



St. Alban's, NL Strong Roots



The Resident Connection

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
MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

To My Fellow Residents,

On behalf of your town council, I would like to introduce you to the council newsletter, "The Resident Connection". This regular newsletter will be one method of keeping residents better informed and connected.

More information will be available on the town website by the summer of 2014 and semi-annual town hall (community) meetings in both the spring and the fall of 2014. Communication is a two way street and input and feedback from residents to council is also very important. Your council has decided upon the forgoing approach in the next year.

I thank my fellow council members for signing on to the next four years of supporting the town and I would like to especially acknowledge Councillor Bertram Strickland for receiving a municipal service award for sixteen years of service from 1978 to 2013 including serving as a past Mayor. Sincere thanks to Bertram and all folks that serve others.

This newsletter refers to "St. Alban's NL  Strong Roots". The "Strong Roots" references our community logging history but also the fact that the family connections of the sons and daughters of our community are hometown strong. Our people, past and present, near and afar, are strong and resilient - connecting our history to our future.

The "Strong Roots" concept may potentially become the beginning of an approach to brand and promote our town as a great place to live, do business, work, raise family and/or retire. The enthusiasm and ideas of council, council staff and especially residents that approach me daily really inspires me – keep it up! Until our next communication, continue to think about how we all can work together to better our community.

With Sincere Hometown Pride,
Jamie LeRoux

Town of St. Alban's

"A Proud History and Hometown Strong"



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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

TO BE DETERMINED SOON

Council meetings are open to the public. To add an item to the agenda please contact the council office. If a delegation wishes to address council, please designate a spokesperson.

To check for the next council meeting please contact the town office.



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YOUR COUNCIL UPDATE

Financial Information - Budget

The council will be preparing the annual budget for 2014 before the end of 2013. Budget details will be shared with residents in future communications.

Public Works – Infrastructure Upgrades

Infrastructure projects are funded 90% by the province and 10% by the town. Amounts received to date for phase 1 and 2 water and sewer upgrades were \$489,892 and \$778,530 respectively. Presently, phase 3 is being applied for in the amount of \$1,570,000. The result of these projects and other work in the town to date is a drop in the daily water usage from a high of 2,300-2,400 cubic metres to a low of 1,300-1,350 cubic metres (a 45% reduction). A total of \$295,000 was also received for two lift station upgrades.

Town Administration and Policies

An effort will be made to provide more information on town regulations, meeting minutes, financials, reports, etc. via the town website in the future. Presently, the town website contains information on taxation, permits, etc.

Projects and Activities

The renovations on the new town hall location are progressing well. The building houses the town office, council chambers, public library, ambulance office, youth centre, fitness centre, seniors' room, regional development board room, and gymnasium. Many organizations and groups are tenants of the building and thus revenue generated goes toward the cost of the building. Direct funding sources obtained for the building total \$261,147.81 (CEEP & Gas Tax Funding) and only \$7,061.21 from the town budget.

Street signage has been developed and the installation has been put on hold to find a better solution for readability from both sides of the signs.

Long Term Planning

There is a lot of work involved in governing the town by your council and in running the day to day operation of the town by staff. There are many important priorities and limited resources. The challenge is to do the best work possible today but also consider the future. A newly elected council will need time to plan for the next four years keeping in mind a long term vision well beyond that time frame. We need to know where we want to go as a town in order to determine possible ways of getting there.

PEOPLE FEATURE

This Issue - Introducing
Your Council & Staff:

Your Town Council:

Jamie LeRoux, Mayor
Ann Crant, Deputy Mayor
Norbert Benoit, Councillor
Leonard House, Councillor
Pius Howse, Councillor
Bertram Strickland, Councillor
Connie Willcott, Councillor

Council Committees:

Finance

(Norbert, Leonard, Jamie)

Public Works and Lands

(Pius, Ann, Jamie)

Administration and Personnel

(Connie, Bertram, Jamie)

Your Town Staff:

Genevieve Tremblett,
Town Manager/Clerk

Sandra Cox,

Assistant Clerk

Raymond Organ,

Maintenance Superintendent

Lloyd Organ,

Equipment Operator

Other Town Staff:

Other staff are hired for various projects and/or public works activities.