



Town of Long Harbour- Mount Arlington Heights

Christmas Newsletter

December 2024

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A Christmas Message from Mayor Keating & Council

As we enter into the Christmas Season, we will surround ourselves with the warmth and joy that celebrating Christmas traditions brings to our families. We will spend our time making memories and cherishing stories from the past, with hopes for the future. Now, as a town, we can share in the company of one another and understand the importance of being together as families and community. Visitors from all over will once again bless us with their spirit and presence. May this Christmas season bring you cherished Time, Peace and Happiness.

Let's remember the less fortunate, ensure the safety of all around us, be kind and look after our neighbours. Let's take care of each other, not just throughout the Christmas season, but all year long. From our family to yours, enjoy a comforting and peaceful Christmas Season in the Harbour.

From Council & Staff, Merry Christmas & Happy New

2025 Budget and Tax Structure

Your town council is very pleased to adopt a 1.3-million-dollar budget for 2025, without increasing tax rates or fees. The rate for residential property tax will remain at 3 mil with a minimum tax of \$20.00 per parcel. This may be the lowest mil rate in Newfoundland and Labrador. Council will continue to pay Eastern Waste their increased yearly fee of \$225.00 per household for garbage collection and will not pass this expense on to our residents. Water fees will remain at \$168.00 per year. Again, this may be the lowest rate in the province, and we will continue to provide pristine water. Council will again in 2025, offer a 20% discount on residential property tax paid in full before March 31, 2025. There will be no increases in commercial property mil rates or the business tax rates. A copy of the 2025 Tax Structure will be mailed out to residents before the end of the year.

In 2025, council plans to extend our Maturin Pond Walking Trail. We will apply for funding through ACOA to support the trail extension to fully encircle Maturin Pond. This will greatly enhance our walking trail for all users. We currently have a CEEP program whereby the employees are tasked with cutting the trail extension. This work goes well when weather permits.

At the end of the CEEP program four residents of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will be eligible for Employment Insurance (EI) benefits.

Council budgeted our 10% cost share of the 2025 capital work project, Waterline Replacement Phase 3. This \$949,323 project will replace the waterline in the bottom and bring it to the roadside. This project is approved by the province under a 90/10 cost share and will start early in the spring of 2025.

Council has applied for another Municipal Capital Works project, Waterline Replacement Phase 6. If approved, this project will replace 787 meters of waterline around the Big Head. The cost estimate of this project is \$960,380. We are hopeful that this project will be approved under the 90/10 cost share.

Coffee Break for the Alzheimer's Society

In early November, Council hosted a Coffee Break for the Alzheimer's Society and are pleased to have raised \$400.00. This amount was matched by Council and a donation was made for \$800.00. With these funds the Alzheimer's Society will continue to offer their First Link Program, Family Support Groups, educational and awareness programs to help families live the best life possible with dementia. Thanks to everyone who made their coffee count and supported the Alzheimer's Society.

Support our Christmas Food Bank

Christmas is a time for giving and our Sports and Recreation Committee is seeking your support for their Christmas Food Bank. Donations will be accepted up to December 22, 2025 and everyone

is asked to bring along a non-perishable food item when they attend functions at the Community Centre. Please ensure your food item is not outdated. All items will be distributed locally.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the spirit of Christmas, by helping those who are less fortunate.



Christmas Community Events!

Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Clause - December 15th

Come join us at the Community Centre at 11:30 for Christmas Brunch
Cost - \$ 10.00 per adult or \$5.00 for children under 12
Sponsored by the Sports & Recreation Committee
Call Lydia Burke or Norma Keating on or before Dec. 6th to pre-order.



Christmas Bingo - December 15th

Join us at the Community Centre
Bingo starts at 8:00 p.m. Win Turkeys or Cash!
Sponsored by the Sports & Recreation Committee



New Years Eve Party - December 31th

Details to follow

Town Office Christmas Schedule

For the Christmas Season, the Town Office will close after lunch on Christmas Eve, December 24, and will reopen Thursday, January 2, 2025. In case of an emergency the Town Manager can be reached at 709 227-5067 or call our outside staff, Mike Kelly at 709 699-9373 or Glen Power at 709 697-0564.



Message from your Fire Department

Take time during the hustle and bustle of Christmas to check your home for fire safety. Check your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers. Review your escape plan with your family. Make this a Christmas tradition and have a Safe and Joyous Christmas.

If you're planning to have a real tree this year, keep these tips in mind: test the tree for freshness by tapping its base on the ground; if needles fall or can be pulled off easily the tree is too dry. At home, find a cool spot for your tree, away from heaters and fireplaces. Keep your tree as fresh as possible by watering it often.

Enjoy a Fire Safe Holiday Season!

Strength Courage Sacrifice

The Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights Fire Department!



Committed to Enhancing

Fire Protection!

Recruiting Notice

If you are interested in joining the Fire Department please contact our Fire Chief, one of our Firefighters, or call the Town Office at

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