



Portugal Cove St. Philip's

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WASTE COLLECTION
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The *Tickle* Newsletter

January - February 2016

Clarke Family Fund Raiser for Vera Perlin

Once again the Clarke Family Haunted Garage fundraiser for the Vera Perlin Society was a huge success and continues to grow every year. This year with the addition of an adult dance along with donations collected at the entrance of the Haunted Garage, the Clarke family raised over \$3500.00. The Haunted Garage has been a long standing tradition for this family. The Town of PCSP and the Clarke family would like thank all of the family and friends that lent a helping hand getting ready for this event. A big thank you goes out to all who visited this year's Haunted Garage, your generosity and willingness to have the heck scared out of you keeps everyone planning for next year. Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts, see you in 2016!



(L-R: FF Megan Smith; Lt. Chris Peinsznski; FF Dwayne Rowe; Dylan Anstey; Capt. Chris Donovan; FF Terry Scott)

Dylan Anstey receives 'Bravery' Award

Dylan Anstey was presented with the PCSP Volunteer Fire Department's 'Bravery' award on December 6th. Dylan is a young boy from St. Philip's who this year battled through six surgeries and a very long hospitalization. Dylan met all these challenges with courage and a smile. Way to go Dylan!

Congratulations

The 2015 Christmas Parade was a huge success and together with lots of involvement from so many groups in our community it was also the largest one the Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's has hosted! Judging was very hard this year and we thank our judges for volunteering their time and efforts. A special thank you to all the participants and volunteers, you make our events so very successful! On behalf of the Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's, we would like to congratulate the following winners:

PCSP & Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Parade:

BEST COMMUNITY FLOAT: St. Lawrence Girls Auxiliary



BEST BUSINESS FLOAT: Breakwater Pharmacy



BEST FAMILY FLOAT: Tucker Family (Thomas the Train)



Gingerbread Decorating Contest

**ADULT WINNER:
Sarah Bonnell**



**FAMILY RUNNER UP:
Bantleman Family**



FAMILY WINNER: Young Family





in the Works

Facilities / Water & Wastewater / Streets, Fleet & Waste Management



**Portugal Cove
St. Philip's**

- Garbage Pickup (every week)
- Recycling Pickup (every second week)
- Bulk Garbage Collection (appointment only, call 895-8000 x 228)
- Holiday - No Collection (see rescheduled dates below)

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RESCHEDULED COLLECTION DATES:

March 17: St. Patrick's Day, Moved to March 21

March 25: Good Friday, Moved to 28

July 1: Canada Day, Moved to July 4

August 3: Regatta Day, Moved to August 1

November 11: Remembrance Day, Moved to November 14

Home Heating Safety



Your PCSP Volunteer Fire Department offers these simple steps to stay safe during the home heating season:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from heating equipment such as a furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned at least annually by a qualified person.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Only use the fuel specified by the manufacturer for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors at least monthly.

FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February**

Snow Clearing Reminder

Residents are reminded it is not permissible to shovel, plow or blow snow or ice from a driveway or parking lot onto any street (as per Section 3.3 of the Snow Clearing Regulations). Violations of this nature cause safety hazards and inhibit the Town's snow clearing operations. We thank all residents for their cooperation in this regard.

Walk This Way

Public Works asks the good pedestrians of our Town to please be mindful during snowstorms and while snow removal operations are ongoing. Consider wearing highly reflective clothing and walk on the roadside facing traffic. During heavy snowstorms more room is required to maneuver snow clearing equipment safely on our roadways and given that these large pieces of equipment can have blind spots, all things need to be considered. For your own safety and the safety of our Operators, please keep these tips in mind.

Stay Safe During Power Outages



Many alternative energy sources create carbon monoxide (CO), an invisible, odorless, colorless gas which can cause breathing difficulty, headaches, nausea and even lead to death. During a power outage, your PCSP Volunteer Fire Department reminds you to:

- Place generators outdoors with the exhaust facing away from doors, windows and vents. Never use a generator inside. Even in the garage or shed with the doors and windows open there is still a serious risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Use heavy-duty, outdoor rated extension cords to connect your appliance to a generator.
- Let generators cool before refueling.
- Exhaust vents of gas furnaces, gas water heaters, and gas dryers must be kept clear of drifting snow. Never use gas stoves or ovens as a heating source.
- Never bring barbecues inside to cook. Keep propane and charcoal grills outside and at least 10 feet away from the house.

