



St. Alban's, NL Strong Roots



The Resident Connection

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents and Stakeholders,

In this issue of "The Resident Connection" you will find information from your Council and town as per usual in this publication. First, I have a few very important messages to deliver.

I kindly ask on behalf of Town Council, that residents not approach outside town workers when operating equipment (snow clearing, etc.) or doing water and sewer repairs (in holes, etc.). Instead please direct any questions to the office. We request this for two reasons. First and foremost, is the safety of residents and workers. Secondly, workers need to concentrate on the job at hand which may be critical and an ever changing situation at times (emergency repairs, etc.).

On Council's behalf, I also thank all town staff (full-time, casual, etc.) for what they do for the town and particularly the public works staff. They worked very hard in many back to back snow storms amongst water leaks and sewer backups occurring at the same time and through the holidays nonetheless. Most often public works are called upon to be in several different places all at the same time at all hours. Thanks for the messages of thanks from residents as well. It is appreciated!

There is another important matter I must address. As Mayor, Town Council and town staff we must always continue to strive to do better in providing services to residents. However, I challenge everyone to think about how we can make this town better together and pitch in if you like and are able to do so (adopt a fire hydrant maybe, participate in town cleanups, help a neighbour, etc.). There are many folks doing a lot for the community now and I thank you for that. Please keep it up!

"All hands on deck" is how we make a difference as Yarmouth, NS Mayor Pam Mood and her town did last fall mobilizing 500 volunteers. Google it and read about it - we have "strong roots" here too!

With Sincere Hometown Pride,
Jamie LeRoux

Town of St. Alban's

"A Proud History and Hometown Strong"



TOWN OFFICE

Public Service Hours:

9:00 am to 4:00 pm / Monday to Friday

Office & Emergency Contact:

Phone: 538-3132

(For after-hours emergencies such as water shut off, etc. call 538-3132 to get the contact #s via recording.)

Email: st.albans@nf.aibn.com

Website: www.stalbans.ca

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

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.



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YOUR COUNCIL UPDATE

Financial Information – 2014 Budget

Council has reviewed and adopted the 2014 budget. The budget for 2014 is \$1,129,977. There will be no changes in tax rates and fees for 2014. Please review the "Budget Circular - 2014" for more details.

Town Beautification Committee (Advisory Committee to Council)

There has been much interest expressed in town cleanups and particularly with removal of alders, maintaining public spaces and promoting tidy properties. The Town Council is asking residents interested in being involved in a Town Beautification Committee (Advisory Committee to Council) to please leave your name and contact information with the town office. This group would advise Council as well as plan, lead and coordinate town beautification efforts as approved by Council.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness

Council is discussing this topic and looking to plan more work via committee in this regard. Thereafter it will feed into future plans that could include options for emergency response communications centre, warming centre(s), and alternative water and lift station power sources, resident education, etc. However, it will depend on the work done by the committee and thereafter consideration of viable options by your Council (and organizations, etc.). We have to be prepared and find realistic goals.

St. Alban's Community Spirit Events – Canada Day and St. Alban's Festival

A committee with representatives from Heritage Society, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Legion, Firettes, Recreation, CYN, and Council is active. The committee is planning for Canada Day celebrations and the weekend of July 11th, 12th, and 13th. Canada Day will include service, parade, food, music, games, bicycle rodeo (walk or ride) and fireworks. The festival will include potluck dinner theatre, kids' activities, dance, brunch, bingo, etc.. The following weekend is the Bay d'Espoir Day holiday on the Monday following the very important Cancer Benefit Concert on July 20th.

Snow Clearing Priorities and Procedures

Council has adopted "Snow Clearing Priorities and Procedures". It is consistent with many municipalities in NL and across the country. It is a publicly available four page document that outlines priorities, snow accumulations, procedures and so forth. The priorities are classified as follows:

- Priority 1 - Town Major Roadways & Sub-Roads
- Priority 2 - Town Minor Roads, Laneways & Town Owned Parking Lots
- Priority 3 - Town Service Roads

The priorities are defined in the document along with procedures covering in-progress emergencies, road widening, fire hydrants, safety, equipment readiness, varying weather events, etc. The document also covers non-town owned roadways and parking areas such as emergency drive ends, bus stops, etc. The document covers minimum standards for the town as well as resident responsibilities.

PEOPLE FEATURE

This Issue – Thank You From Council To The Volunteers That Protect and Support Both People and Community

Fire Department:

Fire Fighters

Chief Frank Collier
 Deputy Chief Alvin Crant
 Barry Locke, Conrad Collier
 Fred Sheppard, Nelson Wheaton
 Lloyd Organ, Calvin Hickey
 Edward Collier, Jeffrey Collier
 Roland Farrell, Loyola Collier
 Perry Cox, Walene Benoit
 Todd Dominic, Garry Framp
 Shannon MacDonald, Brett Farrell, Boyd Collier, Ross Collier
 Scott Organ, Simon Collier,
 William MacDonald, Corwin Willcott, Craig Collier

Firettes

Margaret Willcott, Susan Snook,
 Sandra Cox, Yvonne Collier, Ann Crant, Joan Howse, Mildred Howse, Mary Farrell, Philomena Willcott, Claudine Willcott, Sheila Wheaton, Lucy Organ, Melita John, Elizabeth Hoskins, Pauline Benoit, Joyce Barnes, Elizabeth Cox, Joan Barnes

The Town Council also recognizes the significant contribution by Fire Chief Frank Collier who has served 35 years in the Fire Department.

Mayor's Acknowledgment: From October 15th to January 22nd (3 month period) the town office received 118 water and/or sewage calls, 77 snow clearing calls, 78 road calls, 24 land calls, 59 project calls, and 282 administrative or general calls. On any given day there are many priorities. I have personally encountered as many as 10 different resident concerns in a busy day and thus I can appreciate the many priorities handled by staff. Your town is very active and busy.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES?

Check out the below sites:
www.getprepared.gc.ca
www.gov.nl.ca/fes/emo/