



## Incoming Correspondence March 2018

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As a concerned citizen, I would like to thank all of you as Councillors for giving your time and efforts for our Community. It's a difficult task.

However, things are happening that I'm very concerned about and hopefully you can think about as a new Council:

WATER –

I'm very happy that the Happy Valley area of town will have access to better quality of water but I'm concerned about water wastage and have been for quite awhile. I've watched people run water [even hot water] continuously for 15 to 20 minutes rinsing off dishes to put in the dishwasher instead of soaking them in a sink of water. When I came here in the 70's there was enough water from Spring Gulch for the Whole area.

What has changed??

-larger home with more than 1 washroom, now most homes have more than 2 washrooms and even have washrooms in their sheds!

-more people have Hot Tubs, Swimming Pools & outdoor Skating Rinks.

-misuse of water sprinklers on large lawns –running sprinklers for 24 hours and during mid day. Expert gardeners recommend only 2 hours of watering is enough once a week and it should be done in morning or evening as water evaporates more during mid day watering. Overwatering can cause lawn problems.

A different perspective:

Inform citizens in your newsletter & Facebook website that more Treated Water they waste, the higher cost to Town which means higher taxes for citizens

A Tax should be placed on citizens who have Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs and Hockey Rinks as they are using Extra Treated water.

You have just informed us that everyone's Water Tax will be increased by \$25 – is this fair when lower income citizens have smaller homes and use less water. The real problem of water waste is just not being addressed. Just listen to the News to hear about all the towns in NL and in Canada who are in a water crisis!

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Some towns have made it mandatory that Water Meters be placed on all NEW homes just to make citizens aware of the amount of water they use. There would be NO extra cost to homeowners just awareness.

## LAND

Most citizens have lots 100 X 200 - they build houses & sheds on the whole property – is there a Town by-law that you can only build on a % of your property. These citizens have no place to blow snow so they blow it on neighbouring properties. Some of us like to enjoy nature and vegetable gardening but we are getting sand & dog feces from neighbouring properties who have nowhere to blow snow & feeling they are not hurting anything to blow snow on empty land spaces. I know I was told to talk to my neighbour but neighbours are not always open to this especially when you're a Senior.

Is the Town is monitoring those large houses & sheds?

## Landscaping

Should there be regulations on complete clearing of property so to avoid sand storms – think North West Territories has this regulation. It amazes me how the Town Centre was cleared and no one from the Town has thought of SPREADING grass clippings on sandy areas. The grass clippings will provide nutrients and retain water and vegetation will rejuvenate quickly – I've already tried this and it works!

## Garbage

Should there be a restriction on the number of garbage bags each week households should have – seems like higher income families produce the most garbage. I only have enough garbage to put out every 2 or 3 weeks as I compost and compact boxes and containers. In summer it's hard to do this! Citizens need to be aware of how we are filling up our Landfills.

Hoping your new Council will continue what the previous Council started:

-property tax based on income and not on being a Senior

-building the Wellness Centre as quickly as possible – Seniors need to be kept active in winter and this would probably decrease hospital visits for Chronic disease and more space would be available at the Long Term Care Home.

-working on environmental issues – I felt Tony Chubbs did speak up for the Environment more than any other Councillor I've known so you as a Council should make yourselves more aware of the small things Citizens can do to protect the environment. We're all concerned about the Methyl mercury at Muskrat Falls [I do believe it's an important concern] but we're not as concerned about other environmental issues and we can make a difference with small steps as Citizens.

Very Concerned & still enjoy living in HV-GB

*Low-income Seniors & trying to Reduce garbage, Reuse + Recycle.*



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Government of Newfoundland Labrador  
Department of Municipal and Environment  
Municipal Support

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February 27, 2018

Mayor Wally Andersen  
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay  
212 Hamilton River Road – PO Box 40, Stn. B  
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL A0P 1E0

Mayor Anderson and Council:

This will acknowledge receipt of your Municipal Budget Submission Form for the Calendar Year 2018 as prepared and adopted by Council.

We have reviewed your budget and wish to advise that it has been accepted.

Thank you for your submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly Scott-Walsh".

Ms. Holly Scott-Walsh  
Western Regional Manager (A)

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Hello from all of us at the League of Canadian Poets,

It's time for this year's Poetry City challenge! This is your city's official invitation to celebrate poetry this spring by taking part. To recognize UNESCO World Poetry Day on March 21, 2018 and celebrate National Poetry Month in April, we are encouraging cities all across Canada to spotlight local poets in a variety of ways. Participating in the Poetry City challenge is a way to recognize the valuable contribution poets and writers make to the cultural life in your community and to celebrate the leadership of so many of Canada's council members that promote the arts and literacy through their political platforms.

We're reaching out to you because you've participated in the past, likely by hosting a poet in your city council meeting. While we still think that this is a great way to introduce poetics into politics, this year we have some other suggestions that we invite you to try instead of – or in concert with – a reading at City Hall! Your mayor, city councilor(s), or Poet Laureate if you have one, could partner with a local arts council or organization, public library, bookstore, community center - the options are endless – and create space for poetry in a new way. Take on the challenge by holding a poetry reading, an open mic night, an interview or panel discussion, a book launch, issue a reading challenge to your council or constituency, a writing group – get creative! There are so many ways to showcase local talent and contribute to your city's arts community. We challenge you to participate in whatever way most inspires you.

Cities from Whitehorse to Dawson City to Victoria to St. Johns have been key supporters and participants in this annual challenge, encouraging their citizens, poets, artists, libraries, and bookstores to celebrate poetry this spring.

