



St. Alban's, NL



Strong Roots



The Resident Connection

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents and Stakeholders,

This newsletter contains a current update on your Town (as at October 2016) with respect to developments this past summer and this fall. All past newsletters are also available on-line at the Town website.

This newsletter specifically focuses on providing updates on many important projects and efforts ongoing to maintain the Town's critical and aging infrastructure. These projects are not exciting but very necessary for long term sustainability as it is important to plan ahead.

For instance, during the first six months of this council term, Council recognized the need for continuing the water projects started by the previous Council, doing sewer system upgrade projects, constructing a new chlorination facility, starting to look at capacity for better roads in town, and in consultation with fire department and recreation prioritizing critical upgrades ongoing in those important areas.

Two and half years later, this newsletter is an update on progress to date on these major items with respect to current projects in 2016. The progress stems from Council planning and decisions but ultimately the work of Council staff (all departments and management/administration) and the contribution of volunteers in both fire/rescue protection and recreation.

As Mayor and Council, we are amazed about the significant workload of staff and the critical matters of the Town. We would be the first to say that Council and staff can always do better given there is so much more we can do for the Town and that will always be the case. The important thing is that we are working toward goals and making continual improvement in approaches where it makes sense and as it is feasible for the Town to do so.

We trust this newsletter is very informative on developments to date.

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

Public council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month (except 1st Monday in July and August) and held on Tuesday in case of a holiday.

If a delegation wishes to address council, please make a request and designate a spokesperson. Rules of procedure apply accordingly.



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YOUR COUNCIL UPDATE

Municipal Water Works Projects Update (Phase III Water & New Facility)

Phase III of water service upgrade is completed except for roadway pavement cut repairs. The contract has been awarded for a new chlorination facility and will start this fall. Although our water quality continues to be excellent the water still requires a modern, safe, and automated system (presently 40+years old). These two Municipal Capital Works projects total approx. \$1 million funded by the province and the Town.

Municipal Wastewater Projects Update (3rd Wastewater Project)

Federal and provincial funding has been obtained over summer for the third Wastewater Project during this term of Council (since 2014). Three Lift Stations have been upgraded on the first two projects and this third project will involve upgrades on many of the other eleven lift stations. These three Wastewater Upgrade projects total in excess of \$1 million funded by the province, the federal gov't, and the Town.

Municipal Road Works and Drainage Mitigation Projects Update

Council had hoped to avail of federal infrastructure money and leverage it via financing/town budget to do significant road work throughout Town roads. Instead of doing a road or two per year as done in 2015, the option was considered to do many major and critical roads thus attracting more bidder interest in larger jobs (and hopefully better quality outcomes). Council even evaluated interest charges on debt in relation to maintenance savings. Unfortunately the pot hole repair language in advance of federal budget has not translated into money for roadways of small towns. Leveraging federal funds may have to wait for the next federal budget and the next phase of federal infrastructure funds with a project that would be in excess of \$1million potentially if successful. In the meantime, Council is focused on drainage mitigation on Valour Place and ditching/culverts upgrades on streets throughout many of the higher parts of town (planned for this fall).

Recreation Projects Update

More work was completed on the ballfield and soccer field this year via a JCP funded project. Arena upgrades are underway this fall via a project funded by the Canada 150 Fund (through ACOA), the Town, and the recreation committee. This project is nearly \$100,000 and the end result will be upgrades to both equipment and facility. This project comprises 50% percent funding, 25% Town, and 25% recreation.

Fire & Rescue Department Projects Update

The Town was unsuccessful in funding requests for a new modern facility and pumper truck but was advised to reapply ongoing. Investments ongoing this year in excess of the equivalent of \$50,000 were made into replacement of aging equipment. Funding was obtained from Fire & Emergency Services for paging equipment. The Town and Fire Department have replaced the oxygen tank units and other related equipment (and benefited from warranty replacements as well).

Litigation Matter

Council terminated a contract with a contractor on the first lift station project in 2014 and is engaged in litigation in relation to the same. This decision was made to terminate based on the recommendation of the professional management consultant and consultation with the provincial department responsible. The contractor has initiated a claim against the Town and the Town has defended against the claim. No further details can be provided while this matter is active and/or until it would be appropriate to do so.

PEOPLE FEATURE

A sincere thank you to the residents and businesses inconvenienced by the service outages and traffic flow interruptions during the Phase III Water Service Upgrade Capital Works Project and other public works maintenance and repair activities in various locations around town.

Digging, Building, Dismantling, Paving, etc.? Plan Ahead and Check For Required Approvals & Permits

Don't risk your time and investment for non-compliance to regulations and/or required approvals. Improper land use impacts costs to all taxpayers as per complicated maintenance of town and effects on other properties. Council prefers to prevent all stop work and/or removal orders.

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:
www.getprepared.gc.ca
www.gov.nl.ca/fes/emo/

More Payment Options (Online Banking)

You can now pay Town Taxes via BMO online banking by adding the Town of St. Alban's to the biller list and thereafter pay directly from banking site.