

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2021



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ADVANCE POLL (Town Hall)
September 16, 2021

DEADLINE TO MAIL
September 21, 2021

ELECTION DAY September 28, 2021

MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE VOTERS LIST

Visit the Town website, pcsp.ca to ensure you are on the Voters List. There you will find details on how to be added to the list if you are not already on it.

INTRODUCING “VOTE BY MAIL”

While Election 2021 will look very similar to previous years, it will provide a new choice on how you may vote - Vote By Mail. Residents can now request to have a Vote By Mail kit be sent directly to their home. This new option will help provide residents with mobility challenges or scheduling obstacles a greater opportunity to vote with ease, as well as support the Town's efforts to mitigate any potential issues regarding COVID-19. Your health and safety is our top priority.

If you prefer not to request a Vote By Mail kit, we look forward to seeing you in person on Election Day.

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WHAT IF I CHOOSE TO VOTE BY MAIL

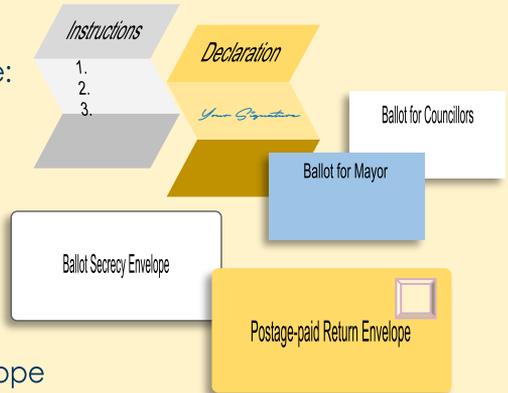
HOW DO I GET A VOTE BY MAIL KIT?

Once you have determined you are on the Voters List, you may request your Vote By Mail kit by phone, in-person, or through the Town website.

WHAT'S IN A VOTE BY MAIL KIT?

Your Vote By Mail kit will include:

- an instruction sheet with 3 easy steps to follow
- a declaration form
- a ballot for Mayor
- a ballot for Councillors
- a ballot Secrecy Envelope
- Postage-paid Return Envelope



Simply sign your eligibility declaration form and complete your ballots from the comfort of your home. Place the documents in the envelopes provided as per the instructions and return it in one of the following two ways:

1. MAIL IT IN

Using the postage paid envelope included in the kit, simply drop it in any Canada Post box by September 21.

2. DROP IT OFF AT THE TOWN HALL

At the Planning entrance of the Town Hall during office hours (8:30am to 4:00pm) only on September 21, 22, 23, 24 & 27.

WHAT HAPPENS ON ELECTION DAY?

Only in-person voting will occur on Election Day.

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MAYOR CANDIDATES

Johnny Hanlon

I live on Bayview Heights with my family and have lived at the same address for 27 plus years. My wife Denise and I have raised our two children Stacey and Jack here and are both now in their twenties and starting their own independent lives.

My family has lived in this community for generations and I hope that someday my children make their own families and settle permanently in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.



I have worked in the property management industry since 1999, during this time I have been responsible for multiple types of infrastructure and managed employees in both unionized and non-unionized workplaces. This line of work gives you extensive experience dealing with people and reacting to unexpected issues. I am currently employed with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District.

I have spent the last 8 years speaking on behalf of the residents at the council table as a councillor. I feel that I can

represent the residents even more effectively as your Mayor.

This past term has brought its challenges that no one could ever predict, Snowmagedden and the pandemic, which had Council and staff making decisions almost daily to keep the town operating and the residents safe. There are numerous issues that the current council has resolved, and just as many issues that are a work in progress such as: the Town's environmental assessment, the Town Plan Review, an asset management plan review (with a climate change lens), just to name a few.

I assure you that I will speak out on your behalf whenever necessary. I respectfully ask for your continued support as Mayor on September 28th so we can work together for the next four years.

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MAYOR CANDIDATES

Carol McDonald

Dear Residents of the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's,

Over the past 4 years many people have asked WHY I took on the job of Mayor. The simple answer is that I love this community.

