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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #25-4
April 16th , 2025**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on April 16, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

Mayor Ron Barron
Councillor Burke - Via Phone
Councillor Cole
Councillor Razi
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Battcock – Via Phone

ABSENT

Deputy Mayor O'Brien

OTHERS PRESENT

Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk
Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

Proclamation: World Ovarian Cancer Day, May 8, 2025

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 25-3 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried



BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

Report Attached

The tender award letter has been issued to the successful bidder for the repairs at the MARC. The commencement of work is scheduled for no later than October, with the hope of starting earlier this year. We commend the residents for their patience regarding the delays associated with this project.

The Town Manager has not received any correspondence from Active NL concerning the signage for the Jean Lake trail; therefore, it will be removed from the action list.

The municipality will conduct a follow-up meeting with the Town of Labrador City to discuss the findings of the survey aimed at assessing interest in public transportation within the region. Residents who experienced difficulties engaging with the survey and wish to provide feedback are encouraged to reach out to the municipality.

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, in collaboration with the local municipalities, has engaged in discussions concerning the future needs of the region and the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The Advanced Skills & Development Office, situated in the Wabush Shopping Plaza, has been engaged to update the signage on the exterior of the building.

The Director of Finance presented an update regarding the potential implementation of an electronic/hybrid voting system for municipal elections. A resolution from the council is required to authorize mail-in and ballot voting. Currently, there is no option available for electronic voting. The resolution must receive approval from the minister at least 60 days prior to the voting date, establishing August 2, 2025, as the deadline. Presently, there are two towns in Newfoundland and Labrador that have successfully implemented the hybrid voting system.

Residents are encouraged to submit applications to obtain employment at polling stations during the Federal and Municipal elections.



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The Town Manager, Charlie Perry, will engage with the local senior citizens' group to explore potential collaboration with the College of the North Atlantic. The objective is to develop a program designed to assist seniors in navigating electronic devices and recognizing fraudulent activities. The PMA Conference, held in April, emphasized the Seniors NL program, which was established to support the senior community.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Pynn and seconded by Councillor Cole to adopt Agenda 25-4 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: **Report Attached** FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to donate \$250.00 to Encore Community Arts Association for the youth musical theatre production of The Little Mermaid.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Council commended the Encore group for their outstanding performances and encourages residents to attend this event.

BE IT RESOLVED that council deny the donation request to support a local family in the purchase of a personal vehicle to accommodate 2 power wheelchairs.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried



BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to waive the 2025 property taxes for 2 non-profit organizations in the amount of \$6,896.30 and \$2,356.19.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council deny the sponsorship request from the RNC & RCMP for the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement 2025 Conference.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Council clarified that numerous donation requests are received throughout the year, and that the town allocates contributions to the local RNC detachment.

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the tender for the supply of one new 1-3/4" Fire Hose to Industrial Sales in the amount of \$7,962.10 plus HST.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The fire hose is expected to be 1500 feet in length and will possess a -50 - degree rating. The existing hose has failed recent testing and requires replacement.



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BE IT RESOLVED that council denies the request for an 80% reduction on a resident's tax account for 2022 tax year and prior as they did not meet the eligibility requirements.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This decision was made based on the determination that the resident did not meet the eligibility criteria for the program during this period. Residents who are uncertain about their qualification for the discount are encouraged to contact the town office for further information.

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the donation request for the use of the MARC for the U18 provincial tournament travelling hockey team as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Council expresses its appreciation to the volunteers for their dedicated efforts in organizing the hockey tournament and encourages residents to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached PLANNING

BE IT RESOLVED that Council deny land sale bids on 5 lots on Snow's Drive as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

For:

Mayor Barron
Councillor Razi



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Councillor Battcock
Councillor Pynn

Against:

Councillor Burke
Councillor Cole

Motion Carried

The Council has declined the proposals due to the bids being below the previously discounted parcel values. Bidders are encouraged to resubmit their offers should they remain interested.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Municipal Plan changes as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The plan has undergone minor revisions. Stantec is expected to finalize these changes by next week for submission to PMA and for the upcoming public consultation.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Anti-Litter Bylaw as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Residents are encouraged to review the posted bylaw on the town's official Facebook page or website to understand the recent changes. The town has the authority to impose fines on residents for properties that are not maintained. If the deadline



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for cleanup is not met, the town may contract cleanup services and subsequently bill the homeowner for the incurred expenses. In the coming days, the town will announce a designated cleanup week, during which residents can take advantage of large item removal and complimentary vehicle removal services.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached PUBLIC WORKS

The new dump truck is scheduled for delivery next week. The tenders for the road reconstruction project in the industrial park will be opened promptly upon the completion of the approval process by Provincial Affairs. Currently, there are four pallets of cold patch on route.

Public Works will commence the sweeping of roads and sidewalks as soon as weather conditions allow.

There will be ten new fire hydrants installed this summer.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached RECREATION

Residents are advised to remove nets and pucks from the outdoor ice rink to prevent them from becoming embedded in the ice during the day and freeze into the skating surface at night when temperatures decrease.

The Council extends its best wishes to all participants of the U18 hockey team for this weekend's event and are encouraged to perform their best and enjoy the experience.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Residents are reminded that the parking ban will be rescinded on April 30. Additionally, the temporary winter speed limit of 20 km/h on Union Drive hill will also be lifted.



CORRESPONDENCE

(Information Package Distributed to Council)

The Director of Finance, Tiffanee Rideout, provided an update to the council regarding the recent PMA conference. The conference proved to be highly informative and offered valuable networking opportunities. The town plans to allocate funds for attendance at the SAM and AIM conferences in the upcoming year.

Town Manager Charlie Perry was congratulated for his 10 years of service with the town.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from March 14- April 15, 2025, in the amount of \$285,353.73 with the following abstentions:

38666	Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
38711	Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
38715	Labrador Motors	Mayor Barron

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6805	Electrical Panel Enclosure	D Grenfell Drive
6806	Occupancy	D Grenfell Drive
6807	Occupancy	Lot 10-2 Lakeview
6808	New Office Building	208 Scully Drive

Moved by: Councillor Pynn
Seconded by: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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It is advisable for residents to secure permit approvals in a timely manner to prevent any delays in the processing of their applications. Permits requiring approval from Service NL may experience extended processing times.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Razi:

Councillor Razi would like to remind residents that the voting lines are currently open for the Federal Election at the Wabush Shopping Center. Everyone's vote matters.

The Council is preparing a formal letter of support advocating for the reinstatement of water bombers in the region. Currently, the town is exploring the Fire Start Program and Telus's advanced warning system to effectively alert the community of potential risks during the fire season. The Council expresses concern regarding the decline in Provincial fire services and forestry personnel in the area over recent years.

Councillor Razi expressed gratitude to the Regional Recreation Committee for their decision to extend the skating season for the Wabush Figure Skating Club.

Councillor Cole:

Councillor Cole encourages residents planning to travel with Provincial Airlines to visit their website to benefit from a 60% discount using the code PAAR60.

The Council seeks to engage with officials from Pacan and Porter Airlines to advocate for the introduction of services at Wabush Airport.

Councillor Burke:

Council congratulated Bill Soper, Tracey West, and Junior Humphery's on their recent King Charles award. Their work is important to the communities.



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Mayor Barron:

Mayor Barron sends his deepest condolences to the families of the Late Miriam Vardy, Nicolas McGrath, Marian Smith, and Wendy Cross-Byrne. Council and staff send their sincere condolences to Ron and Family for the Late David Barron.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:31 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

RB:TR:dr