

Town of Twillingate

2017 Newsletter

Another year has quickly gone by and it seems that every year life gets busier and busier by the moment. Being busy, I trust, is a positive thing as it keeps our mind and body active which in turn, I believe, will contribute to our longevity. The past year was an equally busy year for our Council dealing with the many, many ongoing issues of importance to our Community. As we all get busier and busier, I guess that's why time seems to pass by so quickly.

We are happy to report that the Watermain Replacement Project at Tickle Bridge was completed during the past year. Funding for this project, to Council's relief, was approved in 2015. Council was successful, during the past year, in securing funding under the Community Enhancement Employment Program to provide needed repairs to our ballfield and hiking trails located throughout our Community. We would like to thank our MHA, Derek Bennett, for his assistance in securing funding for this project.

Unfortunately, neither of our two funding applications submitted under the 90/10 Provincial/Municipal Cost Sharing Capital Works Program for water and sewer extension or road improvements, were approved last year. Council will be re-submitting its application for these two projects along with two additional projects under the 2017-2018 program. Hopefully, through Council's ongoing efforts and the support of our MHA, funding will be approved to complete these important projects during 2017.

We would like to thank our MHA, as well, for meeting with Council, on several occasions, and arranging a meeting with both the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Eddie Joyce, and the Minister of Transportation and Works, the Honourable Allan Hawkins, to discuss projects of importance to our Community. We look forward to further meetings with Mr. Bennett during the coming months to further discuss and, hopefully, bring these important projects to fruition.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony, held on December 5th, was a complete success. The weather was great and all who attended had a very enjoyable time. Thank you to those who participated and to all who attended, especially the jolly old man himself who always puts an extra sparkle in one's eye during this very special time of the year. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the business community who continue to support the fundraising program, held in conjunction with the Tree Lighting Ceremony, to help needy families during the festive season. Yes, with your valued contributions, Christmas will indeed be a little brighter for receiving families.

To the business, fishing and volunteer sectors of our Community, Council extends its utmost appreciation for all your many countless efforts to sustain and contribute to our local economy and Community. We extend a warm welcome to all new business owners who have started a new business in our Community over the past year and wish you well during your new business ventures.

As 2017 is election year for municipalities across the Province, Council encourages residents to consider serving on your municipal Council and please make an extra effort to get out and vote on Election Day, September 26th.

To conclude, Council wishes to thank all of its valued employees, volunteer firefighters, and the Recreation Committee members for their many countless efforts and hard work as they continue to contribute to the day to day operations of our Community.

Wishing everyone good health and prosperity for 2017 and many years beyond.