



# Portugal Cove St. Philip's

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## The *Tickle* Newsletter January - February 2017

### Congratulations Annual PCSP Christmas Parade Winners

During the holiday season, we had another great Christmas parade! We had lots of amazing floats from community groups, businesses and families from throughout PCSP. We were proud to again recognize the very best and award our Annual PCSP Christmas Parade winners. A huge thank you to all participants and see you next year!



Best Business – Get Your Freak on Fitness



Best Family Float – The Tucker Family



Best Community Group – 1st Portugal Cove Scouts

### Mary Thorne Receives Special Recognition

Mary Thorne received the “Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship”, which is the highest award given by the Lions Foundation of Canada to a lion who has shown long time dedication & service to helping others. Lion Mary has been only one of four in the club to receive this award. It was given at their 40th Charter Night on November 12th, 2016. Lion Mary has also received the “Lion Melvin Jones Fellowship”, the highest award given by Lions International.



Pictured: Diane Bonnell, Lions 1st District Governor Newfoundland and Labrador; Mary Thorne; and Bradley Moss, President Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Lions Branch

# 2017 BUDGET

As Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee I have the honour of presenting the 2017 Budget for the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's. This budget is the culmination of three years of this Council listening and working with the residents of our growing and dynamic community. We are excited to build on our guiding principles of smart planning and financial sustainability, while focusing on initiatives that will benefit us today and into the future.

Over the last couple of months, during the budget process, we have listened to the concerns and priorities of residents. From our consultations your Council has delivered a strong budget, focused on holding the line on taxes while making investments in infrastructure and key programs. The following decisions and initiatives are in response to what we heard during the budget consultation process:

## **Focus on being financially prudent and sustainable budgeting**

- The Town's debt servicing ratio has decreased from 20% to 17%
- There will be a \$160,000 investment into the infrastructure reserve fund. At the end of 2017 the total value will be \$892,635. This reserve fund is an essential financial component that supports long-term sustainability by creating the future financial resources needed for Council to maintain and replace infrastructure. The result will be a much more stable and predictable mil rate for residents.
- We will continue the principles of the Town's Asset Management Plan by planning for infrastructure and equipment replacement.

## **Concerns about the economy and increased pressure on household income**

- No tax increases by maintaining residential mil rate at 6.9
- Water fee to remain at \$475 for residential properties
- Combined Water and Sewer Fee to remain at \$650 for residential properties

## **Snow clearing, sidewalks and trails**

- Introduction of 24-hour snow clearing and ice control on Town-owned roads
- Investment of over \$1.4 million in new trails and sidewalks including:
  1. Connectivity to the new school with sidewalks and walkways along Thorburn Road and Dogberry Hill Road.
  2. Sidewalks on Portugal Cove Road and Meadow Heights
  3. Phase II of the trail system of Voisey's Brook Park

## **Increased investment in pedestrian safety**

- Development of the Advanced Street Network Plan that will create a plan for the future road network, sidewalks and trails.
- Additional funding directly to Safe PCSP initiatives
- Traffic calming equipment including driver feedback signs

## **Maintenance of existing recreation and infrastructure assets**

- Increased security and maintenance for public spaces and parks
- Investments in new fleet and equipment to maintain parks, trails and infrastructure
- Zone Meters and a water loss program to help reduce water leakage.

## **Support for agriculture and farming**

- Reduced farming mil rate from 5 to 2.5

## **Other Strategic Initiatives**

- There will be a number of Capital Works projects including:
  - Meadow Heights water, sewer, and pedestrian walkway
  - Spurrells Bridge replacement
  - Nearys Pond Road repaving and pedestrian-related upgrades
  - Healys Pond Crescent intersection upgrade
  - Rainbow Gully Park water and sewer
  - Expansion of the Rainbow Gully soccer field, resulting in additional revenue opportunities
- A decision will be made on the water metering project. If deemed feasible, it will reduce the overall cost of water to residents, as well as to the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's.
- There will be strategic investments in environment and heritage initiatives in collaboration with our advisory committees. This includes water studies, an environmental fair, planning for a memorial site for the Piccos Ridge aircraft crash site, and restoration and memorialization of Fanny Goff's headstone.
- We are committed to both understanding and providing a level of service that is expected by our residents. In order to achieve this goal, a service level review will be completed with input from the public in 2017.
- We continue to invest in Recreation. In 2017, we will enhance green spaces in residential neighbourhoods, install lighting to the softball field at Rainbow Gully Park and place new inclusive play infrastructure in both parks.
- The Maggie's Place Development Plan will continue to look at a comprehensive plan for the area, including space for a new Town depot and the potential for a mix of housing types, including for seniors and affordable housing options.

