



Town of Heart's Delight-Islington Christmas Message 2018

2018 is quickly coming to an end and council has had a busy year trying to keep up with the every day issues of running a town. The cost of running the town has increased significantly and will continue to do so. The 2019 budget has been finalized and adopted by Council, when you receive your tax invoice in January, you will notice a minimal increase in the garbage collection fee and the water/sewer taxes.

Council thanks those residents who paid their taxes by the due date or made arrangements for monthly payments. However, for those of you that are in arrears, sometimes we have no choice but to turn off water or list the arrears with the collection agency. This is our community and in order to provide adequate services, everyone must pay their taxes. **On that note, I would like to remind property owners who have not yet paid their outstanding taxes to ensure that they're fully paid by December 20th. The office will be closed for Christmas Holidays December 21st to January 2nd.**

Once again, we are receiving complaints regarding dilapidated properties, vehicle wrecks, and scrap metals. We urge all residents to take pride in our community and to keep your properties neat and tidy. Please remember that garbage and debris must be taken to the Waste Recovery Centre, it cannot be burned or buried on your property.

On a lighter note, please join us in celebrating the many Christmas events around the community, on **November 30th at 7 PM** our annual tree lighting will take place. Music and a snack will be provided. Let's not forget the less fortunate this season, non-perishable food items will be collected.

On **December 1st at 5:30 PM**, we will be hosting our annual seniors Christmas dinner at Epiphany Church. **All seniors in the community of Heart's Delight-Islington, 65 years and older are invited to attend.** There will be no bar but please feel free to bring along your own. Come along and enjoy the evening.

The annual Santa Claus parade will be held on **December 8th starting at 10 AM** weather permitting. Everyone is encouraged to get out and get their floats ready. The more floats we have, the better our parade will be.

*I have enjoyed very much serving as your Mayor again this year
and look forward to serving you in 2019*

Clayton Branton
Mayor

Ambulance Report by Mayor Clayton Branton

Our Ambulance Service continues to provide a vital service to our community and surrounding areas and we are kept busy at all times. When you call the emergency line, don't forget to give your telephone number and keep the line clear as an ambulance attendant will call you back. This will speed up the process in responding to your call.

We are pleased to announce that three of our ambulance attendants, Aaron Bishop, Stephen McIntyre, and Ryan Branton are now studying to become Paramedics. This is a year long program that requires a lot of hard work and dedication. Thanks to all the ambulance attendants for their support. We all wish them the best.

Once again, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual "Pack the Back." On **Saturday December 1st from 9 AM to 4 PM**, non perishable food items and items for all ages will be collected for the Salvation Army Corps in Green's Harbour to help local families. We would like to thank everyone that supported this important charity in the past.

Library Report by Deputy Mayor Susan Snelgrove

Our library volunteers continue to work hard to provide a service to our community by ensuring our local library remains in operation. Library hours are 1:30-4:30 every Tuesday and Thursday. There is a good selection of reading material for all age groups and a computer is available for public use. The library committee also hosts a coffee hour every Tuesday from 10:00-11:00. Thank you to our library volunteers.

Heritage Committee Report by Deputy Mayor Susan Snelgrove

This past year a Heritage Committee was started in our community. Their goal is to preserve and promote local cultural heritage for the general public of our town.

On November 16th they had a great turn out for their Tea and Toast event at the Town Hall. All community members are welcome to attend any of the meetings to help preserve our heritage.

Public Works Report by Councillor Clarence Chislett

I am very pleased to say, our roads this year have been greatly improved. We will continue to repair and pave roads next year.

I am also pleased to announce that this past summer, water was put out to the Marina to help serve them better.

If you know of any streetlights that are not working, please contact that Council office with the pole number so that a work order request can be sent to Newfoundland Power.

Over the past year, we have noticed that some property owners are starting renovations, building projects, replacing shingles, etc., without first obtaining a permit to construct or repair. Please be reminded that permits must be obtained prior to the commencement of any of these activities.

