



# Lab City Connect

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**Water Bomber Advocacy:** In follow up to the Town of Labrador City's letter, The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture stated aircraft placement is based on risk level during the season. Council will continue advocacy for risk level and protection.

**Trail Expansion:** Phase 3 of the Frontier 53 Trail Network is approved, adding 1.15 km to existing trails.

To date, the Town of Labrador City has approved the following contributions for 2025:

- Association Matrix - \$75,000
- Public Library - \$26,500.00
- High School Initiative - \$10,000
- Seniors Rent Subsidy - \$12,000
- Ski Program for Schools - \$3,800
- Snowbirds Gymnastics Rent Assist - \$45,600
- Accessibility Van Subsidy - \$100,000
- Labrador West Recreation Association (The Big 4) - \$100,000
- Gateway Labrador (Facility Enhancement Project) \$10,000
- Tourism Development Officer Agreement (2 year = \$80,000)
- GSART Truck Donation \$6,200
- Festival Sponsorship In-Kind \$2,000
- Labrador Travel Subsidy Program
- Provincial Travel \$35,000
- Atlantic and National Travel \$3,000,
- Canada Games \$1,000
- International Travel \$2,000
- Provincial Team Training \$2,000



### COMMUNITY CONCERNS UPDATE

**Housing Shortage and FIFO:** Council acknowledges the ongoing housing challenges and shares concerns raised by United Steelworkers Local 5795 regarding FIFO. The Town has applied for funding from the Canada Housing and Infrastructure Fund to support infrastructure for 50 new lots on Waxwing. Regular stakeholder meetings continue, and Council remains committed to solutions that prioritize local residency.

**Seniors Housing:** Progress is underway for a 30-unit seniors' complex, with a site selected and an application in progress.

**Future Growth & Development:** Council is restructuring committees to focus on targeted areas, aligning with the Town's 10-year plan and preparing for future expansion. Increased advocacy efforts are planned for 2025 to support long-term community development.

The Town Council would like to thank everyone who attended the Town Hall Session on March 24th. It was wonderful to see so many in attendance and the Council and staff look forward to future sessions to keep residents better informed on community matters. The event was live streamed and is still available to watch on the Town of Labrador City Facebook page. Council encourages all residents to bring questions and concerns forward anytime by contacting the Town Hall at (709) 944-2621 or by e-mailing [council@labradorcity.ca](mailto:council@labradorcity.ca).

# Projects Update

We've got a busy season ahead! Here's a quick look at what's happening around town:

- **Street Reconstruction & Harrie Lake Storm Upgrades:** The tender is set to be issued any day now. Once pricing is in, we'll share a sketch outlining the project areas—pending budget outcomes.
- **Accessibility Audit – Lab City Arena:** A consultant visited in February to assess accessibility between floors. Recommendations are expected soon.
- **Recreation Storage Building:** Construction is well underway. The building is up, insulation and mezzanine steel are in, and the concrete floor is nearly complete. Mechanical and electrical work is next, with completion expected in Q3.
- **Firehall Generator:** This project is almost wrapped up! Just some finishing touches and spring landscaping remains.
- **Municipal Infrastructure Assessment – Phase 2:** Data collection wrapped up in late 2024. The consultant is reviewing findings, with a final report expected in early Q3.

Coming Up – April - June

- **Street & Sidewalk Patching Program:** Planning is underway with a goal to tender and award by early June.
- **Beverly Lake Assessment:** Work is beginning to bring a consultant on board by early June.

## A WORD FROM PUBLIC WORKS

As we prepare ourselves to transition into spring, you'll notice an increase in activity around town as our teams focus on seasonal maintenance and improvements. Here's some of what you can expect in the coming months:

- **Lawn Sweeping & Cleanup:** Scheduled Street and lawn sweeping to remove winter debris.
- **Street Repairs:** Pothole patching and road maintenance.
- **Bulk Cleanup Week:** A designated week for residents to dispose of bulk waste.
- **Hydrant Testing & Maintenance:** Necessary to ensure functionality.
- **Snow Dump Cleanup:** Clearing and restoring snow dump sites.
- **Winter Post-Mortem Review:** A meeting with stakeholders to assess the past winter and improve future operations.

We appreciate your support and cooperation throughout the winter and look forward to serving you for the remainder of 2025. Please stay tuned for specific schedules and updates.



### *Fraudulent Fundraising Calls in Labrador West*

The Town of Labrador City has received reports of phone calls in the Labrador West area from individuals falsely claiming to fundraise on behalf of Labrador City Fire Rescue (LCFR).

Please be advised that these calls are not affiliated with our local fire department. LCFR is not conducting any fundraising campaign at this time.

Residents are urged not to share any personal information with these callers and to report any suspicious activity to the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) immediately.

Thank you for your vigilance in helping keep our community safe.