When I asked for your support 4 years ago, I strongly felt that we needed a change in leadership in order to take a new, positive direction for our community. I was honoured when you placed your faith in me and am happy to report that, with your support, we have been able to move our Town towards focusing on and fulfilling the needs of the residents of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.

Although there have been many challenges, they were all met head-on by engaging you, the residents, to find reasonable solutions. Together with our Administration and Finance Committee, we set yearly residential tax reduction goals and in each of the 4 years we have successfully reduced taxes to meet those goals. We set expenditure reduction goals and we met them as well. Better management of our finances was not accomplished by reducing services, in fact services were expanded and our infrastructure reserve fund was increased year over year to ensure we have significant funds to repair and upgrade our aging infrastructure.

Our team has made great strides in providing residents and community groups with a much more inclusive, accessible and transparent municipality. With your help and support, I want to continue with our community's positive accomplishments. Although, as your Mayor, I have seen many positive results, I also know that much more needs to be done and I am absolutely committed to leading in that continued positive direction.

I have been, and would continue to be, a full time Mayor, one who returns most, if not all, of the calls and messages I receive, and who supports all who want to improve life in our community. I respectfully ask you to look at my record as I ask for your continued support on election day.

My past experience included membership on many provincial and federal governing boards including:

- Canadian Human Rights Commission
- Canadian Ports Corporation
- St. John's Port Corporation
- Newfoundland Human Rights Commission
- Pippy Park Commission
- Canadian Museum of Natural History
- Mayor, Town of Portugal Cove

Volunteer Service:

- Association for New Canadians
- Autism Society
- Consumer Advisory Board CIBC
- Chief Electoral Office
- Portugal Cove Town Council (member and first mayor following incorporation)

While serving as you Mayor:

- First recipient of the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Inspiration Award
- Nominated for YWCA Women of Distinction Award
- Senior of the Year in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's

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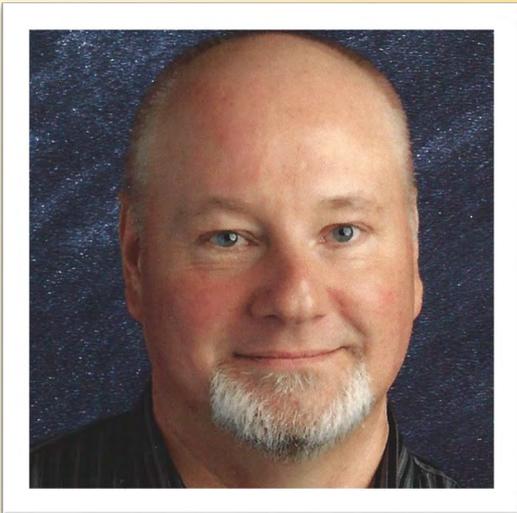


COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Dave Bartlett

My name is Dave Bartlett and I am honoured to represent The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's as Councillor. My wife, Carol, and I have lived here since 1995 and have raised our three children here.

I have been an educator for over 30 years and am proud to work as Social Studies Department Head at Brookside Intermediate.



I have been actively involved in community life for more than 35 years; awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2010 for my work with PCSP Soccer, Mazol Shriners, and NL Foster Families.

Some of my current roles include, Chair of Public Works Committee, member of Protective Services Committee, member of Economic Development Committee, member of PCSP Heritage Committee, member of St. Philip's Beach Committee, member of Brookside Intermediate School Council, and Director of Mazol Shriners Oriental Band.

I am dedicated to our Town, its residents, and issues that affect the whole community. My level of commitment is evident in my attendance record.

I am committed to no increase in residential taxes. A plan for affordable living for Seniors. Continued improvement to infrastructure and town roads. Safe walkability within the town. Continued commitment to reduce our environmental footprint through efficiencies in our buildings and our fleet. Fair access to inclusive and affordable transportation services and continued traffic calming measures where needed.

Much has been accomplished, but there is still important work to do and I am ready for this challenge. In the upcoming election on September 28th, I respectfully ask for your continued support.