It's that time of the year again when snow clearing becomes a headache for all of us. We would like to remind you that Council will not be responsible for damage to fences, garbage boxes, trees, etc., during snow clearing. Snow Clearing Regulations are posted at the Town Hall and can be found on our website at www.townofhdi.ca. We will endeavor to provide snow clearing in the timeliest manner. To help speed up snow clearing, we ask that you keep vehicles back from the sides of the road and please **do not** push snow from your driveway onto the local roads or highways as this is a very dangerous and **illegal practice**. We also urge residents to refrain from storing fire wood, sleds, trailers etc., near the roadside where it could impede snow clearing or create a danger for the snow plow operator. If you have any concerns regarding snow clearing, please call the council office.

Fire Dept. Report by Councillor Tina Chislett

2018 has been a great year for our fire department. They have acquired several new sets of bunker gear, breathing apparatus and other items to ensure their safety while keeping us all safe from harm. Thankfully, they have not been called out to many serious fires.

We have a very dedicated group of volunteers who make themselves available 24-7. On behalf of council and the entire Town of Heart's Delight-Islington, a simple thank you never seems enough. We all sleep better at night knowing when the alarm sounds you are there to protect us from harm.

Please keep in mind during the winter season to keep your chimney clean and your wood burning appliances in good working order. Be careful during the Christmas season to keep all natural trees well-watered, never leave candles unattended and do not overload your electrical outlets with Christmas lights.

For your family's safety please ensure your home is equipped with a smoke detector, a fire extinguisher and a CO2 monitor. Let's have a fire safe year in 2019!

"Those who say we are in a time where there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look"

Recreation Report by Councillor Richard Fletcher

Our Recreation Committee continues to do a fantastic job organizing events and volunteering their time for our community. This past year we have enjoyed three excellent breakfasts at the Town Hall, a very successful 'Town Days' and a number of special activities for the children including an Easter dance, the Canada day celebration and bike ride event, the summer 'Fun on the field' activities with our student volunteers, the 'Halloween haunted trail' and a fun Guy Fawkes evening at Brookcove.

Also the Recreation Committee has broken ground on their Brookcove revitalization project which includes a new multipurpose sports playing court. The committee deserves all the support we can give. The work they do is important and it brings our community together. Stay tuned for the upcoming Kids Christmas party (date to be announced) and please consider volunteering at events. The next AGM of the Recreation Committee is on November 27th. All are welcome to attend.

Water Plant Report by Councillor Barry Sooley & Councillor Lew Worthman

Our water treatment plant is still providing excellent drinking water to the residents after being in operation for eighteen years.

As per normal plant maintenance:

- Last fall the sand filters were replaced
- This spring there was 5 truckloads of Sludge removed from the Sludge tank.

The Town workers will continue to keep a close watch on the existing plant and associated infrastructure so that any problem(s) can be corrected quickly.

The Town has received funding from the Municipal Capital Works Cost-Shared Funding Program to upgrade the water treatment plants building heating system. A contractor will be doing the upgrade this fall.

It is getting to the point with the growth of our town that the plant will be operating at its maximum capacity. The Town has received funding from the Municipal Capital Works Cost-Shared Funding Program to expand our water storage capacity.

It is our understanding that by next fall a contractor will have installed a 125 thousand US gallon storage tank (behind the water treatment plant). As part of the upgrade the plant will require changes to use the new tank and to bring the plant up to the current code. At this time, we do not have any definite dates nor do we know if there will any associated boil order(s) or interruption in services during the cut over to the new storage tank. The town will keep the residents informed.

If you see any sign of water coming through the ground that you think might be a water leak, please contact the Town Office.

45 Gallon plastic drums can be purchased for 10 dollars. Please contact the Town Office to make payment and to make arrangement for pickup.

*The Mayor, Councillors, Staff and
members of our Volunteer Organizations,
wish everyone a
Happy, Peaceful Christmas
and a
Safe, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year*