Common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include: dull headaches, weakness, nausea, confusion, dizziness, and chest pain. If you feel any of these symptoms when using a generator or other alternative heating source, leave the area immediately and call 911.

Source: NFPA website.

The Down and Dirty on Doggy Doo...

It's that time of year again when cleaning your yard of pet poop can become quite a messy task. Public Works kindly requests that pet owners please have consideration for our Operators who collect garbage containing pet feces. While the Town does accept pet feces in residential garbage, bags that have shovels full of snow and rocks mixed in with it are very difficult to collect. When this combination is placed into a garbage bag and then into your garbage box – the down and dirty is that the snow melts... causing the feces to liquefy. Most often, when the Operators haul the bags up, the rocks sink to the bottom causing the bags to tear open and all that lovely liquid drains over the other bags and all over our Operators! The broken open bags and any bags that have been exposed to these contents have to be left behind for the homeowner to clean up. To ensure our employees are not exposed to hazardous material and to permit them to efficiently carry out their collections without disruption, Public Works requests that if you are disposing of pet feces (kitty litter included) please use smaller, double bags and disperse them throughout several garbage bags. Do not place all of it into one bag. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Fitness Programming

All Programming registration opens January 4th, 2016

Zumba

(Winter Session) 8 Weeks (Jan.12– March 3):

Cost: 1 Class/Week – \$64

2 Class/Week – \$128

Tuesday: 7:45-8:45pm @ Rec. Centre

Thursday: 8:15-9:15pm @ Beachy Cove Elem.

Adult Fitness

(Winter Session) 11 weeks (Jan. 11 - Mar. 24)

Cost: \$25

Monday and Thursday: 10:30-11:30am @ Rec. Centre

Storytime

Winter Session January 15th to Easter Break

Cost: \$20

Friday 10:30am (45 min.) Introducing basic behavior skills like sharing and socializing.

Yoga

(Winter Session) 11 weeks (Jan. 11 - Mar. 24)

Cost: 1 class / wk - \$110

2 classes / wk - \$198

3 classes / wk - \$264

Monday: 6:30-7:30pm @ Rec. Centre

Tuesday: 10:00am-11:00am @ Rec. Centre

Thursday: 6:30-7:30pm @ Rec. Centre

Parents 'n' Tots

Winter Session starting January 13th to Easter Break

Cost: \$2 drop in fee, no registration required

Wednesday: 10:00am-12:00pm @ Rec. Centre

This is free form play with a bouncy castle, new toys and a nutritious snack.

Babysitting Course

January 23, 2016

Cost: \$50

Registration begins January 11th

Public Health Seminars

The New Year will see a different public health seminar every month!

Jersey Design Winner

Our judges had another tough decision to make with all the talented jersey ideas entered for Jersey Day 2015. Congratulations to **Emily Whelan** for her winning design for the PCSP Coveys!



Portugal Cove – St. Philip's Lions Club

Meetings every **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month.

New members welcome!

Starts at 7:30pm at the Holy Rosary Community Centre

Have you ever considered being a Lion? Did you grow up in a town with a Lions Club, or have you ever benefited from a Lions program? Your Lions Club wants you! The PCSP Lions Club is looking for men and women who are keen to serve and make a difference in their community. Our current membership includes students, working people, parents with small children, and retirees who attend two evening meetings per month and participate in service activities as their schedules dictate.

Entering its 100th year of service, Lions International is a recognized leader in sight conservation, poverty reduction, disaster relief, environmental stewardship and work with children and youth. It remains the largest organization of its type in the world, with a global network of 1.35 million members in over 200 countries. To learn more, visit www.be-a-lion.org, Google "Portugal Cove St. Philip's Lions Club," or follow us on Twitter @PCSPLions. Want to speak with a real person about the benefits of Lionism? Call 895-6940.

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IS ONE SIZE
Fits All

PRESENTED BY



Wednesday, February 24, 2016

2016 BUDGET

As Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee I am pleased to present the 2016 Budget for the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's. We are truly fortunate to live in a town with such an abundance of community spirit, one with a rich heritage and a bright future.

Creating a budget is a delicate balancing act, between providing vital services and programs on the one hand all the while keeping taxation within reasonable limits. This is especially important in a challenging time for our provincial economy, due to economic factors beyond our control.

