



CHRISTMAS NEWS

Town of Gillams 2016 Newsletter

December 7, 2016



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to our town organizations Gillams Recreation, Gillams Fire Department, Golden Sunset 50+ Club, Heritage Society, and our local Church Committees, season Greetings.

Your Town Council:
Patricia Penney - Mayor
Eddie Blanchard - Deputy Mayor
George Callahan - Councilor
Jubilee Brinston - Councilor
Joanne Grenning - Councilor

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Staff:
Shelley Penney - Town Clerk/Manager
Anthony Gauthier - *Maintenance*
Sheldon Park - Part-time Maintenance

Department Heads:
Cecil Kerr - Fire Chief
Scott Blanchard - Recreation President

MESSAGE FROM YOUR TOWN COUNCIL AND STAFF

Well, it's hard to believe that it is time to say MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR. What a great year we have had here in Gillams. This past year has been a year of many accomplishments. As always we strive to do what is best for our residents and every decision is based on what is best for our Community.

So, as we celebrate this holiday season, we hope you will spend time with your loved ones, family and friends. Let us use this time to reflect and count our blessings. The greatest gift we could give is to help and support each other. May we ask you all to remember your neighbors at his time of year, especially the elderly and those who live alone. We would like to extend a special welcome to those who have moved to Gillams during the year and those who continue to love and support your community. From the Gillams Town Council and staff we wish you and your family all the love and blessings of the holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

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TOWN OF GILLAMS YEAR 2016



SMASH UP DERBY FOR MS Hosted by: Gavin Butt

What a great turn out for the 1st Smash up Derby here in Gillams. While the streets filled with traffic the event turned out to be a great success. With a donation of \$10,100.00 for a one day event to the MS society. Thanks to all who helped out in any way possible to help pull off this event. May next year be bigger and better.

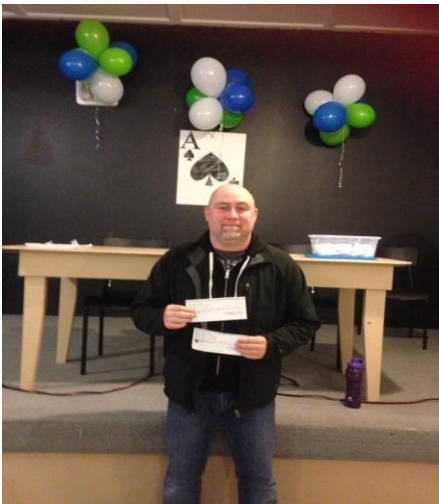


Hard to believe that this is the same ball field that only a few years ago was nothing only a fallen down fence and grass. Thanks to Gillams Recreation and the dream to get Gillams Ball Field up and running again. With over \$18,000.00 in grants for the first time in years the recreation was able to host 2 mixed softball tournaments this summer and this fall hosted the Newfoundland Girls Soft ball provincials. While there is more work to be completed we will keep moving along until completed. Thank you Gillams Recreation Committee for your pride in the community.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Blanchard, Madison Park & Nicolas Park our student athletes. Kaitlyn & Madison won the Gold at the U16 Female baseball provincials & Nicolas Park got picked to play on the Provincials Newfoundland team who went on to play at the Nationals. Way to go!



Congratulations to Jamie Park on winning Gillams first Chase the Ace.



Congratulations to Gillams Fire Chief, Cecil Kerr on winning Volunteer Fire Chief of year from the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs. This is the first time an award like this has come close to any of the Atlantic Provinces and now it's right here in your community. Congratulations Chief Kerr.



Congratulations to our Town Maintenance Anthony Gauthier who married Kayla Janes on August 13, 2016 at Gillams Beach. Our first beach wedding.

TOWN NEWS

The Town has received approval to begin phase 1 of our new Fire Hall/ Town Hall. This is on a 90/10 cost shared capital grant.

The Town has applied for sewage and pavement for certain areas but has been turned down due to low population.

Budget for 2017 will be similar to the 2016 budget. There are no change in the mill rate, poll tax, water tax, water & sewer tax, poll tax, & business tax. More information on the budget will be provided on Gillams website www.gillams.net in January of 2017.

Snow Clearing for 2017 will be done by Tex's Transport. If you have any snow clearing complaints you can contact Deputy Mayor Eddie Blanchard. Please keep your garbage boxes back far enough on your property to avoid damage. The town has a tree policy in place. Overhanging trees close to the roadway within 25 feet from the center of the road can cause damage to the snowclearing equipment and is a hazard for traffic utilizing the street. This policy can be found on website www.gillams.net. Remember a snowplow cannot be on the road 24 hours a day. Most town's or cities the side roads are not done until night time. The Department of Highways as also made cut backs to the times the plow is on the road. Be courteous to our snowplow contractor.

There is a water turn on/off policy. Please give a two day notice in advance to arrange a time.

The town has purchased another rescue vehicle for the fire department and has made use of the old rescue vehicle for garbage collection. This was many \$\$\$\$ of cost savings to the town. Remember there are items that we cannot accept such as tires, shingles, fridges, etc. This is not the town rules its the WRWM rules. We are not allowed to bring these items to the dumping site.

The Town of Gillams has not been on a boil order this year. If you see neighboring town's with boil orders does not mean your town is on a boil order. It may have to do with their chlorination.

As you all are aware Canada Post has changed from P.O. Box #'s to civic address. This was not a decision of council but the Federal Government.

If you need volunteer hours contact the town office or the town organizations.

Western Regional Waste Management
You are required to have a card to dump at the Wild Cove waste disposal site. This card can be picked up at the WRWM office in Corner Brook. For further information phone 632-2922.

The town's website can be used for free advertisement or announcements.

Remember our town facilities are smoke free.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Clause Parade

December 10th, 2016
2:00

Meet Santa at Fire Hall.

Toy Drive
Gillams Fire Department
Current - December 10th at the Santa
Clause Parade.

Chase the Ace
Every Monday night
Gillams Community Hall
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Winter Carnival 2017
February 13th - 19th.
Events to be announced.

BE SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS
DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE. MAKE
ARRANGMENTS!

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special Thank you goes out to:
Our Town Organizations
Gillams Recreation Volunteers
Fire Department Volunteers.

Thank you to members of:
The Heritage Society
Golden Sunset 50+ Club
Church organizations.

Pamela & Glenn Wight for our free little
library.

Pamela House for donating 3 ball field
signs.

Pam Park and James Butt for taking our
town pictures.

Russell Park for maintaining the
recycling bin, our flower garden next to
town hall and our flag pole on the
beach.

Richard Park for keeping our mailboxes
clean and for his knowledge.

James Butt for taking care of our town
flowers.

All the volunteers & parents who has
helped out with our ball field.

*MOST OF ALL THANK YOU RESIDENTS OF GILLAMS FOR ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL YEAR.....*