

# St. Lawrence Municipal Newsletter 2021



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*



Town Council 2021

The festive season is upon us again in St. Lawrence. While it is a time to celebrate, it is also a time to reflect on the year that was 2021. It's been a tough couple of years for many, that will always be remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic, but I truly hope you all found some joy in what was otherwise a tumultuous year. From social distancing to wearing masks and attaining vaccines, 2021 has certainly had its fair share of challenges. While our events didn't always pan out the way we had planned this year, I for one am happy to put 2021 behind us and now focus on some new and exciting events in 2022. With the election of a new Council we are looking forward to 2022 with excitement as we prepare to welcome family and friends during our Homecoming celebrations this summer. For all those heading away over the holidays, please travel safely and take extra care during this busy time on our roads. On behalf of myself and the Councillors and staff at the Town of St. Lawrence, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a fantastic New Year. Come on 2022!

*Mayor Kevin Pittman*

## Special Notes

- A big Thank You to Jack Walsh for your work as councillor and mayor during your 20 years on Council.
- Congratulations to our former town manager, Andrea Kettle, who retired this past year after 27 years with the town.
- Welcome to our new town manager, Amanda Edwards, who recently took up her new position with the Town.



Amanda Edwards

**“Maybe Christmas,  
the Grinch thought,  
doesn't come from a  
store.”**

**Dr. Seuss**

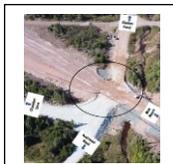


Congratulations to our former mayor, Paul Pike on his election to the House of Assembly earlier this year as the member for Burin-Grand Bank district.

Get ready and prepared for Homecoming 2022 where the theme is "Paint the Town Blue in 2022". Co-Chairs Patti Giovannini and Ed Kelly and their committee are already busy with plans for this summer. Homecoming runs from Aug. 5 – 13, 2022 and residents are eagerly awaiting the arrival of friends and family for what looks to be an exciting and fabulous celebration. Check out their Facebook page at St. Lawrence Come Home Year 2022 for more details.



CFI, as well, have made some changes to the road leading from Clarke's Pond to Red Head. These changes have been made with the safety of our citizens in mind and have already met with a positive response from our residents.



The St. Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department, The Town of St. Lawrence and Canada Fluorspar Inc. signed a memorandum of understanding to work together to provide education and training that will enhance emergency services for the town and the company.

**Congratulations go to Canada Fluorspar Inc. as the first shipment of ore to leave from St. Lawrence in many years was taken by the FWN Paula on July 29<sup>th</sup> of this year. We look forward to more of these in the years to come!**





### Awards – Individual Congratulations

Congratulations to Marc Pittman on receiving the NLSA Volunteer of the Year award. Marc received the award for his work with the youth of the province and in particular the children of the Burin Peninsula. Marc has been instrumental in keeping soccer alive on the Burin Peninsula.

As well, two of our residents received induction into the NLSA Hall of Fame this year. Longtime St. Lawrence Laurentians star goalkeeper, Keith Jackman, was inducted along with Sarah Drake. Sarah came up through the Burin system but really came into her own as a striker for the University of Cape Breton College in Nova Scotia. It should also be noted that several former Laurentian players and residents of our town were also inducted, including Rudy Norman, Noel Doyle and Shane Dunphy. Mike Howlett, as well, was recognized for his valuable contribution to officiating in the province.

Ailish Slaney has long been a supporter of the Janeway Hospital. Ailish continues to come up with new and innovative ideas to raise money for a cause that she both supports and sees a need. This year Ailish was awarded the Spirit of Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Fundraising Award for a Volunteer (Individual). This is truly both deserving and a testament to the work this young lady has done.

### From The Town

In 2021, the Town of St. Lawrence undertook some major projects. While COVID-19 played a role in slowing things, there were still major undertakings that were completed.

Water and Sewer upgrading and new pavement were installed in both Phase 2 of Pollux Crescent and Phase 5 of Laurentian Avenue.



Our Community Garden was a huge success with the requests for 2022 already exceeding the number of garden beds that we are able to supply, at this time.

Several of our town buildings received upgrades. The Municipal Building as well as the Golden Age Club received complete facelifts to their exteriors.



The Town purchased a wood chipper which allows our workers to break down wood products into mulch and wood chips for use by our residents.



### “Tis The Season”



Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and it was never more evident than it was during this Christmas season:

With help from the Town and the Fire Department, the CYN, under the guidance of Paulette Isaacs and her elves, put together a great evening for the annual Tree Lighting Celebration on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks must go to the local Lions Club for the great Santa Claus Parade which took place on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. This year was one of the best ever.

Once again, the Annual Seniors’ Dinner was a great success. While COVID once again kept us from having an indoor function, cold plates were delivered to over 375 seniors on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our staff for organizing this.

## Halloween Postponed in 2021



2021 brought a strange calendar change. Halloween, was, for the first time, postponed until several weeks later this year due to a COVID-19 outbreak in the area. The Lions’ Club organized their annual Trunk or Treat for the children in the afternoon and Halloween proceeded, in the evening, though on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> instead of the normal Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

## St. Lawrence Day 2021



St. Lawrence Day 2021 took place this year with a few more restrictions than usual due to the pandemic. However, many of the usual attractions such as opening ceremonies, the parade, the soccer games, etc. all went ahead. A fantastic fireworks display ended the evening and a great day was had by all who attended.

## Looking Forward 2022

Budget 2022 – The new budget is currently being prepared and will be presented in the very near future. The Council are currently working on plans to:

- Complete the next phase of Pollux Crescent (\$585,000).
- Upgrade and replace the complete water intake system and building. (approx. \$1.1 million)
- Complete repairs needed following Hurricane Larry.
- Purchase a used Council work truck.
- Purchase a used Fire Rescue Vehicle.

**The SLTC has decided that they will continue to cover the cost of garbage collection from the town’s budget. St. Lawrence is one of a very few towns that covers this cost. The majority charge this as an additional fee. The fee is currently \$180 per household/year and costs a total of \$88,200 per year for our 490 households.**