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COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Paul Duffett

Paul is a registered professional engineer with more than 40 years of engineering experience. He has worked with both the provincial and federal governments. Paul is an entrepreneur and has been the owner/operator of a professional consulting firm, providing consulting services to industry and government for over 27 years with a focus on natural resource development, environmental assessment, climate change, asset and project management, and alternative energy and energy efficiency initiatives. He has worked throughout Canada primarily in the east and has worked extensively throughout all parts of Newfoundland and Labrador. During his career he has served on various professional and technical boards and committees.

Paul grew up in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's where his father established and operated a hog and poultry farm on Old Broad Cove Road. Paul continues to live on Old Broad Cove Road with his wife Donna. He has two grown children and one grandchild. Paul is semi-retired and enjoys time hiking and doing outdoor activities on the East Coast Trail and recreational trails in the community. Other interests include travel, curling and wood working.

As a resident, Paul is interested in the financial sustainability and municipal planning of the town. If elected, he will work hard for the citizens of the community.



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COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Darryl J. Harding

Proud to have had his formative years on Harding's Hill, with his Grandparents coming from Portugal Cove on his father's side and St. Philip's on his mother's side, Darryl has a strong set of values that are centered around family, as well as service and respect for others, taught to him by his late mother Olive, his hero for life.



In his position as Manager of Dietary Services & Training with Newfoundland and Labrador Housing and Homelessness Network, he relishes the opportunity to help mentor and teach strong employable skills. In this role, he also works to build the confidence of young adults, to gain productive and gainful employment in fields of Food Service, Office Administration, and Financial Training for successful operational budgeting for a successful home or business.

Darryl is actively involved in many volunteer organizations such as PCSP Lions Club and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10, to name a few, and very active on social media helping those that need a hand up.

With skills earned over 40 years' experience in human resource strategies, collective agreement negotiation, crisis management, and his extensive background in business and government at the Provincial level, having served as Executive Assistant to the Minister of Service NL and the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure, he plans to use these skills to serve his town as Town Councillor.

Living in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's with his wife Carol and oldest son Gregory, his daughter Samantha having moved out on her own, and his youngest, Ryan, now working in Alberta, Darryl is very approachable and extremely proud to be a member of the Portugal Cove-St. Philip's community.

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COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Cyril Hayden

I have lived in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's for the last 16 years. My wife, Marion, retired from teaching at Beachy Cove Elementary. I am a graduate of Memorial University and a red seal industrial mechanic and welder. For many years, I was the General Manager with the provincial branch of Air Liquide – an international gas company. I am a member of the Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and I also chair the Chamber's Fundraising Committee.

I have held many volunteer roles:

- Scout Master
- President of the Avalon Minor Hockey Association and Avalon Junior Hockey League
- Canadian Cancer Society Board Member
- Avalon East School Board Chair
- Avalon East Educational Foundation Chair
- Chair of the School Lunch Association – instrumental in growing the program from 6 to 37 schools, including Brookside Intermediate
- President of St. John's Retired Citizens' Association
- Member of a music group that performs at seniors' homes



My goals as a Town Councillor:

- Develop a long-term strategy, which includes identifying efficiencies, to ensure the best use of taxpayer dollars
- Identify practical, cost-effective solutions for current and future infrastructure issues
- Create a plan to maximize our community's tourism potential
- Lower taxes
- Produce a plan to build on our resources in sectors like agriculture
- Advocate for the residents in Council Chambers

I am a problem solver. I know how to reach out to people who have the power to help. I have the knowledge, experience, and time to be a full-time council member – and to help move our town forward for the benefit of all our citizens. I consistently improve the finances of community groups I work with.

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COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Jeff Laham

Jeff Laham is a lifelong resident of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's and the father to two school aged children. For the past 17 years, Jeff has worked for Department of Fisheries and Oceans where he developed the skills needed



to effectively communicate with people at a variety of levels and convey information to get results. He has a passion for exercise and a healthy way of life.