To participate in the 2018 Poetry City challenge, complete the enclosed confirmation form or visit [poets.ca/poetrycity](http://poets.ca/poetrycity) to find an online confirmation form, FAQs, and more. The League website also has documents and information to help you share and celebrate your participation in the 2018 challenge including a social media tip sheet and a sample press release/declaration.

We are also offering free National Poetry Month 2018 posters and bookmarks. If you would like to order some for City Hall or your Poetry City event, contact [madison@poets.ca](mailto:madison@poets.ca) with the number of each you would like and a mailing address.

Join the fun! Tweet us @CanadianPoets with the hashtags #PoetryCity and #NPM18 to let everyone know you've accepted our challenge.

We hope you'll accept our 2018 Poetry City challenge!

Sincerely,

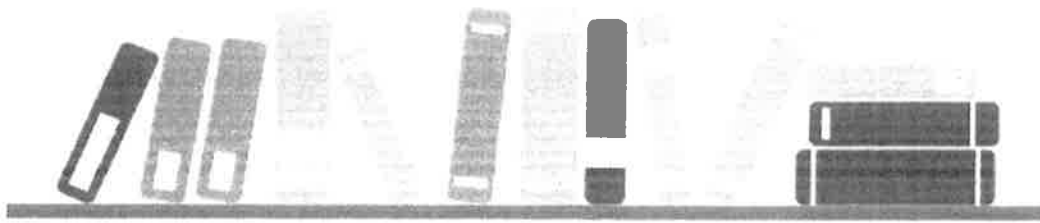
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Madison Stoner  
Administration and Communications Coordinator

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## NATIONAL POETRY MONTH EVENT SUBMISSION

Thank you for celebrating the 20th anniversary of National Poetry Month with the League! Complete and return this form to help us fill in our map and event listings of NPM2018 celebrations happening all across Canada. This form is fillable on your computer and can be e-mailed to [info@poets.ca](mailto:info@poets.ca).

READING DATE

CITY/TOWN

PROVINCE

READER NAME(S)

READING DETAILS (eg. event title, theme, more information about reader, etc.)

CONTACT / WEBSITE / EMAIL

I CONSENT TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN POETS

Yes, I consent (CASL requirement; the League will not subscribe you to a mailing list)

### FOR POETRY CITY PARTICIPANTS ONLY:

CITY WILL DECLARE/PROCLAIM

World Poetry Day (March 21)

National Poetry Month (April)

MAYOR

POET LAUREATE (if you do not have a Poet Laureate, feel free to list a similar position)

# NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



## HOST AN EVENT

### *poetry reading*

Invite between one and five local poets to share 5-15 minutes' worth of their own poetry. Possible venues are a bookstore, a bar, a coffee shop, or a library.

### *open mic night*

Sometimes open mic nights also feature one or two pre-booked readers who will read for slightly longer than the open mic readers, but not always! This could be strictly poetry, or could be a space for fiction writers, musicians, comics, and other intergenre artists to come and share their work. Open mic spots are usually about 3 minutes long: enough time for a song, a long poem, or a few shorter poems. Open mic nights usually last about an hour to an hour and a half, with breaks.

### *interview or panel*

Invite a poet (or a few) to discuss a new project of theirs! This is also a great way to talk about the creative process, and to hear how a popular poet may weigh in on the latest literary goings-on in Canada. Be sure to leave room for a Q&A session! Great venues for interview events are libraries, bookstores, and coffee shops.

### *book launch*

Spring is always chock full of book launches happening from coast to coast. You may be able to host a book launch for a local poet, or even organize a multi-book launch for several poets. If you are interested in organizing a book launch, consider contacting publishers ahead of time to see if they may be able to help you coordinate with the author.



## SHARE & CREATE

### *napowrimo*

National Poetry Writing Month (NaPoWriMo) is a popular riff on NaNoWriMo (November's National Novel Writing Month), although they are not officially associated with each other. Well, NaPoWriMo isn't official at all, but it unofficially challenges writers to compose a poem a day throughout April to celebrate NPM. You can also sometimes find this challenge called 30 Days of Poetry. Many writers fall into the challenge free-form, writing about anything and everything, but others find or create guides to get them through the month.

### *today's poem*

Usually discoverable on social media under the hashtag #todayspoem, this initiative encourages users to share a poem—original or not—every day throughout April. You can find some readers and writers using the hashtag year-round, but its popularity surges in NPM and it's a great way to discover new poets and performers through social media.

### *reading challenge*

Individuals or groups can use NPM as an opportunity to set a poetry reading challenge for the month—or for more than just April! Set the challenge in a way that suits your lifestyle and will be a fun way to fit more poetry into your life. Whether it's challenging yourself to discover and read one new book of poetry in April, or whether you want to read two books a week, a reading challenge will take your poetry consumption to the next level. You could even take it further and post about what you're reading, or consider starting a National Poetry Month book club!

### *explore*

National Poetry Month aims to celebrate poetry in all its forms: if you usually like to read formal poetry, try checking out something different like a novel in verse, or poetry that challenges and subverts forms; if you have only ever loved poetry in book form, try checking out a spoken word showcase or a poetry slam; if you're a performance poet to your core, try diving into a chapbook and seeing the poetry light up those hand-sewn pages. And if you don't do poetry? What better time to start than now? The internet is full of incredible lists of recommendations for every non-poetry-lover: feminist poetry, spoken word poetry, emerging poets, political poets, and more. We promise poetry isn't dead. We promise there's a poem just for you, and we know someone wants to help you find it.



While the League does prepare content to celebrate NPM, we're always looking to see what else is going on! Using our hashtags and tagging us are the best way to share your NPM celebrations with us as well as with anyone else following the hashtags! We are @CanadianPoets on Twitter, and we'll be following the 2018 hashtag #NPM18.