



THE ROTARY CLUB of ST. JOHN'S

Founded In 1921

June 22nd, 2020

City of St. John's
10 New Gower Street
St. John's, NL
P.O Box 908
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Attention: Ms. Elaine Henley
 City Clerk

Reference: Rotary Clubs- Freedom of the City

Dear Ms. Henley;

In 2021 Rotary will celebrate 100 years of service in St. John's and our Province. Rotary has and continues to contribute greatly to the life of our citizens and communities. This is indeed a milestone worthy of celebration. Rotary would be honored to be granted 'Freedom of the City' to mark this momentous achievement. We have assembled a brief outline of Rotary and some examples of the work Rotarians do in our communities. Please consider this as our application to be granted 'Freedom of the City' in recognition of a century of good works for our citizens and communities.

Sincerely yours;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn Barnes".

Glenn Barnes, NLAA MRAIC
Rotarian, Paul Harris Fellow
Member, Rotary Club of St. John's

Attach.



ABOUT ROTARY

SERVING THROUGH MEMBERSHIP

Rotary is service-driven. Belonging to a Rotary club gives men and women an organized outlet for contributing to their community.

Founded in 1905, Rotary International is the world's first service organization. The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self* – Rotary concerns itself with truth, fairness, improved relations between people, and world peace. The avenues of Rotary service include community and international volunteerism through club activity and the promotion of ethics in all vocations.

Rotary has a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 34,558 clubs in 200 countries.

Rotary members meet weekly to plan service activities. Rotary clubs are autonomous and determine their own service projects based on local needs and interests and abilities of members.

Rotary clubs are non-religious, non-governmental and open to every race, culture and creed. Club membership represents a cross-section of local business and professional leaders.

Together Rotarians see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

Rotarians give 16 million volunteer hours around the world each year. Each day our members pour their passion, integrity and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting positive impact on our citizens, communities and world. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions.

Over the past 115 years since Rotary International's founding in 1905, Rotarians have been promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies. Rotarians promote diversity, inclusion and equality.

There are Rotary Clubs throughout Canada, fifteen (15) of those in Newfoundland and Labrador and six (6) of those are in the St. John's area. Rotary also includes clubs at the young adult and high school levels.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY



The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his/her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD

The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business and community life.

FOURTH

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do.

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?*
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

ROTARY IN ST. JOHN'S AND THE REGION

The first Rotary Club in Newfoundland and Labrador, The Rotary Club of St. John's was chartered on November 21st 1921, it was sponsored by The Rotary Club of Halifax. Since that time area Clubs have grown to include:

1. St. John's
2. St. John's East
3. St. John's Northwest
4. St. John's After Hours
5. Avalon Northeast
6. Rotaract Club/St. John's
7. Waterford Valley



The list of projects Rotarians have and continue to carry out in our City and region are simply too numerous to include here. A sample of Rotary's community works include:

- Establishment, construction, funding and operations of the Rotary Sunshine Park
- Boys Christmas dinners (which is now the Christmas Hamper Project serving 350 hampers)
- Rennie's River pools
- Founded the TB Association and established the Christmas Seal vessel which travelled the Province as a mobile X-Ray facility.
- Founding Cadet movement in Newfoundland and Labrador
- Sponsor of the original Cancer Society and Canadian Mental health Association NL
- Founding sponsor of the Victorian Order of Nurses in our Province
- Sponsor of Memorial Stadium's establishment
- Founded Crippled children and Adults organization (now known as Easter Seals) in our Province
- Waterford Hospital
- Construction of Iris Kirby House
- Cavitron Aspirator at Health Sciences Centre
- Founding sponsor of the Elaine Dobbin Centre for Autism
- Access House Re-development
- Rainbow Riders Rotary Riding Building
- Brighter Futures Coalition
- Easter Seals House
- Bridges to Hope
- United Way of Newfoundland
- Janeway Child Health Centre
- Rubia Centre
- The Salvation Army
- Ronald McDonald House
- Bannerman Park Splashpad
- The Gathering Place
- School Lunch Program
- The Fluvarium
- Dialysis Machine Health Sciences Centre
- PET Scanner, Health Sciences Centre
- Re-Vitalization of the Waterford River
- Rotary Manuels River Interpretation Centre
- Rotary Paradise Recreation Complex
- Orphanage in Thailand
- Water Projects in Africa
- Schools in Kenya
- Montenegro Hospital Thailand



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- Rotary Manor 46 housing units
- Northwest Rotary Skatepark
- Buckmaster's Rotary Park
- Daffodil Place
- Hope Air

Our clubs are proud to be integral supporters of Rotary International's worldwide program to eradicate polio from the globe. One of our local Rotarians has written several books with profits going to support this program, profits that have immunized over 400,000 children.

Rotarians are proud of our 'Century of Service Above Self' in our City, region, country and world; service that continues. Rotarians live by the 'Four Way Test' every day and serve community need wherever it exists.

We respectfully submit this application for the award of the 'Freedom of the City' for the Rotary Clubs in the name of all those persons that Rotary helps.