Having grown up and investing in a community he loves, Jeff appreciates the challenges facing residents of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. Having watched the town grow and prosper, Jeff is attuned to areas in which we need to see further growth. With both of his parents in their senior years and

a diverse network of family and friends, he has an in-depth understanding of various demographics within his community, from our young children and young families to the seniors of our community.

Jeff has a strong moral compass and a desire to work on behalf of the people of our community. He is reliable, honest and clear-headed and believes in honesty and integrity. Jeff is engaged and will listen to the people of our community, being a voice for their issues and concerns at the council table. He is committed to working hard on behalf of the citizens of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. Jeff has a strong work ethic and believes in fiscally responsible government at all levels. He believes in an open and transparent council that can work together on behalf of the town and he is ready to be a part of such a team.

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COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Tina Neary

I have been a resident of Portugal Cove-St Philip's with my three children since 2012. My husband, Brian, was born and raised here and has a strong connection to his community. We relocated to this area from Ontario to take advantage of raising the children away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, instead allowing them the opportunity for growth and development of their worldview in a rural environment while surrounded by good natured people. I am committed to the needs of my family and recognize that it is the family ties that bind which was validated six years ago when I was blessed with my parents and then both of my nieces joining us here in the beautiful surroundings of Portugal Cove-St Philip's.

I am presently the Provincial Director of Broken Arrow NL, an organization that provides treatment services to children and youth within a group of specialized therapeutic homes. My focus on children and families has spanned over 30+ years. During this time, I have been successful with the government of Ontario and Newfoundland & Labrador while advocating for increased resources and understanding relating to mental health and wellness, education, inclusion and accessibility for all children, youth and families. I received my Master's Degree from Ryerson University and my experiences beyond graduate school have also enhanced my success as a post-secondary educator since 2005. I have served as a board member with several organizations, with being elected to Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador as Avalon Director being my most recent accomplishment. I have a strong passion for engaging with people, which I will use to inspire residents to become prouder, stronger, and more valuable contributors to their community. I am respected as a credible voice in decision making, and collaborating with community partners, which has earned me a seat at the table wherever I can serve others.



My professional development is enhanced almost daily while my existing skill set relating to advocacy, program development, leadership, commitment and self awareness has contributed to me putting my name forward seeking re-election in this municipal election. I strongly believe that honesty and integrity must underpin all aspects of my platform. It is not a one issue cause, but a number of things that require support from those who are committed to making change. I will continue to be accountable and accessible to the community and its needs with no one being left behind while addressing the issues and concerns brought to my attention. This includes the need for safety and accessibility for all residents, the need for decisions to be made that are inclusive of the community and their wishes, the need to spend wisely while avoiding financial constraints, the need for sustainable transit options, and further development of community resources for young people and seniors especially as it relates to education, health care, mental health, accommodations and recreation.

I so enjoyed our accomplishments over the last 4 years, above is my plan, with your support, for the next 4 years.

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COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Madonna Stewart-Sharpe

Madonna Stewart has both a Business and Education degree from Memorial University, which has contributed to her successful professional business career working with both national and international companies as a team leader. She has a proven performance record of accomplishments driven by her solid experience in business and human relations. Madonna's strong management skills, coupled with a professional, ambitious, and common-sense approach to problem solving and business opportunities, has opened doors in a variety of fields such as management, budget planning, finances, and marketing.

As a current Town Council member, Madonna is an experienced member of the Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Administration and Finance Committee, Chair of Recreation and Community Services Committee, chair of St. Philip's Beach Reinstatement Committee and has represented our town on the Northeast Avalon Joint Council committees. Madonna is also an advocate for our seniors, youth, local small business, artists, and many other community groups. She has been part of the Town's finance team and has strongly advocated for the finding of practical solutions to the Town's over-taxation and expenditures issues. Madonna is very proud to have contributed to the reduction of taxes and expenditures for all four years of her term in office. She put forth and strongly supported a no business tax policy for local home-based artists and is looking forward to seeing our arts community expand and strengthen.



