

2018 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. It's hard to believe that 2018 is upon us. It is often said that change is the only constant in life and 2017 in Twillingate was certainly no exception to that rule.

With our election in the Fall, we welcomed three new Council Members and a new Mayor. In addition to the elected changes, we had some long-time Town employees retire and subsequent new hires in both Administration and Public Works. We have an effective and dedicated team in place and there is already great momentum around our strategic priorities, including: providing quality services to the community, supporting and encouraging tourism, creating employment opportunities, improving communications with residents and businesses and increasing opportunities for public engagement.

It's impossible to reflect on 2017 without mentioning that our shrimp plant did not operate. Given its importance to our community, it's something Council is taking very seriously. A Fisheries Committee of Council, led by Deputy Mayor Dalley, has been established and will ensure that we stay informed on the status of shellfish, the transition from shellfish to groundfish, or an alternate fishery that may be of benefit to the community and the facility. This dedicated committee will keep fisheries matters at the forefront.

We are happy to report that, in 2017, we participated in a Community Enhancement Employment Program. It's a provincially-funded program which provided employees of Notre Dame Seafoods with short-term employment and EI eligibility, which enabled us to make improvements to our swimming pool. Thanks to this effort, we were able to employ 21 workers and the change rooms at the pool have received a much-needed remodeling. We hope that these improvements make for a better experience at the pool this summer.

Thanks to our tireless Recreation Committee, we were successful in attaining funds to make improvements to our ball field. This is just one example of the incredible contribution that our Committees make to our Community.

We continue to make great strides in tourism and there is reason to be optimistic about the future. Twillingate continues to top the lists of places to see in Newfoundland and Labrador and there is tremendous momentum with the various tourism organizations and businesses in our area, not to mention strong partnerships with all levels of Government.

Our Community continues to demonstrate its spirit with participation in local events and the extensive charitable giving throughout the year. Council wishes to thank all the businesses and individuals who were involved in prioritizing those in need this past holiday season. It's a lovely reminder of the type of community we are, and we are grateful for your generosity.

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To all the business, fishing, and volunteer sectors of our Community, Council extends its appreciation for all your efforts to sustain and enhance our economy and our Community. We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all new business owners who have joined our Community in 2017 and we wish you success.

In closing, Council wishes to thank all its valued employees, volunteer firefighters, and committee members for their hard work and contribution to our Community. And, a special thank you to the outgoing Mayor, Councillors and retired staff for their years of service and overall contribution to our Town. We wish you all the very best in the future.

Wishing everyone good health and prosperity for 2018 and beyond.

Grant White - Mayor

Marie Magnin – Town Manager