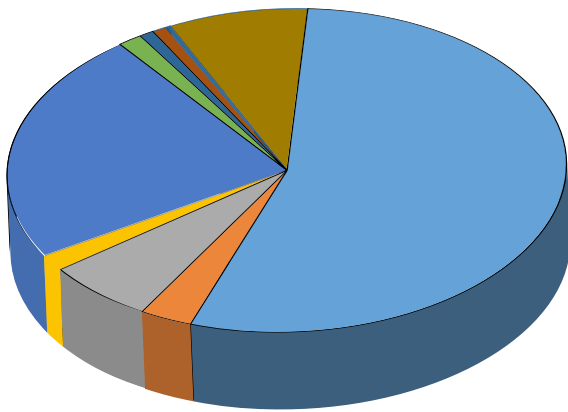
We continue to work towards diversifying the tax base in the long term by working with the development community regarding two key strategic locations; one on Portugal Cove Road and the other on Thorburn Road. These sites will be developed with commercial development, housing and public infrastructure as main priorities. The total projected revenue and expenses for 2017 is \$15,379,553, which includes government transfers for capital projects. Detailed information on revenues and expenditures will be provided on the Town's website for the information of residents.

We appreciate the support of our residents, especially those who have provided input during the public budget consultations. By listening to our residents and making smart investments with long term impact we aim to provide a community that inspires not only those in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's, but also the region and province.

Respectfully submitted, **Gavin Will**  
*Chair, Finance and Administration Committee*

# BUDGET 2017

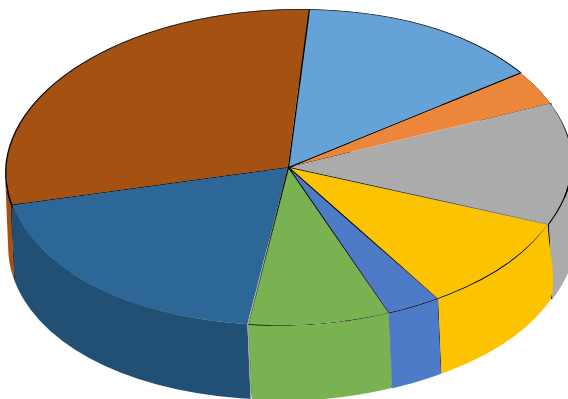
## 2017 REVENUE BREAKDOWN



### TOTAL BUDGET REVENUE - \$15, 379, 553

- Property Tax Revenue – 54.6%
- Business Tax Revenue – 3.1%
- Water and Sewer Revenue – 6.3%
- Municipal Operating Grant – 1.6%
- Government Transfers – 23.1%
- Other Transfers – 1.4%
- Licenses, Permits and Fees - 0.9%
- Investment Income – 0.9%
- Other Grants – 0.1%
- Reserves and Miscellaneous – 8%

## 2017 EXPENDITURES BREAKDOWN



### TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES - \$15, 379, 533

- General Government – 14.4%
- Protective Services – 3.6%
- Transportation – 12.4%
- Environmental Health – 9.7%
- Planning and Development – 3.1%
- Recreation and Cultural Services -7.9%
- Fiscal Services – 19.6%
- Non Financed Capital Purchases and Transfers – 29.2%

### Maggies Place Development Plan Public Meeting

**Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00 pm**  
**Murray's Pond**  
**Fishing and Country Club**

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's has begun the creation process of a Maggies Place Development Plan. There are three individual work packages encompassing three overlapping parcels of land in the Maggies Place area. We are engaging the public to garner their feedback for consideration as one of the first steps in this process. You can find the project charter that outlines the scope, process and deliverables on our website.

**Note:** *This public meeting is separate from the scheduled land owners meeting.*



### New Year, New Website!

With ringing in the New Year, we're ringing in our new website! Keep an eye out for our new, modern website that takes all of your favorite parts of the old website, and merges them into a streamlined site that has been specifically designed to serve your needs as residents. The site will launch in January. Stay tuned!

### Want to Stay in the Know?

Coming in early 2017, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's will be introducing a new notification system! You will be able to sign up for emergency notifications, receive texts on recreation events or reminders on garbage collection! More details to follow on how to sign up and be in the know!