In addition to maintaining a successful career, Madonna is an active member of the community, who has made volunteering a large part of her life. She has volunteered her time as director of the junior church choir, was a member of senior choir, has shared her musical talents at both seniors and community events, is a board member of the Northeast Avalon Food Bank and over the years has

given her time to countless other community events. Being an enthusiastic fitness person, she also coached soccer and other various sports within the community. Madonna is married to a lifetime resident of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. Together they raised their three sons, Stephen, Stewart, and Andrew in this beautiful town.

She takes great pride in being a member of the PCSP community and is looking to serve you again. Madonna is looking to build on the knowledge and experience gained over the past four years of proudly serving our community and our residents as a Councillor by having a more experienced voice for you.

Madonna's promise, if re-elected, to the residents of PCSP is to continue to be a Councillor who serves, listens, and acts promptly on your individual needs with a common sense and practical approach. She will always be there to support our seniors, youth, and all residents. Being financially responsible and practical, she is committed to using her experience to ensure your property taxes are not increased and that services are maintained at a level you have come to expect and deserve. Madonna will continue to protect our heritage, environment and to support public engagement in an honest and meaningful way. She will continue to support a responsible and sustainable approach to development. Her motto: Working for EVERYONE.

She would like to thank you for your past support and in advance for your support over the coming weeks. She would like to ask you to join with her as we work together to build on our positive momentum and to continue to make PCSP the envy of everyone who wants a beautiful and prosperous community for all to call home. To chat, please call 709-765-0671.

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COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Moses Tucker

I have lived my whole life in this town. My wife, Linda, and I have three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I served as Councillor in the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's for four years and as Mayor for another four years.

I am a college graduate in Civil Engineering Technology (CET). I spent 15 years as a Project Manager with an engineering consulting company, involving design and construction of municipal works (roads, water, sewer, bridges, sewerage treatment plants, etc.). I worked over 25 years with the Federal Government as projects officer formulating multi-year funding budgets for capital projects and supervising 20 employees. I have significant experience in developing multi-year planning, project plans and specifications, tendering documents, business cases and managing a capital projects program. I am currently a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.



As Councillor for the next four years my main focus will be working with fellow Councillors in advancing the following:

- A Seniors Accommodation Complex plan for the Town of PCSP.
- A plan to prioritize expansion and upgrade of municipal water, sewer and roads.
- A strategy identifying needs for a new recreation and lifestyle building and determine availability of funding sources.
- A dedicated committee to champion the Town's involvement in construction of a high school for PCSP.
- Creation of space for an open market for local vendors within our town to showcase their goods and talents.
- New business growth opportunities to expand the variety of services offered.
- Expansion of auxiliary health services to complement current health providers, such as physiotherapy, chiropractic, dentistry, etc.

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COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Gavin Will

I have lived in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's since 1994; my children were raised here and I have worked in our community ever since.

In 2002, after a career as a journalist, I founded Boulder Books. Since then, it has grown to become a leading book publisher in Atlantic Canada, and in 2021 Boulder Books was awarded Business of the Year by the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.

I was elected to town council in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's in 2013 and had the pleasure of serving as Deputy Mayor. As Finance Committee chair, I listened to people's priorities and used what I heard to create budgets.



I am currently active with the Lions Club and volunteer with the local food bank.

While going door to door, residents have told me about their hopes for Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. They love our community and want to experience more of what it has to offer.

People now expect council to make our community safer and more accessible by building sidewalks and walking trails.

They also want more activities for children, and believe the town should do more to promote seniors housing.

In addition, residents are concerned about lack of opportunities for small businesses to locate within our community.

If elected, these will be my priorities for the next four years. And above all, you can count on me to answer questions or concerns you may have.

TWO WAYS TO MEET THE CANDIDATES

Virtually meet our candidates for the 2021 Municipal Election. Hear from each nominee through video format as they answer questions on a range of topics related to our community.

View the videos online at:
www.pcsp.ca/elections2021

Catch the video recording of the Chamber of Commerce's in-person Meet the Candidates event any time on Facebook @ChamberPCSP

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Sunday, September 12th
7:00pm



Portugal Cove
St. Philip's

