



The Resident Connection

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents and Stakeholders,

Spring is in the air as you read this issue of "The Resident Connection" and as such some of the topics in this newsletter relate to the season.

At the suggestion of some residents, included with this newsletter is a volunteer interest form to which residents can complete and submit to the town office. The concept has been used in other communities in other jurisdictions so that individuals can express interest in various volunteer activities and it is not a requirement to sign on to an ongoing committee or commitment. It could be for helping out at an event or helping with a town cleanup or so forth. There is no obligation.

That leads into my next point. Many folks have expressed interest in town cleanups and town beautification. However, since the last newsletter only one person has come forward for a Town Beautification Committee. We need more interest in the Town Beautification Committee and significant interest in town cleanups to be successful. There will be more information on these activities subject to interest.

This past fall, winter, and now spring continues to be busy with public works activity in terms of water and sewer work. As residents we can help ourselves and thus minimize impacts to these systems and thus their availability. It is important that we ensure that nothing goes down our drain that is not dissolvable (latex, cloth, etc.) as that causes damage to pumps and systems from lift stations to the sewage treatment plant. The downtime that results in any part of the sewer system impacts residents, costs, and takes away from many other priorities of the town.

On a final note municipal awareness was May 7th and this newsletter is a part of ongoing municipal awareness and provision of information. It is important that residents understand the town, your town, our town!

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

Town Beautification Committee and Town Cleanups

There has been much interest expressed in town cleanups and particularly with removal of alders, maintaining public spaces and promoting tidy properties. In fact, residents are also expressing concerns on conditions of properties throughout town. However, only one person since the last newsletter has submitted their name for the beautification committee. Attached to this newsletter is volunteer registration form as per the suggestion of some residents. It is a great idea and it is a way folks can volunteer for a specific activity or task that may not be able to commit ongoing. Town beautification and cleanups will require sufficient interest and support.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness

Council is continuing to look at this and have been discussing this topic with Fire and Emergency Services on emergency planning. At the bottom left hand corner of this page are links to websites where you can get more information on how residents can be prepared for 72 hours in event of an emergency while assistance is mobilized for the community as a whole. In a significant event this provides time for coordination.

Landfill Concerns

Council asks residents to dump in the inside designated area and not on the roadway to the inside of the garbage pit. Most importantly, it is asked that residents not disturb the landfill for health and safety of everyone. In particular, not to have garbage opened and have results of it blowing around. Should this not resolve gating and fencing (and other enforcement) may be needed with designated dumping times.

Projects and Funding 2014

In April two lift station upgrades were completed and the town is seeking funding for more lift station work as well as a phase III water project. In February and March 2014, the MHA and the town requested road repairs from Transportation Minister to the provincial roadway through town that deteriorated significantly this past winter. Shortly thereafter commitment to temporary repairs and permanent repairs were obtained that will result in 1.3km of paving levelling in worst sections from the winter. There are other sections that will need to be completely rebuilt/paved in future years.

Council Planning

The council is planning on doing a tour of public works facilities for evaluation and education purposes, conducting long term planning, doing emergency/disaster management training/activities, considering GIS mapping of water and sewer lines, currently developing new website, and will in due course do a Town Hall Meeting.

Regional Municipal Matters

The municipalities of the Coast of Bays Region will in a few years have to close all landfills and all waste collection will be sent to a regional transfer station before being sent to the central region. It will not be without many challenges but it is not optional and all towns in the province and nationally have done or will do the same.

PEOPLE FEATURE

This Issue – Thank You From Council To The Volunteers and Staff That Support Recreational Activity and Youth Activity in Community and Area

Recreation Committee:

Don Willcott, Gail Hoskins
Gerald Cox, Matilda Skinner,
Robyn Howse, Wanda Hollett

Recreation Staff:

Recreation Director Frank
Hoskins and Assistant
Director Doug Howse
(Town Staff)

CYN Committee:

Catherine Bourden,
Madonna Collier, Gail Willcott,
Rhonda MacDonald, Ann Crant,
Sharon Murray, Natasha Organ,
Terri-Lyn Howse

CYN Staff:

Lisa Willcott, CYN Coordinator
Jennifer Organ, Fieldworker

The Town Council also recognizes the contribution by all organizations that support recreation, youth leadership, and youth skills/experience.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire Department: 538-3000
Emergency Services: 538-3117
Police: 882-2230
Medical Centre: 538-3244

Basic 911 Service Should Be
Available By 2015!!!

Thank You From Council: Volunteer appreciation week was April 6th to 12th and the Town held volunteer appreciation night on April 9th. Council sends an utmost sincere thank you to all volunteers and everyone that contributed to volunteer appreciation night. Our community is stronger because of what you do!

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES?

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