It is within this background that we present the 2016 budget for Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. Of major concern to many residents has been property assessments, which are conducted by an independent provincial body, the Municipal Assessment Agency. Average assessments went up by 16 per cent, based on property values in January 2014 – prior to the subsequent downturn in the economy of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Your Council has listened to concerns about increased assessments and its effect on household taxes. As a result of the increase in assessments, we will be dropping the mil rate from 7.9 mils to 6.9 mils – a reduction of 12.6 per cent. This means that there will be an average household tax increase of 3.4%, as opposed to 16 per cent without the reduction. Residents should be aware that decisions on household tax levels are based on the Town's budgetary requirements by setting the mil rate to obtain the level of necessary revenue.

The total projected revenue for 2016 is \$14,948,669, an amount that includes government transfers for capital projects. Detailed information on revenues and expenditures will be provided on the Town's web site for the information of residents.

Your Council is now half way through its term and this budget is a

reflection of the direction we have set over the last two years. This budget also outlines the vision that we have for the next two years and beyond. Council established this vision for the community through extensive outreach efforts that included numerous public engagement opportunities with residents, community groups and business people. In addition, we now have a better understanding of our future needs and demands based on data obtained through key initiatives such as our Asset Management Plan, which we are currently finalizing. The result of these efforts is improved planning and a more consistent and predictable path forward for Portugal Cove – St. Philip's.

During the most recent budget consultations we heard a number of concerns and priorities from those who attended. These include:

- Concerns about assessments and potential tax increases.
- Increased pedestrian safety and walkability.
- Enhanced environmental protection.
- Improved services and programming.
- More business opportunities.
- Support for agriculture and farming.
- Consistency in taxation and budgeting.

Your council has listened to these concerns and we have adopted a number of initiatives and projects to support these issues. This will continue in 2016 and beyond.

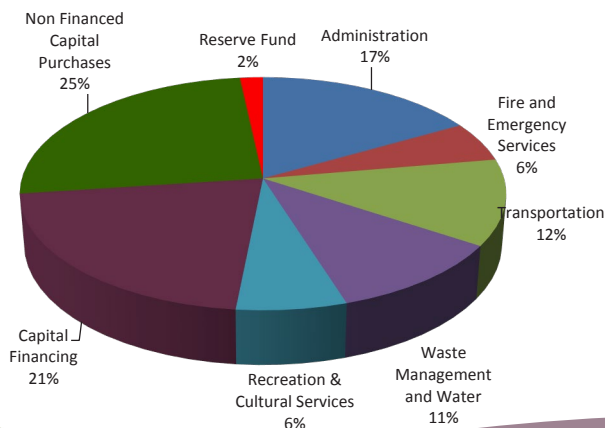
We appreciate the support of our residents, especially all those who gave input during the public budget consultations as we strive to become a sustainable community and a model for the region and province. We continue to encourage residents to provide input in the future.

Respectfully submitted

Gavin Will Chair, Finance and Administration Committee

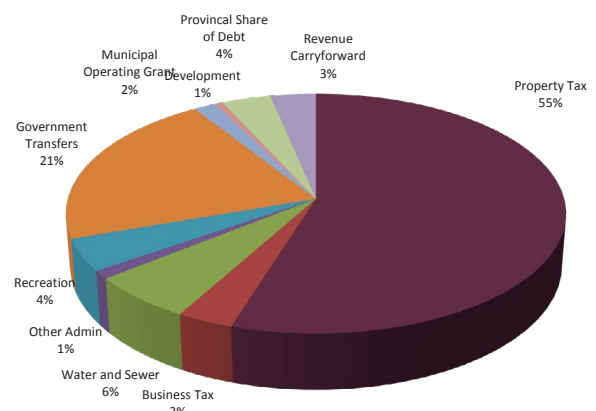
2016 EXPENSES BREAKDOWN

Administration	\$2,495,043	Non Financed Capital Purch.	\$3,793,921
Fire and Emergency Services	\$825,000	Reserve Fund	\$258,609
Transportation	\$1,784,127	Total Expenditures	\$14,948,669
Waste Management and Water	\$1,626,202		
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$970,230		
Capital Financing	\$3,195,336		



2016 REVENUE BREAKDOWN

Property Tax Revenue	\$8,202,369	Development	\$85,000
Business Tax Revenue	\$488,118	Other Admin	\$163,390
Water and Sewer Revenue	\$918,700	Provincial Share of Debt	\$533,464
Municipal Operating Grant	\$242,596	Revenue Carryforward	\$495,458
Government Transfers	\$3,168,621	Total Budget Revenue	\$14,948,669
Recreation	\$650,953		



