



St. Alban's, NL



Strong Roots



The Resident Connection

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents and Stakeholders,

This newsletter is a late summer update on matters important to residents.

First and foremost, on behalf of Council, I would like to thank all those that contributed to a welcoming Home Coming and all other events throughout summer. Please see acknowledgments in this newsletter's people feature.

This newsletter highlights many important projects of the Town from roads, water and sewer, recreation, fire department and more. Related to the forgoing, I would like to acknowledge the support of the provincial government and MHA Perry for her advocacy of Council priorities. Former Minister McGrath and Minister Brazil of Transportation and Works supported the approval of 1.3 km of paving last year and another 1km this year on Main Street. This road work is 100% funded by the province.

Former Minister Kent and Minister Hutchings of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs supported via Municipal Capital Works Phase III Water Service Upgrade, 2nd Lift Station Upgrade Project (third lift station), and approval for a Chlorination Facility Replacement Project. These projects are funded 90% by the province and 10% by the Town and total about \$3 million combined with Phase I and II projects (\$1.5 million). This newsletter provides updates on these projects and many others.

Congratulations to the fire department on obtaining a new rapid response rescue vehicle and thank you to the community at large for supporting fundraising efforts. Council and recreation committee is pleased to advise residents of the completion of the new ballfield behind the tennis court adjacent to the arena. The project was supported in part by JCP funding.

Council, staff, departments, and committees are constantly moving forward to seize opportunities and face challenges. Progress leads to more progress!

Most Sincerely and Respectfully,
Jamie LeRoux, Mayor

Town of St. Alban's

"A Proud History and Hometown Strong"



TOWN OFFICE

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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

Permit Required – Excavation, Buildings, Decks, Fences, Paving, and More

Permits are required for all developments both new and/or changes to existing ones. It is advisable for all property owners and contractors to check with the Town office to ensure compliance with requirements well in advance of any project. Compliance will prevent the need to alter or remove any new development not in compliance as of the result of not obtaining the necessary information in advance.

Municipal Capital Works – Three Projects In Progress

Lift station work is being done on the third lift station upgrade on the second lift station upgrade project. Phase III of water service upgrade will also soon be contracted. These projects were approved in 2014 and this year in 2015 the Town has been approved for a new chlorination facility to which engineering work is in progress. These investments are important to the ongoing long term efforts to replace and/or upgrade critical infrastructure and/or systems.

Paving on Main Street and Paving on Town Streets

The provincial government has invested more funds into Main Street in 2015 via Transportation and Works Department upgrade and paving from Wharf Road to end of town. This work and the work completed last year (about 2.3 km in total) provide significant improvement to the main road through town.

The Town is planning on starting paving of Town streets thereafter with potentially one to two streets being paved to start (first being Howse's Lane). The goal is to pave one to two streets per year behind the water service upgrades and will be achieved through combination of gas tax funding and from annual budget allotments for road improvements from tax revenues. Paving repairs are done annually on paved roads.

Future Project Considerations

Funding will be sought for drainage issue on Valour Place which would include pavement as part of the solution. Council may potentially seek funding for an assessment of the water distribution effectiveness from well yard and pumping systems.

Fire Department Purchases New Vehicle

The Fire Department recently purchased a new fire rescue truck that will be used in rapid response to various types of emergencies. The Fire Department and Council will keep focused on the planning for new Fire Department and new Pumper in the future. This will require Town funds, ongoing annual fundraising, and government funding along with dedication of all involved.

Recreation Facilities Include Newly Completed Ballfield

The new ballfield is completed at the soccer field site. This adds to the existing tennis court, basketball court, and other facilities co-located near the arena and community park/playground. Recreation is focused on arena upstairs accessibility as a priority.

Bay D'Espoir Medical Centre Doctor Shortage

The Mayor on behalf of Council has been involved in communication to and from Central Health, conference call with other community leaders/representatives, Central Health Leadership Team Members, and MHA Perry. Council briefly discussed the concept of a potential welcoming committee for newcomers whether the newcomer is from a different town, province, or country and not just for doctors but anyone and their families relocating to the area for work. This committee can provide upfront information and be a point of contact ongoing. The group can assist with making connections whether for sporting activities for kids to volunteer opportunities for adults and anything that helps make meaningful connections within the community.

PEOPLE FEATURE

This Issue – Thank you to everyone that contributed to Come Home Year 2015 and all other events during that time and throughout the summer.

Most sincere thanks to all of the individuals, committees, groups, organizations, and businesses that supported all activities/events. The success of all events throughout the summer would not be possible without all the volunteers, staff, students, and of all the various organizations. The community spirit of town and area is great!

**THANK YOU TO ALL
CONTRIBUTERS AND
PARTICIPANTS!!!**

VANDALISM CONCERNS

There has been damage done to a few road signs and to sections of fences and other items at the community park. Many residents have expressed their disgust and outrage as to this attack on our collective community pride. Please report any suspicious activity to the RCMP and Town.

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)
Visit www.stalbans.ca and click the "Emergency Contacts" and "Emergency Preparedness" links in the red bar at the top of each webpage in the website.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES?

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