



St. Alban's, NL Strong Roots



The Resident Connection

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents and Stakeholders,

This will be the last regular newsletter of this current Council as municipal elections are in September. It is hoped that residents enjoyed the opportunity to receive these newsletters, information circulars (budgets, etc.), and notices provided by the Town's Facebook page and additional information via the Town website. These new approaches have been beneficial for Council and Staff to communicate with residents. I thank Council for endorsing my recommendation to do these communications.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank all town staff, departments, committees, and volunteers serving or have served in town roles and support roles. Council appreciates their collective input into Council decision making and thereafter doing the real important work of keeping the Town moving forward day after day, 24/7, and 365 days of the year. On behalf of all residents, Council thanks these important folks and their families (all that serve the call of duty including families who support them).

Now back to the business of this newsletter. This newsletter primarily contains an update on projects and activities for the summer and into the fall. There are significant projects to be done soon and more planned.

The last newsletter, this past winter distributed in early January, focused on a thank you and an update post emergency response to the October rainstorm damage. That newsletter stated "the goal is to be even stronger should a future community disaster response be necessary." Just days later, there were the fires impacting public buildings in Milltown-Head Bay d'Espoir including our children's school. The impact of that event was more devastating to our neighbouring towns but the loss of the area school impacted all Towns. Thank you to all in the area that helped from all the fire departments and other emergency responders to all those stakeholders that made way to provide a school for them in just 10 days! The strength of community folks to school folks to the students themselves is exceptional.

Most Sincerely and Respectfully,
Jamie LeRoux, Mayor

Town of St. Alban's

"A Proud History and Hometown Strong"



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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

If a delegation wishes to address council, as per an item upcoming on council agenda please make a request and designate a spokesperson. Rules of procedure apply accordingly.



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YOUR COUNCIL UPDATE

Town Major Projects/Asset Purchase

Phase III water upgrade and the new chlorination facility/system completed in 2016/early 2017. Late last fall, the Town had the emergency "response phase" project repairing rainstorm damage. The "recovery phase" will be this summer and the fall (permanent road repairs/paving on 15 roadways). There will also be a storm sewer project (Valour Pl/Cormier Ave) area and a third sewer project (upgrades to a half dozen more lift stations). The Town is compliant with federal waste water regulations via monitoring flows. These projects are completed by a combination of Town funds, provincial funds, federal funds, and financing. The Town has been planning for a few years to purchase a new larger salt/dump truck and plow (that will arrive by August).

Town Projects – Medium to Long Term Planning

During Council term, a focus shifted to long term planning. Ongoing goals include more proactive upgrades (water reservoir at Ruston Ave and Water Tower at Summit Drive), fire pumper, and site selection/design for new fire station. Longer term plans include municipal buildings reorganization (new fire station, public works depot reconfiguration, Town Hall/Community Centre reestablished/improved). A lease was done with the school board up to 2021 for the building. Other priorities include Town Signage/Way Find System and potential trail development within community.

Swangers Cove Bridge Replacement

The bridge tender closed in May. There was a delay in tender award but latest advisement is that project has been contracted.

Provision of Municipal Information Related to New School

Since 2012 Bay d'Espoir Academy has been on the list for replacement/new school for the area due to the age and condition of the facility. In April, the school board decided to do full replacement/complete new school for Bay d'Espoir and to start a site selection process pending Minister approval. The Mayor has been doing advocacy role and was also approached by the Education Minister to meet in April. The Mayor prepared a municipal information package for the school board and all the appropriate government departments/Ministers and Premier. It outlines the educational potential of the Town of St. Alban's from infrastructure/services/facilities supporting the school community to the strategic location of two potential school sites designated for school, and the financial cost advantages given 72% of students reside in St. Alban's.

Municipal Elections 2017

Municipal elections are in September and residents may want to consider offering themselves. The current Council along with all staff and departments have taken what past Councils/staff have done previously and focused on ways to make our Town even stronger. The next Council will be able to take the progress even further.

Litigation Matter

In 2014 the current Council terminated a contractor from a lift station project for non-performance and the contractor sued the Town (as residents were advised). UPDATE: Shortly after roads were repaired last fall, the Mayor attended a few days of legal discoveries on the matter. The contractor was unsuccessful in those discoveries.

2016 Municipal Plan & Development Regulations (External/Council Review)

A revision to 2009 regulations was done to make improvements where appropriate. Council decisions on development permits are subject to these regulations.

PEOPLE FEATURE

A sincere thank you to everyone for pulling together in the response effort to the loss of the school. During the response and the provision of a temporary school and beyond, the town and area (and beyond) by way of individuals, businesses, corporations, organizations, school board and school personnel, government departments, town staff, and volunteers made it a reality. Thank you from Council

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 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 then make payment.