



St. Alban's, NL Strong Roots



The Resident Connection

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents and Stakeholders,

Council would like to take this opportunity to provide a spring season update to everyone via this newsletter.

First and foremost, on behalf of Council, I would like to advise residents that we did get a Come Year Coordinator in place although much later than anticipated. Funding was approved last fall and Council advertised through various methods both in the fall and again in the winter. There was a lack of interest and candidates meeting the criteria of the funding both times. This presented a challenge whereby funding for wages and some supplies were at risk of not being available for this activity. Therefore, Council considered Ms. Ann Crant for the position and sought Ministerial approval. This resulted in the ability for Council to utilize the funding for the benefit of the activity and savings to taxpayers. I would also like to acknowledge all the many individuals, groups, and organizations that are working hard to make Come Home Year 2015 a success as in the past. Council greatly appreciates it!

This newsletter and the Town Beautification Circular 2015 both contain information about activities and request for assistance/participation. I encourage all property owners, residents, groups, and organizations to get involved and help with public spaces. The Parish, Knights of Columbus, and other volunteers have already done great work at church and cemetery grounds. Let's all of us do our part – it's your property and your town!!! Pride in community is very worthwhile.

This year the Town had unforeseen priorities that prevented the planning of the annual Volunteer Appreciation evening. Thank you to all volunteers and please read this newsletter's people feature.

Most Sincerely and Respectfully,
Jamie LeRoux, Mayor



Town of St. Alban's

“A Proud History and Hometown Strong”



TOWN OFFICE

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

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month (Tuesday in case of Council designated holiday).

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

Beautification Committee Activities

The beautification committee consisting of members of Council, Council staff, and Mr. Jerome Power in partnership with the Heritage Society have activities planned including Town Cleanup weeks June 1st to June 12th, Town Cleanup Day June 6th, and others. Please refer to the Town Beautification Circular 2015 for more details.

Public Works and Lands Update

Two new pumps and piping have been now installed into two wells at the well yard site. The water pressure is now in excess of 110 cubic metres and the week before the pumping issue impacted many residents the water pressure was about 80 dropping to 65 when it fell below normal operation levels. The water pressure is now greater with the two new pumps. More considerations will be made from pumps to other components and the opportunity for funding where possible/appropriate.

There are as many as 50 plus work orders in the queue at any given time from water line repairs, sewer maintenance, road work, etc. Another seasonal public works employee has been hired as per Town Budget 2015. The goal is to do more in road repair and maintenance, etc. as well as assist with other crucial priorities. Two different engineer firms have been consulted as per Valour Place drainage and Council is waiting for recommendations and options from that process.

The Town is exploring new potential sites for future subdivision developments. Work has been done evaluating options in long path road as well as working with the Parish Council in relation to the land in centre of Town. Towns have invested interest and mechanisms available to ensure land within town limits is utilized in the best possible and most cost effective way in the interest of all residents and taxpayers.

There are ongoing municipal capital works projects. The tender has been recently awarded for the rehabilitation of a third lift station near residence of Mr. Don Snook. Phase III water upgrade project should be ready to tender very soon. The Town expects to have news on the application submitted for a new chlorination facility.

The plans for paving capacity will be reevaluated and Council looks forward to a response from the province as to the potential for paving the road from the wharf road to end of St. Alban's. The goal is to have this work completed and begin town roads from the end of town working back through town behind the water projects.

Waste Disposal Site

There have been issues from scavenging, loitering, and fire starting at the waste disposal site. All of the forgoing contributes to both environmental and safety issues. Council requests the assistance of town and area residents to report any individuals that are engaging in these activities at the site to the Town and/or RCMP. Significant effort has been expended on cleaning up debris and extinguishing the fire (via burying it). Everyone has an invested interest in preventing excessive debris and fire hazards.

Fire Department Priorities

The Fire Department will be purchasing a new fire rescue truck soon that will be used in rapid response to various types of emergencies. The Council and the Fire Department are evaluating potential sites for a new Fire Station and will be willing to work with EMS as per their needs. The Town pumper is 23 years old and funding will be sought in the future for a replacement. The new pumper trucks are too big for the current building and the site is not optimum given being in low lying area.

Recreation Priorities

Council has applied for more funding for further work on the ball field/soccer field. The recreation committee is exploring options for upstairs wheel chair accessibility.

PEOPLE FEATURE

This Issue – Thank you to all volunteers in the community and surrounding area.

This year there were many unforeseen circumstances and urgent priorities that prevented Council and Council staff in planning and preparing for a volunteer recognition night typically held in April month. Alternate dates were considered and even those were not achievable due to ongoing critical activities.

Therefore, Council would like to take this opportunity to sincerely and appreciatively thank all the individual volunteers and volunteer based organizations and groups that make our community a community. The town and area would not be the same without the volunteer contributions so vital to the fabric of the community and the many people whom benefit from these efforts.

THANK YOU!!!

Notice: Waterline installation is being done on Bayview Drive to brook path by a Cooke subsidiary and will be on the roadside only and returned to original state.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire Department: 538-3000
Emergency Services: 538-3117
Police: 882-2230
Medical Centre: 538-3244
Or to Get a # call 911
(911 is directory service currently and not a dispatch)
Visit www.stalbans.ca and click the "Emergency Contacts" and "Emergency Preparedness" links in the red bar at the top of

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www.gov.nl.ca/fes/emo/