

Town of Port au Port East

Newsletter

The Town of Port au Port East extends best wishes to its residents for a Prosperous New Year and hopes that everyone will enjoy good health and prosperity in 2019. The following is an itemized list of accomplishments for our town in 2018 and also some points that Council would like to convey to you.

WATER

- For the past number of years, the goal was to provide an adequate amount of drinking water for our town. We have completed leak detections, repaired leaks as they were found, and recently installed a liner in the town's reservoir. The value of this project is as follows: Total Project Cost = 338,427 (Cost less GST Rebate = 306,897). Provincial Contribution = 276,208 and Municipal Contribution = 30,689. We would like to express our thanks to Mr. John Finn –MHA for the District of Port au Port for his assistance. Our reservoir is almost full of water at the present time.

We would like to inform residents however, that we do have a problem with a major valve at one of the chlorination buildings which is preventing us from using the well. Equipment is old and worn out and we are in the process of replacing and repairing parts as needed. Residents will experience lower than normal pressure until the well is put back on line again. Council is asking for your patience during this time.

SNOW

- Residents are asked not to place snow in ditches. This will help lessen the chances of flooding when there is heavy rain and especially in the spring.
- Please do not deposit snow out into the road when clearing your driveway. It is illegal and dangerous, and makes it difficult for people to get around.

BALLFIELD / WALKING TRACK

- Significant resources have been put into its upkeep and more work will be done in the Spring. Improvements are already attracting more walkers, Little League Baseball and continued use by St. Thomas Aquinas School.

HOMEOWNERS / LANDLORDS

- The Port au Port Regional Volunteer Fire Department is requesting that you provide a list of all people that are living in your home and /or any apartment on your property. In the event of an emergency (ie fire), the fire department needs to know how many people should be accounted for. Please send an e-mail to: portauporteast@gmail.com or call the town office at 648-2731.
- Forwarding Contact Information – Property owners are reminded that if you plan to relocate, please call the office with your new address in the event that we need to contact you.

BEACH CLEAN-UP

- The Towns of Port au Port East and Port au Port West, Aguathuna, Felix Cove **jointly** sponsored a (50/50 cost shared) cleanup of the area of beach on the fishing shed side and below the RC Cemetery. A gate was installed to hopefully deter people from littering in this area. A total of 12,000.00 was spent.

GENERATOR

- Council would like to inform residents that we are in the process of trying to acquire and install an emergency generator that will provide sufficient power to run our water system in the event of electricity failure. It is our plan to also provide enough power for a Warmup Centre at the Tourist Chalet in the event of extended multi-day power outages as we had experienced just a few years ago.

TOURIST CHALET / SUMMER PROJECTS

- Each year the Town (in conjunction with the Senior's 50+ Club) applies for funding from various sources: (Canada Summer Jobs, Advanced Education & Skills NL and Qualipu) to assist in the running of the Centre and give as many of our youth employment opportunities for as long as funding is available – usually 6-7 weeks each year. We also provide an opportunity for our Senior's to sell homemade crafts and to talk to our Students about the amount of work involved in the different projects. Ie: jams, quilts and paintings. The town supports our Senior's in any way that it can ie: lawnmowing, snow clearing and any office assistance as required.

PERMITS

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In 2018, the Town issued:

- General Repairs & Maintenance – 23
- New Home Permits – 4
- Shed/Garage Permits – 4

- Chickens - 1
- Fences - 1
- Extensions - 1

PROJECTS THAT WERE APPLIED FOR BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED APPROVAL TO DATE

- Roads Upgrading/Paving for all Side Streets. We are continuing to actively look for ways to improve our Town and in this regard, we will continue to apply.

PORT AU PORT REGIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BACKGROUND

In 2011-2012, the Towns of Port au Port East and Port au Port West-Aguathuna-Felix Cove collaborated and formed one regional fire department, called the Port au Port Regional Volunteer Fire Department. The goal was to provide fire services to both Towns and offer outlying communities coverage based on a fee for service. These outlying communities are Campbell's Creek, Point au Mal and Fox Island River. Forming one Fire Department involved many changes and re-organization. We currently have twenty-six firefighters and provide the following services, Defensive/Offensive Firefighting in our area of responsibility and Vehicle Extrication to the Port au Port Peninsula. We also have mutual aid agreements with the Lourdes and Cape St George Fire Departments

TRAINING:

Carried out every Sunday afternoon for three hours. Members of the fire department participated in scenario-based training exercises throughout the year as well. All firefighters must complete Minimum Training Standards before attending a fire. In addition, all members received Standard First Aid, Level C CPR/AED training. This year five firefighters were trained in Pet First Aid, three in Vehicle Extrication and two in Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention. (Critical Stress Debriefing)

OPERATIONS:

The fire department responded to twelve Emergency calls 2018, sixteen in 2017 and seventeen in 2016. We also conducted five building inspections 2018 and Fire drills at the school throughout the year

NEW EQUIPMENT: This year we purchased the following items;

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| 1000 Feet 1.5-Inch Fire Hose | 1000 Feet 2.5 Inch Fire Hose |
| 23 Horsepower Water Pump | Two Fire Hose Nozzles |
| 1500 Gallon Portable Water Tank | First Aid/Oxygen Trauma Bag |
| Five Helmet Flashlights | Emergency Markers (cones highways) |
| Hand Gloves for Firefighters | Two sets of Bunker Gear |

AWARDS

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| 2018 Firefighter of the year | FF Austin Cormier |
| 2018 Rookie of the year | FF Devon Benoit |
| 2018 Most improved firefighter | FF Dean White |

THE WAY AHEAD 2019

Operation 2020

Fire and Emergency Services, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, will be coordinating a province wide, in-house, training program entitled "Operation 2020" using the new Essential 7 for Firefighting manual, which meets the requirements of NFPA 1001, Firefighter I, 2018 Edition, starting in January 2019.

The program will be delivered in-house by fire department training officers over a period of 14 months. To assist in the delivery of the training program, "Operation 2020", the International Fire Service Training Association, (IFSTA) has agreed to provide free access to ResourceOne, which is IFSTA's on-line learning management system. IFSTA will provide training to participating fire department training officers and permit free access to all of the new Essential 7 curriculum material. Our department has signed-up for the program and will be very busy training this year.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911

Please note: We are in the process of updating the Fire Department section of our Website.