



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Board Member

DATE: December 8, 2017

RE: Update on the Municipal Assessment Agency

The Board of Directors for the Municipal Assessment Agency met in Bauline on December 1, 2017. Immediately prior to the meeting, the Board met with representatives of Kittiwake Coast municipalities.

Some of the issues addressed by the Board, included:

- 2018-19 Budget. The Board approved the 2018 budget for the Agency. This included a reduction of \$1.00 per assessment effective January 1, 2018.
- Training is scheduled across the province for municipal administrators.
 - December 1 - St. John's
 - December 7 - Corner Brook
 - December 12 - Clarenville
 - Training for elected officials is available upon request
- There are 21 candidates for six positions on the Agency's Board of Directors. Mail-in ballots have been distributed and voting closes December 14, 2017. Councillor Peggy Roche of Torbay was elected by acclamation as the Urban Director on the MAA Board. The second candidate withdrew her nomination.
- The 2017 Clar Simmons scholarships were awarded. The successful applicants were:
 - Kyle Poole, Hermitage-Sandyville. Kyle is the son of Councillor Terri Rose-Poole, Hermitage-Sandyville.
 - Anna Rumbolt, Gander. Anna is the daughter of Greg Rumbolt, retired from the Agency.
 - Charlotte Elliot, Stephenville. Charlotte is the granddaughter of Councillor Robert Elliot, Point Leamington.
- Online appeal system. The system was piloted during the 2018 appeal period.
- Human Resources. There are thirteen employees eligible to retire in the next five years.
- Cooperation agreement with Property Valuation Services Corporation of Nova Scotia.
- There were 552 appeals of the 2018 annual assessment. Last year there were 659 appeals.

I welcome hearing from you about any questions or concerns of the assessment service, and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone.



Sincerely,

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Deb Barney, Labrador Director
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2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Scholarship winners Anna Rumbolt and Kyle Poole with Dean Ball (Chair) and Sean Martin (CEO)

Note: Charlotte Elliott was unavailable for a photo as she is currently attending St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia.

Municipal Assessment Agency

Board of Directors 2017

Avalon Director

Mayor Elizabeth Moore
Clarke's Beach

Central Director

Mr. Robert Hobbs
Bishop's Falls

Eastern Director

Mayor Paul Pike
St. Lawrence

Labrador Director

Councillor Deb Barney
L'Anse au Loup

Urban Director

Councillor Peggy Roche
Torbay

Western Director

Mayor Dean Ball
Deer Lake

Taxpayer Representative

Mr. David Denine
Mount Pearl

Taxpayer Representative

Mr. David Blundon
Gander

**Representative of the Professional
Municipal Administrators (PMA)**

Ms. Vida Greening, Eastern Director (PMA)
Port Blandford

**Representative of Municipalities
Newfoundland Labrador (MNL)**

Mayor Roger Barrett, Western Director (MNL)
Reidville



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Municipal Representatives to Board of Directors Elected

The Municipal Assessment Agency is pleased to announce the result of the recent election for six municipal representatives to its Board of Directors. The voting was conducted by a mail/fax ballot following the municipal elections. Elected to a four year term are:

Avalon - **Mayor Betty Moore,**
Clarke's Beach

Central - **Mayor Jason Roberts,** Triton

Eastern - **Mayor Paul Pike,**
St. Lawrence

Labrador - **Councillor Deborah Barney,**
L'Anse Au Loup

Urban - **Councillor Peggy Roche,**
Torbay

Western - **Mayor Dean Ball,** Deer Lake

"Thank you to all 20 candidates who participated in this process and congratulations to the successful officials," said Mayor Ball, Board Chair. With the exception of Mayor Roberts of Triton, all of the directors are returning for another term. Mayor Roberts will replace Bob Hobbs, Bishop's Falls, who has retired from municipal politics. The elected members will join:

Mayor Roger Barrett, Reidville Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador representative

Ms. Vida Greening, Port Blandford, Professional Municipal Administrators representative

Mr. Dave Denine, Mount Pearl, taxpayer representative

Mr. Dave Blundon, Gander, taxpayer representative

The first meeting of the newly constituted board is scheduled for February 9, 2018 in Port Blandford.

Media contact:

Sean Martin, Executive Director

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December 15, 2017

Municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador (excluding the City of St. John's) which impose a real property tax or a business tax based on property values use the services of the Municipal Assessment Agency. As the entity responsible for providing a fair and effective property assessment service to 224 municipalities, we are pleased to support local government in providing valuable service to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Health and Community Services
Office of the Minister

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Mr. John Hickey
Mayor
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay
PO Box 40 Station B
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador
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Dear Mayor Hickey:

I am writing in follow-up to the concerns you raised this fall regarding ambulance responses in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. As you are aware, Labrador Grenfell Health (LGH) has assumed responsibility for ambulance service delivery in your town. When the contract with the previous provider was canceled, an interim solution utilizing paramedics from other health authorities was immediately established. We are now working with LGH to recruit permanent paramedicine staff and several local paramedics have recently been hired.

