control panel, 2 new 15hp pumps, piping and valves. This was a full retrofit of a critical system that was identified to be replaced.

During 2021, we look forward to the completion of 3 main projects that are approved and ready to begin and continuing to work towards approval of our recently applied for Capital Works projects. Dunville residents will have a new water supply in 2021 with the completion of a 3.4 million dollar project that council has prioritized for a long time. With the addition of a SCADA system we will also upgrade our methods of monitoring our water and sanitary sewer systems with the installation of a digital programming system and instrumentation to improve asset management and assist in identifying issues early on to help establish an improved preventative maintenance program. Also in 2021 we have funding approved to replace sewage treatment station along Route 91 in Southeast and a project for renovations to Public Works facility in Argentia. Funding applied for and awaiting Capital Works approval in 2021 are Battery Road Storm Drainage System, Freshwater Sanitary Sewer Outfall Replacement and Station Road Storm Drainage System upgrades.



Picture of Clark's Pond Pumphouse



### COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

#### CHAIRPERSON

EXECUTIVE

MAYOR BERNARD POWER

#### FINANCE

COUNCILLOR KAY SMITH

#### PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

COUNCILLOR LORRAINE COLLINS  
POWER

#### CULTURE, TOURISM & BEAUTIFICATION

COUNCILLOR NOELLA COLLINS

#### RECREATION

DEPUTY MAYOR KEITH PEARSON

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILLOR JANE HYNES

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNCILLOR JAMILEE FITZPATRICK

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD

THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. MEETINGS CAN BE VIEWED ON YOUTUBE: TOWN OF PLACENTIA COUNCIL

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The Town of Placentia is pleased to provide this newsletter which includes municipal news, community event information and more!

### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Hello Fellow Residents,

Over the last four years the Town's financial position has improved significantly. At the beginning of 2017 the Town's long-term debt was approximately \$4.6M. Four years later, this debt is reduced to \$2.4M.

While reducing this debt with no increase in residential property taxes, we also invested \$4.6M on capital projects over the same period. For 2021, there is approved funding of \$4.7M scheduled for 2021 for the following projects. These include: The Placentia Water System Upgrade (\$3.5M), SCADA Water System Upgrade (\$421K), and Bilvet Retrofit and Upgrade (\$792k). These projects are being done without any new borrowing. This is possible as property tax revenue has grown from \$3.6M in 2017 to an estimated \$5.7M (unaudited figure) in 2020.

In part, the revenue increase is from an improved relationship with the Port of Argentia. In 2019 an agreement was reached after a lengthy negotiation. In 2021, it is estimated that the agreement will generate \$471k for the Town of Placentia. The Town looks forward to a continued strong working relationship with the Port to see further growth and sustainability for both parties. With this goal in mind, earlier this year the Town partnered with the Port and applied for provincial funding for paving projects.

Since the last collective agreement with our workers, the Town has moved to a 7 day work week for Public Works Staff. The increased coverage allows us to maintain service levels during the weekend with reduction in costs and have staff available every day of the week instead of an on-call basis which provides less consistency in service levels.

The Town is continuing its efforts to secure additional funding from the Province and the Federal Government for the Placentia Wellness Centre to ensure that the project is funded at the original proportional shares. This project will open up recreation and community event opportunities for Placentia and we are looking forward to seeing it coming to fruition. The Placentia Wellness Centre will strengthen our community and with the other investments mentioned above it will make our community stronger and more viable in the future.

I would also like to take this time to thank all residents and businesses for your support and respect for public health guidelines during this pandemic. I would like to encourage all residents to register for a COVID-19 vaccine when the opportunity arises for you and to encourage family members to do the same.

Sincerely,

**Bernie**

Bernard Power

