

# Town Crier

February 2021



## **2021 Municipal Tax Bills**

The 2021 Municipal Tax Bills have been mailed out to all property owners. There is a 5% discount on property, water and sewer taxes that are paid before March 31<sup>st</sup>. Any monies that are owed to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will be charged interest of prime + 10% in April. The Town Council would like to remind taxpayers of the importance of paying their bills on time as this is much needed revenue so they can provide services to the town. Any accounts that are in arrears or have not made suitable payment arrangements by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, will be issued water/sewer disconnection notices, or will be referred for a tax sale. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, or e-transfer. If you have any questions about your tax bill or would like to make payment arrangements, please contact the town office.

## **Mil Rate Increase**

There was a slight increase in the mil rate in the 2021 budget. The mil rate was increased to 7.5 mil from 7 mil due to a decrease in property values. The assessment values for the town went down approximately 1.7 million.

## **Fire Protection Fees**

An addition to the 2021 Tax Structure is the fire Protection Fees. As residents are aware, the town receives fire services from the Town of Heart's Content and the town is charged \$30.00 per household. In previous years, this was paid for by the monies that was left from the New Perlican Volunteer Fire Department and the sale of the old rescue van.

## **Wharf Berth Fees**

The wharf berth fees for the New Perlican Public Wharf have been decreased this year to \$100.00 per berth from \$200.00 due to the fact that the wharf does not have all the facilities that other wharves have.

## **COVID – 19 Stimulus Program**

In November, the government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced a COVID – 19 Stimulus Program for municipalities. This program invited applications for any upgrades to existing infrastructure up to a maximum of \$150,000.00 on a cost shared basis of 90/10 (Provincial Government 90% and town 10%). The Town of New Perlican applied and was awarded \$84,765.33. The projects that were approved include:

- Veteran's Memorial Community Center - Installation of a Heat Pump
- Veteran's Memorial Community Center - Landscaping
- Swings n Things Playground - Landscaping
- D'Iberville Trail - Repairs to trails: Vitter's Cove to town's boundary towards Heart's Content, Vitter's Cove to Bloody Point, Smut to town's boundary towards Turk's Cove.
- Heritage Landing - Landscaping

This work will be starting in the Spring of 2021 and will be completed by the Fall of 2021.

## **Snow Clearing**

January is almost over and there has been little snow fall but that does not mean we will not get hammered by Old Man Winter. The Town of New Perlican would like to remind residents that the town is not responsible for any damages that occur during snow clearing

operations and not push snow onto town or public roads when you are clearing your driveway.

## **Thank You**

The Town Council and Staff would like to express their appreciation to Paul Fitzgerald who recently resigned from Council. Paul has been on Council since 2018 and served as Councillor and Deputy Mayor. He also volunteered his time helping staff with snow clearing. Thank you, Paul, for the time and commitment that you gave to the town!

## **Valve/Poly Pigging Project**

The Town Council of New Perlican would like to thank residents for their patience during the valve/poly pigging project that took place in October - November 2020. This project saw the replacement of 1 hydrant, the installation of 3 new gate valves, repair or replace existing valves and the installation of a poly pigging system. The installation of new valves and repair or replace of existing ones will help the town staff isolate different sections of the town so if there is a water line leak the entire town does not lose water. The poly pigging system will allow the town staff to clean out the main line on a regular basis.

## **Town Office – COVID -19**

The town office is open regular hours, but the door remains locked due to the area outside the town clerk/manager's office not being large enough to maintain social distancing. Also, with the door locked, it gives town staff the opportunity to sanitize the area between visitors. And of course, do not forget your mask as it is mandatory to wear one when in the office. If you are feeling un-well, experiencing flu-like symptoms, have been outside of the province, have been advised to either self-isolate or quarantined or have been diagnosed with COVID - 19, please do not come into the town office. Let us

work together to reduce the transmission of COVID - 19.

### **Town Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm**

**Friday: 8:00am - 2:00pm**

**Phone: 583-2500, Fax: 583-2554**

**Email:**

**townofnewperlican@persona.ca**

## **Chimney Sweeps**

The Town Council would like to remind all residents that there are chimney sweeps available at the town office if anyone would like to borrow one to clean their chimney. Please feel free to drop by and pick one up. The size ranges are from 6" - 8". Let's do our best to prevent chimney fires this year! The Town Council would also like to take this opportunity to again thank Jerome Courtney again for donating these items to the town.

## **New Perlican Senior's Gym**

The New Perlican Senior's Gym will be tentatively reopening on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The gym will be open from 10:00am - 2:00pm Monday to Friday. Access to the gym will be through the door by the Heritage New Perlican Room. There will be a maximum of 3 people in the gym at one time and it is the responsibility of the user to clean the equipment. Masks have to be worn when entering and leaving the gym, while moving around in the gym and if you go to the washroom. Sanitizer will be available. Guidelines will be posted on the New Perlican Seniors Gym Facebook page and in the gym. The gym may close if users are not following the protocols set out and/or the number of COVID-19 cases rise in the province.

## **Bulk Garbage**

The dates for this year bulk garbage pick up are:

**Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

## **Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Also, a reminder that regular garbage collection takes place on Mondays.

The Waste Recovery Facilities in Old Perlican, Cavendish and Harbour Grace are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noon to 4:00pm and on Saturdays 8:00am - 4:00pm. These facilities are free for all residents but there is a limit of 16 visits per year to any Waste Recovery Facility and all materials must be offloaded by hand. Gates are closed 15 minutes before the facility closes. If you need a copy of the 2021 collection schedule, please contact the town office.

## **Important Phone Numbers**

**Heart`s Content Fire Dept. - 583-1000**

**Ambulance - 911**

**Winterton Fire Dept. -583-2777**

**RCMP - 1-709-596-5014**

**Forestry - 1-866-709-3473**

**Carbonear ER - 1-709-596-5111**

When you call 911, the operator will ask for your civic address. Please have your street number displayed prominently on your property. If you are unsure of your civic address, please contact the town office.