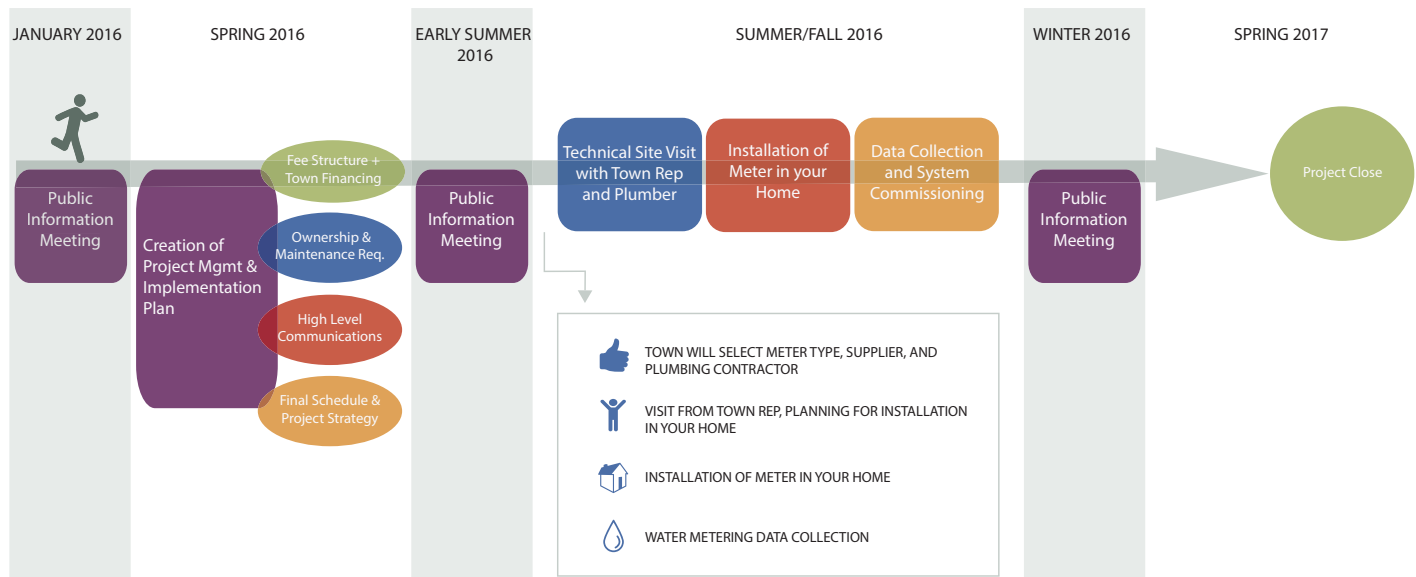
Water Metering Project

In 2016, the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's is proceeding with the plan to install water meters in all households that are on municipal water. The benefits are many, but most importantly it will reduce water usage in the community. That reduction in water usage is important to the long term financial sustainability for the Town as a whole, as water costs continue to climb. It also allows households to control their own bill by paying for only what they use. It will be a more fair way to allocate the cost of providing the service to only those who use the service. Beyond the financial implications on the Town and individual households, there are also positive environmental impacts through reducing water usage and metering gives the town increased ability to detect leaks in the system.

Water Metering Public Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 21
Time: 7:00
Location: PCSP Recreation Centre

This meeting is the first in a series of public meetings that will happen during the process to install meters to all households on municipal water. This is the very beginning of the process. Over the course of the year a great deal of information will be distributed to residents to keep them informed on the project. For more information please contact Jeff Lawlor at 895-8000 ext 222.



Introducing eServices in PCSP!

In 2016 we are focused on enhancing the quality and accessibility of the services that we provide to our residents. One way we will do this is through our new eServices portal. This new portal has already been launched and now gives you the opportunity to pay your current municipal bills online. It is very easy to login to eServices, simply follow the link on our website www.pcsp.ca and input the code that was included on your recently mailed out 2016 municipal tax bill. In addition, in the coming months you will be able register for Recreation programs or events, book a facility or field or even log an issue or complaint directly through the portal. If you have any issues or need some assistance please contact **Joe Donkers** at 895-8000 ext 260.

Stay tuned for more information on eServices in PCSP.

Speed Zone Policy Public Meeting

Date: Monday, January 25th
Time: 7:00
Location: TBD

PCSP Council is looking to implement a town wide Speed Zone Policy that would overhaul the existing speed zones in the community. We will be developing this in conjunction with our SafePCSP Pedestrian Safety Group as well as local authorities. We would like to invite residents to come out to a public meeting outlining the policy so that we can get lots of feedback from the community. For more information please contact **Jeff Lawlor** at 895-8000 ext 222.