## 2017 WASTE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE



- 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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### SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Good Friday: April 14th moved to April 17th

Civic Holiday: August 2nd moved to July 31st

### CHRISTMAS WEEK:

December 26th moved to December 27th

December 27th moved to December 28th

December 28th moved to December 29th

December 29th moved to December 30th

# Programming

## January 2nd registration begins for

- Moms da Bomb fitness
- Zumba
- Yoga
- Adult Fitness
- Classes begin January 16th

### Moms da Bomb Fitness (12 week session)

#### Tuesdays and Thursdays

Recreation Centre

10:30 to 11:30am

Cost: \$90 for one class a week/\$160 for two classes a week  
Child Minding will be provided



Moms da Bomb Fitness



Moms da Bomb Fitness



Moms da Bomb Fitness

### Adult Fitness (12 week session)

#### Mondays and Thursdays

Recreation Centre

\$2 drop in

Toys, snacks, bouncy castle

### Zumba (8 week session)

Tuesdays 7:45 pm @ the Rec Center

Thursdays 8:15 pm @ Beachy Cove

Cost: \$64 for one class a week/\$128 for two classes a week



## 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



## PCSP Hiking & Walking Club



A Summer walk on the Signal Hill Trail overlooking St. John's Harbour.

A seasonal Fall hike on Prince's Mountain, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's with a great view of the Town.



Beautiful snowshoe conditions on a trail from Old Broad Cove Road to Windsor Lake.

Every Saturday, weather permitting, they get together 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, where 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](mailto:pcsp hiking walking@gmail.com)

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

## St. Lawrence Parish

### ACW Card Game

Tuesday January 24

Time: 8pm

Cost: \$5

Bring your own cards

### ACW Card Game

Tuesday February 21

Time: 8pm

Cost: \$5

Bring your own cards

### Afternoon Cards & Fellowship

Every Wednesday beginning January 11th from 2-4pm.



# Valentine's Dinner

Tuesday February 14th @ Beachy Cove Café

Doors Open 6:30pm

Meal served at 7:00pm

Tickets \$50.00 Each

## Three Course Meal:

Traditional Soup or Strawberry Spinach Salad;

Stuffed Chicken or Striploin in Peppercorn sauce both served with roasted vegetables;

and a delectable Dessert.

Register online through eServices, Menu forms will be emailed out following payment

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**FEBRUARY 22, 2017**

## Rainbow 50+ Club

### ATTENTION, ATTENTION EVERYONE 50 PLUS

The Rainbow 50+ Club of Portugal Cove/St. Philips, meets every Friday in the Community Center behind the Town Hall from 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. for cards or darts. (Starting back on Friday, January 13 after Christmas break) Come along and bring a friend. Have some fun with old friends, but also make some new ones. Each month there will be a Social with food/cards/darts/dance. (Dates will be posted later) You do not have to be a resident of PCSP to join the Club.

The Club wishes to express a sincere THANK YOU to Sheila King for the past 7 years as President, and all other members for their commitment to the running of the Club. Hopefully, the new executive will have the same success.

For further information on the Club please call Paula Rees @ 7391303, Viola Squires @ 895- 2577 or any other member.



The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Council, Volunteer Fire Department, and staff would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our Christmas events this season. We collected some fantastic donations for the Regional Food Bank, letters to Santa, and served up so much delicious hot chocolate to so many smiling faces that it was easy to see why Santa and Garland the Elf enjoyed their visit so much. Your enthusiasm makes these events that much more memorable for everyone and we cannot thank you enough. We are truly looking forward to working with you all in 2017!

Thank you!

  
Portugal Cove  
St. Philip's



For further information on any Recreation event or Programs, please contact the Recreation Department at 895-8000 (ext 4)

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*PCSP Winter Carnival Adult Dance*  
*With*  
***Bic and the Ball Points***

Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10

Doors Open 9:00pm

Tickets \$20 single/ \$30 Double

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Recreation office at 895-5677, or at the Town Hall Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 4:30pm.



## Babysitting Course

**When:** Saturday January 28th

**Time:** 9:00am—3:30pm

**Where:** Recreation Centre

**Cost:** \$50.00

Lunch Provided

This course is for youth ages 11—16 and will provide information on caring for infants, toddlers, and older children. Topics covered will include Basic First Aid, injury prevention and general caregiver responsibilities.

Online registration will begin on

Monday January 9th, through

eServices, payment is required by credit card.

For more information contact Mike Stone at 895-5671.

Space is limited, register early.



