



In recognition of Municipal Awareness Day, cities, towns and municipalities across the province will pay homage to their workers who keep things running daily. Among those municipal workers is City of St. John's employee Charlie Brown, who has been working for the city for 32 years. Brown was working on Neville Place in the west-end of St. John's Tuesday afternoon. — Photo by Joe Gibbons/The Telegram

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## Board of Trade salutes city

*Business group appreciates work of municipal government*

The St. John's Board of Trade is recognizing the municipal government — civil servants and elected officials — today as part of Municipal Awareness Day.

"A lot of the work that is done at city hall is not newsworthy but, without it, residents and businesses in St. John's would have a lesser quality city," said Bruce Templeton, chairman of the Board of Trade.

"There are times when we, as an advocacy organization, do not agree with the policies of the City of St. John's, but we know that city officials — elected and otherwise — and the Board of Trade share the goal of continually improv-

ing this place we call home."

In a release, the board pointed to the municipal election this fall as a way for ordinary people to get involved with their government.

"It doesn't necessarily mean running for office, but maybe it is talking to neighbours or co-workers and raising an issue as a group. Certainly, the board is supporting heightened awareness and engagement of municipal issues and looking to be part of progress in St. John's," Templeton said.

At the St. John's city council meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Dennis O'Keefe signed a proclamation acknowledging Municipal Awareness Day.