PCSP Hiking & Walking Club



The PCSP Hiking & Walking Club got in on Sports Day in Canada too. Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy these events.



PCSP Hiking & Walking Club

NEIGHBOURS BECOME FRIENDS WHILE ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS



PHOTO BY: Gary Case

Join the PCSP Hiking & Walking Club on their next walk! Every Saturday, weather permitting, they get together as a group to explore the great outdoors. Hikes vary to appeal to participants of all ages and abilities and are organized and led by someone who knows the trail. For more information and to have a look at the latest newsletter check out their website. While on the site you can sign up to receive weekly notices of each hike.

WEBSITE: <https://sites.google.com/site/pcsp hiking walking/home>

EMAIL: pcsp hiking walking@gmail.com



PHOTO BY: Sue Willis

Come out and join us, enjoy the outdoors and make some new friends!

Portugal Cove
St. Philip's



Community Challenge

Come cheer on staff, council and volunteers of the Killick Coast
vs Staff, Council and volunteers of the Town of Paradise!

Saturday February 13th
Puck drops at 10:00am

Both teams will be fundraising as much money as possible!

Visit this website to find out how to donate:

<https://easterseals.akaraisin.com/Common/Event/Home.aspx?seid=11562&mid=8>

Each \$250.00 gets a team a penalty shot!



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philips is seeking
volunteers for special events

If you are interested in volunteering with the Town please
see application on Town website or contact Nick Miller at
895-0000 ext. 233 or email nick.miller@pcsp.ca

JANUARY 2016

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2016

THE 101st ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR II

THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

THE 66TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BEGINNING OF THE KOREAN WAR

We honour all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in all of the Wars, Conflicts and Peacekeeping Missions of our time past, present and future. Please join the Royal Canadian Legion on parade in 2016 to honour them in Remembrance and Gratitude. Details will appear in future newsletters.

New Year's Eve Dance

Come ring in the new year with DJ Chris Thomas and the legion. You are welcome to bring your own food. Party favours supplied. Early bird tickets available at the Legion. Get yours soon to avoid disappointment 895-6521

Seniors Christmas Dinner

Don't forget the Seniors Christmas Dinner in January 9, 2016. Doors open at 4:00pm. Who will be crowned King and Queen this year? Come and find out. Town Residents only please.

Darts

Women's Darts RETURNS

January 17th start date
7:00pm.
Contact Tina Gosse
895-0181

For all other Dart info
Contact Mary Burt
895-6521

Legion Poetry Contest

You can submit an entry directly to the Legion with a correctly filled out form which can be obtained from the school or directly at the Legion website at www.legion.ca.

ENTERING AND REGULATIONS

Students may enter as many contests as they wish to but may submit only one entry for each category.

DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES in the Poster and Literary Contests are determined by the local Legion branches.

Old Fashioned BINGO!

Every Wednesday Night at 8:00pm

Yes, we still have the old fashioned hard cards: PickaBingo, Early Bird, Lucky 7, and Satellite. Includes a Jackpot Game (Hard Cards). Plus Nevada Tickets and Fun! Come join us!

Please bring your friends to enjoy the fun

Having a Birthday, Wedding, Banquet, Shower, or Family Reunion?

Book your function at the Royal Canadian Legion! Great Rates - Great Hall - Great Fun!

The hall has A/C and an outdoor deck.

Call 895-6521 for more information.

Monday - Friday: Open at 4:00pm

Saturday: Open at 12:00 noon

Sunday: Open at 2:00pm

Legion Representative Contacts

Len Collins, *Legion President*: 895-6521

Micheal Pretty, *BR 10 Service Officer*:
727-4674

Provincial Command: 753-6290

Scent Free Building

Due to extreme health issues, please note that the Legion is a designated Scent Free Building. These are life threatening health issues so we respectfully request your cooperation.

The Royal Canadian Legion would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you a

Happy and Healthy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you all at the Legion in 2016.

Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE)

ACE has been made aware that litter is beginning to accumulate on some of our trail systems and with the winds and freeze/thaw cycle of a NL winter litter is even harder to manage. Please do your part in keeping the town clean by properly disposing your garbage and by using the bins supplied by the Town.