**St. John Ambulance**

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 at work, home and play



## Winter Carnival Craft Fair

*Recreation Centre*

*Feb. 12, 2017 from 10am - 3pm*

*We are looking for vendors for our Winter  
 Carnival Craft Fair in February.*

*6 foot tables, \$30 per table.*

*Admission to the fair is a donation to the  
 Regional Food Bank.*

*Duplicate tables will be kept  
 to a minimum.*

*To register, contact Nicole Clark 895-5677, email: [Nicole.Clark@pcsp.ca](mailto:Nicole.Clark@pcsp.ca)*



# JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Happy New Year!</b> 1	• Registration for Programs Begins 2	3	4	5	6	• Legion Seniors Christmas Dinner and Dance 7
8	9	10	• St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship 11	12	• Rainbow 50+ Cards & Darts 13	• PCSP Hiking Walking Club 14
• Green Team Public Presentation 15	• Adult Fitness • Yoga 16	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Zumba 17	• St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship • Family History Club • Margies Place Development Plan Public Meeting 18	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Adult Fitness • Zumba • Yoga 19	• Rainbow 50+ Cards & Darts 20	• PCSP Hiking Walking Club • Legion Play Downs Darts & Crib 21
22	• Adult Fitness • Yoga 23	• St. Lawrence ACW Card Game • Moms da Bomb Fitness • Zumba 24	• St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship 25	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Adult Fitness • Zumba • Yoga 26	• Rainbow 50+ Cards & Darts 27	• PCSP Hiking Walking Club • Babysitting Course 28
29	• Adult Fitness • Yoga 30	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Zumba 31				

# FEBRUARY 2017



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			• St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship 1	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Adult Fitness • Zumba • Yoga 2	• Rainbow 50+ Cards & Darts 3	• PCSP Hiking Walking Club 4
5	• Adult Fitness • Yoga 6	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Zumba 7	• St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship 8	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Adult Fitness • Zumba • Yoga 9	• Rainbow 50+ Cards & Darts • Memory Mug Up • Deadline for Tickle Submissions 10	• PCSP Hiking Walking Club 11
12	• Adult Fitness • Yoga 13	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Zumba 14	• St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship • Women Interested in Municipal Politics Meeting • Family History Club 15	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Adult Fitness • Zumba • Yoga 16	• Rainbow 50+ Cards & Darts 17	• PCSP Hiking Walking Club • PCSP Winter Carnival Adult Dance 18
19	• Adult Fitness • Yoga 20	• St. Lawrence ACW Card Game • Moms da Bomb Fitness • Zumba 21	• St. Lawrence Cards and Fellowship • Pink Shirt Day 22	• Moms da Bomb Fitness • Adult Fitness • Zumba • Yoga 23	• Rainbow 50+ Cards & Darts 24	• PCSP Hiking Walking Club 25
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# Heritage Committee

## MEMORY MUG UP

Date: February 10th, 2017  
Time: 10am-Noon  
Location: PCSP Recreation Center 1119 Thorburn Road

To register please contact Julie Pomeroy 895-8000 x 229 or Julie.pomeroy@pcsp.ca



Join Dale Jarvis from the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador and Julie Pomeroy, the PCSP Heritage Programs and Services Coordinator, for a lovely morning of memories and refreshments. As a way to celebrate Heritage Day in PCSP we are going to discuss some of the memories people have of the communities and determine some important stories to safeguard.

Dale Jarvis works as the Intangible Cultural Heritage Development Officer for the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, helping communities to safeguard traditional culture, which was the first full-time provincially funded folklorist position in Canada. Dale has been working for the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador since 1996, and holds a BSc in Anthropology/Archaeology from Trent University, and a MA in Folklore from Memorial University. He is a past president of the Newfoundland Historic Trust, and has contributed as a board member and volunteer to many local arts and heritage organizations. Author of several books, he is a tireless promoter of local traditions. He regularly teaches workshops on oral history, cultural documentation, project management, and public folklore.

# A.C.E

## GREEN TEAM PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

Date: Sunday January 15th, 2017  
Time: 2-4pm  
Location: Recreation Center, 1119 Thorburn Rd



This past summer the Portugal Cove St-Philip's Green Team surveyed the Beachy Cove Brook waterway to assess overall stream health, and determine stream locations that were ideal for establishing healthy fish populations. By surveying the main stream and its tributary offshoots, the team identified areas for remediation that would benefit from trout habitat restoration. Having healthy, viable fish populations in the region is important for both the local culture and local economy. According to locals, the area's trout population has been in decline, and improving the waterway is crucial to increasing the abundance of fish not only in the stream, but also in the ponds such as Oliver's, Hugh's, Mitchell's, and Hogan's.

