



**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #26-2
February 26th, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on February 26, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Gertie Canning.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

Mayor Gertie Canning
Deputy Mayor Shea
Councillor Temple
Councillor Pafford
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Brown

OTHERS PRESENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Hawes and seconded by Councillor Pynn to adopt Agenda 26-2 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried



PROCLAMATION/ VISITORS/PETITIONS

Proclamation : Violence Prevention Month 2026

Proclamation: Wear Red Canada Day – February 13, 2026

Proclamation: 211 Day – February 11, 2026

Proclamation: ANC, Black History Month – February 2026

Proclamation: Easter Seals Month – March 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 25-1 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

Report Attached

The MARC steps will be operational next week once the ice is removed.

COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the request to donate 1 bowling pass to Menihek & JRS school Music Programs for their Silent Auction to help offset the travel cost for students to attend the Atlantic Festival of Music in Halifax NS, from April 29th – May 2nd, 2026.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the request to rent the gymnasium to a non-profit organization at a discounted rate of 50%.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the request to rent the Bowling Alley to a non-profit organization at a discounted rate of 50%.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to donate 1 – Glow Bowling party for the Silent Auction in support of the Menihek & JRS School Music Festival Trip.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Council emphasizes the significance of supporting youth arts and sports programs through donations to foster community development and youth engagement.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to donate 2 - \$50 gift cards to USW Local 6185 for their upcoming Annual Union Party.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried



BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to donate the pool and party room to the Northern Lights Swim Club for their annual Swim for Hope campaign to help raise fund to support cancer patients and their families in our province and support young swimmer athlete development.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the request to rent the pool to a non-profit organization at a discounted rate of 50%.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the lost wages for Mayor Gertie Canning to attend council matters in the amount of \$709.17.

Mayor Canning Abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council deny the request for digital publication for the Citizens Crime Prevention Guide as it is not local to Labrador West.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to sponsor the Northern Lights Theatre Company for their upcoming 76th Annual Provincial Drama Festival in the amount of \$850.00.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agree to donate \$750.00 to Menihek & JRS Choirs to help cover the cost of 75 students travelling to the Atlantic Festivals of Music in Halifax.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PLANNING

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
POLICY

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department has been expanding streets across Town, with Councillor Brown praising their excellent work, especially at the Trailer Court, for improving community safety.

COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report Attached
RECREATION

Councillor Hawes directed residents to visit the Facebook page for recreation program updates. The Aquatic Department introduced a trial women's-only swim on Sunday evenings and added an additional family swim session on Saturday evenings to accommodate community needs and gauge interest in these new offerings.



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The Chamber of Commerce donated a sofa to the Youth Center, enhancing the space and providing a comfortable area for visitors and activities.

The student bowling event held during the Minex Conference was a great success.

The outdoor ice rink has been cleared and flooded, and Council would like to thank Rumbolt's Plumbing and Heating for donating the flood.

The Wabush Figure Skating Club will be extending their season as per their request.

The Bill Chaplin hockey tournament was held last weekend and was a success.

The upcoming 65th Labrador West Winter Carnival tickets will go on sales on Saturday, February 28th at noon online. Also, there will be tickets available on Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the old Reitman's location in the Labrador Mall while supplies last. RJ, our town mascot, will be in attendance during the events.

The Recreation Committee is actively working on a survey to involve residents in local recreation programs. Additionally, they are exploring the possibility of attaching a device to the Jean Lake groomer to create a cross-country ski trail. The committee is also identifying a suitable site for the development of a new basketball court, enhancing recreational facilities in the town.

The Committee recognizes the dedication and enthusiasm of the racers in the Cains Quest event. Congratulations are extended to the athletes representing our town at the upcoming Labrador Winter Games next month. Appreciation is also given to the torch runners who participated in the torch relay on February 16. The Council wishes all participants success and encourages everyone to support and cheer for them throughout their endeavors.

Council appreciates the dedication of employees managing event operations, recognizing their efforts. Additionally, gratitude is extended to volunteers who participated, as their contributions are vital. The success of these events relies



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heavily on both staff and volunteers, whose support is highly valued and essential for smooth execution.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached MEO/FIRE DEPT.

The Municipal Enforcement Officer, Terry Roberts, attended the Minex Conference that finished without any incidents. He is actively performing fire inspections across numerous local businesses, ensuring compliance and safety standards are maintained throughout the area, contributing to community safety efforts.

The council expresses condolences to the families and friends impacted by the Tumbler Ridge tragedy, offering support and sympathy during this difficult time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Canning and the Town Manager will participate in a regional meeting in Goose Bay on March 26-27, 2026, to discuss regional challenges with delegates from across Labrador. This event aims to foster community collaboration and share strategies to effectively address local issues, promoting regional development and cooperation.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from January 13, 2026 – February 12, 2026, in the amount of \$ 1,032,591.75 with the following abstentions:

39351 Mayor Canning

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried



PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6921	Excavation	2 Grenfell
6922	Snow Dump	5 First Ave
6923	Interior Renovations	12 First Ave
6924	Excavation	12 First Ave
6925	Occupancy	4-6 First Ave
6926	Occupancy	4-6 First Ave
6927	Occupancy	D-Grenfell
6928	Occupancy	D-Grenfell
6929	Occupancy	D-Grenfell
6930	Occupancy	H-Grenfell

Moved by: Councillor Pafford
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shea

All in Favour
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Hawes:

Councillor Hawes requests the Town to publish a Facebook post congratulating Wabush athletes on their participation in the 2026 Winter Games in Goose Bay, scheduled for March. The message should be positive, supportive, and highlight community pride in their achievements.

Mayor Canning:

Mayor Canning and Council send their condolences to the families of the late Donna Pilgrim, and Douglas Olmstead. She would like any resident that has had a loved one pass to contact the Town Office so that Council can pay respect to them during the monthly meeting.

Mayor Canning aims to showcase recent events in Wabush this month. The Minex Conference, held from February 10-12, attracted residents, key stakeholders, out-of-town guests, and local business leaders. The event was highly successful and



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effectively promoted the region's mining industry, emphasizing Wabush's economic and industrial significance.

The ongoing Cain's Quest event is progressing successfully in our region. It is enjoyable to follow the updates via livestream, attracting viewers worldwide. The event is a significant occasion for our town, showcasing community spirit and resilience. The council extends a warm welcome to all participating racers and acknowledges the considerable effort required to organize such a large-scale event. Appreciation is also expressed to volunteers, Labrador communities, and the Town of Fermont for their vital contributions, which have been instrumental in ensuring the event's success. Their dedication highlights the strength and unity of our local area.

The Labrador Winter Games are scheduled for March 8-14, 2026, in Goose Bay. Athletes from the Town of Wabush will participate, representing our community. We extend our best wishes for success and will support and cheer for them throughout their events, fostering community pride and encouragement.

Winter Carnival is scheduled from March 6 to 15, 2026. Community members are invited to participate in various family-friendly activities. Mayor Canning expressed appreciation to the Council for their dedication and efforts during this month, emphasizing community engagement and support for upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Hawes at 5:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 26th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gertie Canning
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

GC:TR:dr