ACE has also initiated a “no idling” campaign. Climate change will be a priority for the new federal government and one way we can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our own community is to turn off our vehicle’s when there isn’t really a need to be idling, such as when waiting at the convenience store or picking your kids up at school. If you are interested in joining ACE, please contact Jeff Lawlor at 895-8000 ext222 or email Jeff.Lawlor@pcsp.ca

Invitation for Ideas in Memory of the Old Church

The old church has been demolished and while the demolition has left a scar on the landscape, and in the community, we hope that this experience can ultimately lead to a greater good.

The CBTS is considering how it will proceed in memory of the St. Philips 1894 Historic Church, with consideration also how to dispense the CBTS current (and future) funds. Our by-laws and as a CRA charitable organization limits some usage. We invite your positive ideas (preferably before the next CBTS Board meeting Jan. 14th 2016).

Contact us via email info@TheChurchByTheSea.ca;
website www.TheChurchByTheSea.ca;
or write The CBTS PO Box 1894 Stn C, St. John’s, NL A1C 5R4

St. Lawrence Parish

Seniors Cards and Fellowship
Every Wednesday from 2 – 4pm.

For more information, call 895-6424 or 753-6072

Rainbow 50+ Club

At the Community Centre, Thorburn Road, every Friday from 2-4pm, join us for darts and cards.

For information please contact Sheila King @ 895-3374

Council Meetings Time Change

Council meetings will take place **every second Tuesday** commencing on January 12, 2016. The time of meetings has moved to **5:00 pm**.

Heritage Committee



The Heritage Committee would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Here are some things going on in Heritage for the town:

NEW FAMILY HISTORY CLUB

After much of interest from residents we have started a Family History Club. This club will meet on a monthly basis to discuss genealogy and will provide some support for people tracing their family history.

NEW ARTIFACT COLLECTION

Along with archival materials the Heritage Coordinator has begun to collect artifacts. If you have any items that you would like to see preserved and safeguarded let us know.

NEW SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

We are currently looking for 2 new members to join the Heritage Committee. If you are a resident and are interested in the heritage of PCSP and are interested in getting involved, we would love to hear from you.

ORAL HISTORIES

Collecting oral histories is an ongoing project. Stories that have been collected are being processed to be available online through the Digital Archive Initiative at Memorial University.

For further information about any of the above please contact:

Julie Pomeroy
Heritage Programs and Services Coordinator
895-8000 ext. 229
Julie.pomeroy@pcsp.ca

PCSP and Region Completing Survey

The Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency (NLSA) is conducting a survey on behalf of the municipalities of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's, Paradise, St. John's, Conception Bay South, and Torbay. The survey will collect up to date data on the municipalities in the Northeast Avalon to inform policy, planning and the delivery of services now and in the future. It will primarily deal with demographic information and residents' perceptions of programs and services being provided locally.

The information that is being collected will be done through a sample of the population and will be protected under the authority of the Statistics Agency Act. Please be assured if you are selected that your answers will be kept strictly confidential and published in aggregate form only. No individuals will be identified in the survey's results. Although participation is voluntary, your co-operation is important to ensure that the information collected is as accurate and as comprehensive as possible. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

SafePCSP



Be safe and be seen!

Be sure to wear a some reflective or high visibility clothing like a safety vest or an arm band when you are out on a walk or a ride.

They don't cost much, and your safety is worth it!

For more information on pedestrian safety,

visit us at:

Facebook.com/safepcsp

From the Mayor's Desk



Another year has passed and another one begins. I am truly humbled to serve as your Mayor at this important time in our community's history. Each and every day I am inspired by those in our community that continue to give so much of themselves to this place we call home.

Our Council is at the half way point in our term and we can look back on two years of success moving the community forward through effective planning and decision making. We could not have done it without the support and input of our citizens through many public engagement opportunities embraced by Council. We commit to continue to lead openly, transparently and collaboratively with our residents. We have recently passed a successful budget that limits household tax rates while not only maintaining but also enhancing the programs and services that we provide. I am proud that this Council is taking such a proactive approach on future infrastructure needs by creating reserve funds that will reduce the burden on our children and grandchildren. It is always wise to invest in the future.

I wish you all health and happiness in the New Year and promise to continue to lead this Council in making Portugal Cove – St. Philip's the best that it can be.

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We want to hear from you! Send in your pictures, community events or any information you would like to see in the newsletter. Deadline for submission for the March - April edition, deadline is 4:00pm Friday, February 5th, 2016. Contact Jeff Lawlor at jeff.lawlor@pcsp.ca or 895-8000 ext 222.