Join us for a presentation and discussion of the Green Team final report.



## IDLE-FREE



Portugal Cove  
St. Philip's



## NO IDLING Coming Soon in 2017!

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's and ACE will be introducing a new environmental initiative in 2017.

The No Idling initiative will encourage people not to idle their vehicles wasting gas and polluting the air. Doing so will help reduce our carbon footprint and keep our air cleaner.

No Idling signs will soon appear at local businesses and in car windows.

Contact: Julie Pomeroy, Heritage Programs and Services Coordinator, Julie.pomeroy@pcsp.ca, 895-8000 x 229



# 2017

## THE 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

The message of Vimy Ridge is one of bravery and sacrifice. The battle, which took place on April 9, 1917, is commonly highlighted as a turning point in Canadian history, where the four Canadian divisions fought together as a unified fighting force for the first time.

### Seniors Christmas Dinner MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

January 7, 2017

Doors Open at 4:00pm

Who will be our new King and Queen?

### 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.

### 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 12:00noon

Sunday: Open at 2:00pm

### Legion Representative Contacts

Len Collins, *President*: 895-6521

Micheal Pretty, *Service Officer*: 727-4674

Provincial Command: 753-6290

*Happy New Year and all  
the best for 2017. We look  
forward to seeing you all.*



# PCSP Winter Carnival

## FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>-19<sup>TH</sup> 2017



### Murray's Pond Fishing & Country Club Valentine Charity Monte Carlo Night & Dance Blackjack and Silent Auction

*In aid of SafePCSP*

#### Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Tickets: \$20 ea. in advance / \$25 at the door  
Each ticket holder receives \$20 in playing chips upon arrival,  
and you can buy more as needed.

Contact: Darryl Harding, Murray's Pond 895-6585 or Norma Reid 699-1730

50/50 draw - silent auction - wheel spins - crown and anchor wheel - loonie chase the ace - bar service - refreshments

## From the Mayor's Desk



With the end of one year, means the beginning of a new year. 2016 was an exceptional year to be the Mayor of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's and I am looking forward to serving the community in 2017.

As we look back over the last year, and our term as Council, we can celebrate the success our community has had as a whole. With the input and support of our residents, we've been able to pass a budget that reflects the values and ideals of our Town. We listened. We will be introducing 24 hour snow clearing and ice control over Town roads and we will be investing more than \$1.4 million in new trails and sidewalks. We are supporting our agriculture industry within the Town by reducing the farm mil rate from 5 to 2.5. We also have a focus on the environment, our community heritage and of course recreation, with initiatives to enhance our united community even further. With the current economic climate, we understand the concerns about increased pressure on household income. There will be no tax increase for 2017 and the combined water and sewer fee will remain at the current amount.

On behalf of myself and the entire Council, we wish you all health and happiness in this New Year. As our term winds down in this election year, we shall continue to serve the residents of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's and work in partnership to continue to make our community a fantastic place to live.

*Moses*

## Women Interested in Municipal Politics

PCSP is hosting a meeting for women interested in running for municipal politics.



*Sheilagh O'Leary*

### **WHERE:**

**Council Chambers,  
Town Hall, 1119  
Thorburn Rd.,  
Portugal Cove-St.  
Philip's.**

### **WHEN:**

**Tuesday, February 15,  
2017 from 7:00 pm to  
8:30 pm.**

Bring all your questions about how to run a campaign, what it's like to be a councillor, some of the technical things you may need to know, and more. Special guests include St. John's City Councillor Sheilagh O'Leary & Campaign Organizer Amanda Will. The meeting is free and refreshments will be available.



*Amanda Will*

If you require child care to attend this meeting, contact Dawn Sharpe, Director of Recreation & Community Services by Friday, February 10, 2017. Tel: 895-8000 ext. 236, Email: Dawn.Sharpe@pcsp.ca

For more information contact Deputy Mayor Gavin Will.  
Tel: 895-6483,  
Email:  
Gavin.Will@pcsp.ca

**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 submissions for the March - April 2017 edition is 4:30pm Friday, February 10, 2017. Contact Jeff Lawlor at [jeff.lawlor@pcsp.ca](mailto:jeff.lawlor@pcsp.ca) or 895-8000 ext 222.**