Under the new service model LGH will have one ambulance fully staffed 24/7 available for immediate response from the Labrador Health Center with a second ambulance available on stand-by 24/7. This staffing model is used by equivalently sized hospital ambulance services throughout the province and ensures there are always two fully staffed ambulances available.

You had also expressed concern that 911 calls are answered by 911 Public Service Answering Point located outside your region. Given that 911 responsibility falls under the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, any concerns you have with 911 service delivery should be directed to my colleague Minister Joyce. However, I want to confirm that in cases where a 911 call requires an ambulance local staff at the Labrador Health Centre dispatch ambulances and provide support to the local paramedicine team.

Thank you for your advocacy on this issue and for your work on behalf of the residents of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Sincerely,



JOHN HAGGIE, MD, FRCS
MHA – Gander
Minister

cc: Minister Eddie Joyce, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
The Honourable Perry Trimper
Mr. Ron Bowles, Deputy Minister, Labrador Affairs Secretariat



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January 4, 2018

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who voted over the last couple of months to allow me to serve another term on the Municipal Assessment Agency's Board of Directors. It is a real privilege and pleasure to continue working on your behalf as Labrador Director.

The Board will be holding its first meeting of the year on February 9, 2018 in Port Blandford. If you have any issues or concerns, please forward them to me before February 7. You may contact me by calling 709-927-5573 or via email at fisher_barney@hotmail.com.

If you would like to meet with a representative from the Municipal Assessment Agency, please contact Mr. Sean Martin, Executive Director/CEO, at 709-724-1540. The Agency has three regional offices in the province, and arrangements can be made for a representative to contact you.

Once again, it will be my pleasure to continue working with the Municipal Assessment Agency's Board of Directors on your behalf.

Sincerely,

DEB BARNEY
Labrador Director
Municipal Assessment Agency

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December 19, 2017

His Worship John Hickey
Mayor of the Town of Happy Valley - Goose Bay
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Dear Mayor Hickey,

Re: Recycle My Cell in Newfoundland and Labrador

Happy holidays from Recycle My Cell! We wanted to take this opportunity to report that Newfoundland and Labrador has maintained the strongest municipal presence of the Recycle My Cell program across all provinces in 2017 – a success that demonstrates the continued support and commitment of *Newfoundlanders* and Labradorians.

As you may know, Recycle My Cell (RMC) is Canada's national recycling program for mobile devices, and the official stewardship program in Newfoundland and Labrador. RMC has been a free, convenient and easy way to recycle old and unwanted devices within the province since 2009. The program is organized by the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) and partners with wireless carriers, handset manufacturers and processors, as well as other interested parties such as cities, towns and local service districts.

The goal of RMC is to minimize the number of cell phones entering Canada's landfills. Last month, we shared this goal with municipal leaders across the province at the MNL Convention and Trade Show. One of the keys to our success is ensuring that the program offers convenience to your residents, as well as to you as a policy maker. There are two simple ways that you can help contribute to the continued success and growth of RMC in Newfoundland and Labrador:

Provide Information to Residents: RMC currently has 144 drop-off locations within Newfoundland and Labrador, in communities both big and small. Of these, 53 operate in municipal buildings, town halls and community centres across the province, and 15 operate in conjunction with local waste management centres and recycling depots. Each location accepts used or unwanted wireless devices regardless of make, model or condition. Residents are able to determine whether a physical drop-off location is accessible to them by entering their postal code at RecycleMyCell.ca. In the event that residents are not able to go to a drop-off location, they also have the option to print a pre-paid mailing label and mail their device through Canada Post, free of charge.

Our Web site also includes information about deleting personal information from wireless devices, provides answers to frequently asked questions, and highlights the various recycling and trade-in



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January 4, 2018

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Attention: Mr. Wally Andersen

Dear Mayor Andersen:

Re: Assistance under the Innovative Communities Fund

As per our recent conversation with Mr. Dominic Demers, Director of Community Services and Recreation on December 12, 2107, and after due consideration of the information submitted, we regret to inform you that the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (the Agency) is unable to offer financial assistance for your project at this time.

Thank you for your interest in the Agency. If you require additional information with respect to your project, please contact Ms. Leanne Philpott, the Program Officer assigned to your project, at (800) 668-1010 or at (709) 772-2722, or via e-mail at leanne.philpott@canada.ca.

Yours truly,

Dave Boland
Director
Community Development

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January 10, 2018 .

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Attention: Mayor Wally Anderson,

Dear Sir:

I Disagree with any increase to my annual WIS bill due to re-look up with the Spring Gulch water supply system, due to the fact that I live in the Happy Valley section of town .

If my WIS bill is increased, then so should the Goose Bay section of town be increased also!

Sincerely

Eva E. Best .