



**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #26-1
January 22nd, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on January 22, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Mayor Gertie Canning.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

Mayor Gertie Canning
Deputy Mayor Shea (Out of Town)
Councillor Temple
Councillor Pafford (Absent)
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Brown

OTHERS PRESENT

Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk (Via Phone)
Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk
Edward Delahunty - Resident

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Hawes and seconded by Councillor Temple to adopt Agenda 26-1 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried



PROCLAMATION/ VISITORS/PETITIONS

Ed Delahunty:

Mr. Delahunty expressed appreciation for the opportunity to present his concern to the Council regarding the winter maintenance of the road at Jean Lake. He highlighted that the current plowing and sanding practices could potentially damage snowmobiles operating in the area. He requested that the Council reconsider their decision to maintain these activities during winter months. Town Manager Charlie Perry confirmed that another resident had also contacted him with a similar concern. Mayor Canning acknowledged Mr. Delahunty's input and assured him that the Council would review his request promptly. The discussion reflects ongoing community engagement and the Council's commitment to addressing residents' concerns in a timely manner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 25-12 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

Report Attached

The Town Manager, Charlie Perry, provided an update to the Council regarding ongoing construction on the MARC steps. The walkway lighting has been installed, and a section of the front steps has been hoarded for welding the handrails. Mayor Canning inquired about the project timeline, to which Mr. Perry responded that concrete installation is expected to occur in late March or April. The construction schedule will not impact the facility's regular programming. While MINEx activities may temporarily affect programming, all affected parties will be rescheduled to ensure minimal disruption.



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Councillor Brown is actively seeking effective strategies to assist seniors with snow shoveling during winter. Mayor Canning proposed involving Menihek students requiring volunteer hours in this initiative, fostering community support and student engagement in service activities during the colder months.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind the previous motion to adopt Schedule III – 2026 Recreational Fee Structure.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt the updated Schedule III – 2026 Recreational Fee Structure, effective January 1, 2026, as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The revision of the Recreation fee schedule does not impact the 2026 Budget. Its purpose was to incorporate fees from previous years' schedules that were previously omitted, ensuring consistency and completeness in fee documentation for future reference.

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: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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The motion required Council approval because the request was not included in this year's master list of preapproved discounts, necessitating formal authorization for proceeding.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the adjusted management salaries, effective January 1, 2026 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The salary increase aligns with the Steelworkers' adjustment effective January 1, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the destruction of 2018 Accounting Records as per recommendations from the Dept of Municipal Affairs & Dept of Finance.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This annual motion authorizes the destruction of documents, in accordance with the Municipalities Act, after a retention period of seven years, ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Mr. Dave Pollock as Assessment Review Commissioner for 2026.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Mr. Pollock is scheduled to visit Wabush during February.



COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PLANNING

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a home-based business office at 71 Whiteway Drive.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
POLICY

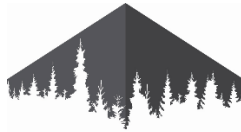
COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department is in the process of relocating all equipment from the existing Depot to the new facility, a project expected to take several months to complete, ensuring minimal disruption to operations.

The snowblower has been repaired and reintroduced into the fleet; repairs are underway for the dump truck to restore operational status.

COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report Attached
RECREATION

The Town of Wabush advises residents that MINEx will take place from February 10-12, 2026, at the MARC. During this period, swim programming will experience disruptions, and affected participants will be notified and rescheduled accordingly. The updated recreation fee structure is now available on the Town's official website for residents' reference. The outdoor ice rink remains accessible; however, it is currently uneven and bumpy. Rumbolt's Plumbing & Heating has generously donated flooding services, which will be implemented when weather conditions permit. The Town



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extends its appreciation to Rumbolt's Plumbing & Heating for their contribution to maintaining the rink.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Councillor Temple extended a warm welcome to MEO Terry Roberts upon his return, acknowledging his ongoing work on fire inspections and occupancy permits.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Canning forwarded details regarding government funding opportunities for Fire and Emergency Services to Fire Chief Steve Baker, assessing potential benefits for the Town. Additionally, a new template for the Town's Emergency Plan has been introduced, and efforts are underway to complete it promptly. These initiatives aim to enhance the Town's emergency preparedness and resource management effectively.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from December 11, 2025 – January 13, 2026, in the amount of \$ 352,469.15 with the following abstentions:

39317 Councillor Temple Twin City Distributors

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6920 Snow Dump Town of Wabush

Moved by: Councillor Pynn
Seconded by: Councillor Brown



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All in Favour
Motion Carried

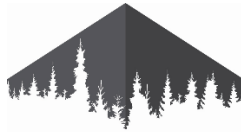
NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Brown:

Business owners are strongly encouraged to notify the Town Hall promptly upon closing their establishments. This communication is essential to ensure that the property is accurately recorded as closed in municipal records, thereby preventing any unnecessary administrative costs that may be associated with the property remaining active in the system.

Residents are advised to exercise increased caution and adapt their driving as maintenance crews undertake essential activities such as clearing fire hydrants, clearing street corners, and widening roadways. It is imperative for residents to remain vigilant for children at bus stops and those playing on snowbanks to ensure safety. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speed and stay alert to prevent accidents and facilitate smooth operations during this ongoing works. Such precautions are vital to maintaining safety for all community members and supporting the efficiency of the maintenance activities.

During the period from October 15th of each year to April 30, in the succeeding year, both days inclusive, no person shall park an unattended Vehicle on any street within the limits of the Town so as to interfere with or obstruct snow clearing operations. Any Vehicle parked in violation of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall be removed by the Council at the owner's **expense**. No person shall throw or shovel snow on any municipal street, parking lot, or area that is normally plowed by municipal snow clearing equipment so as to obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of traffic. No person or snow removal contractor shall pile, push or plow snow or ice on or against or within 3 meters of any fire hydrant or other similar device used for fire protection which is located in any public or private way so as to conceal such hydrant or device or cover any outlet could leave. In essence residents are to contain their snow to their property. Letters will be issued to any resident or contractor that is putting snow on the street including the Town's Right of Way, anywhere other than their own property, Stop sign and other signage, corners, hydrants, etc.



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Councillor Pynn:

Councillor Pynn informed residents that Cain's Quest will commence on February 22, 2026. The banquet will be hosted at the Wabush Hotel, and the Council has announced that participants may use the MARC parking lot during the event, ensuring convenient access for attendees.

Mayor Canning:

Mayor Canning and Council send their condolences to the families of the late Edgar Bonnell, Joan Stoodley, Paul Power, Barb O'Quinn, Steve Strang, Sadie Ivany, and Glenda Hiscock.

Mayor Canning congratulated former Mayor Barron on his 20 years of Municipal Service Award from MNL.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Pynn at 6:01 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gertie Canning
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

GC:TR:dr