



**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #26-6
June 25th, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on June 25, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Mayor Gertie Canning. Mayor Canning apologises for the late start due to technical issues.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

Mayor Gertie Canning
Councillor Pafford
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Brown via Phone

OTHERS PRESENT

Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk
Charlie Perry – Town Manager

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Canning would like to thank former Deputy Mayor Shea for his time on council and congratulate him on his new position with the Town of Wabush.

It was moved by Councillor Hawes and seconded by Councillor Pynn to adopt Agenda 26-6 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

None



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 26-5 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

Report Attached

The MARC stair lift has been inspected and is now in service.

The new front steps to the MARC were shut down last week to complete some roof work. The work has been completed, and the steps are back in service.

The work to complete the wheelchair ramp is underway. We anticipate the ramp to be opened for use in the coming weeks. We will be sure to notify the public when it is opened for use.

The Town is actively seeking a suitable location at the Bill Chaplin Arena to install designated parking spaces for expectant mothers. The Town will extend the designated parking spaces to the MARC once the blue zones are in place later this summer.

COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that council awards the RFP for Auditor Services to Allen & Skinner CPA for 2026-2028 inclusive in the amounts of \$25,000.00 for 2026 Audit, \$25,000.00 for 2027 Audit and \$25,500.00 for 2028 Audit.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried



BE IT RESOLVED that council approves a change order in the amount of \$53,940.00 plus HST to Allnorth for Resident Services (i.e. Inspector Hours) for the First Avenue Road Reconstruction project #17-MYCW-25-00061.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town Manager Charlie Perry advised that the Town has been working closely with Transportation & Infrastructure to determine why these change orders continue to recur during ongoing projects. The goal is to identify the cause and establish ways to prevent similar issues in the future.

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves a change order in the amount of \$20,000.00 plus HST to Allnorth for additional material testing allowance for the First Avenue Road Reconstruction project #17-MYCW-25-00061.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the donation request to a non-profit organization for use of the Bowling Alley at 50% discounted rate.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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BE IT RESOLVED that council deny the request for an advertisement in the RNC 36 Annual Crime Prevention Guide as it is not local to Labrador West.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town Manager Charlie Perry advised that the Town receives many requests for contributions to various publications. He noted that the Town's practice is to support local organizations and community initiatives, rather than purchasing space in external publications.

BE IT RESOLVED that council agree to allow a grace period to a business entity requiring time to do an internal review on the business occupancy tax.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to waive business tax for a non-profit organization for 2025 & 2026 business tax in the amount of \$1310.03.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to donate the Teen Center for an upcoming event as part of the Pride Celebration.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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Mayor Canning noted that she is pleased to support these events, as they help bring residents into our facility and showcase what the Town has to offer. These gatherings promote community engagement and highlight the value of the services and spaces available.

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to reverse charges on multiple accounts that are deemed uncollectable in the amount of \$979.22.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town Manager Charlie Perry explained that the remaining outstanding balances are minimal and that the administrative cost of issuing reminders now exceeds the amounts owed. As these accounts are deemed uncollectible and pursuing them through small claims would not be beneficial, the Town recommends writing them off.

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the tender for the supply, installation oversight and supervision of one (1) Fairbanks Pump to RothLochston in the amount of \$76,078.60 plus HST.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town Manager Charlie Perry advised that this work will complete the third and final installation of a new 600-gpm pump for the Fresh Water Pump House. This upgrade marks the final step of this phase in improving the facility's pumping capacity and overall reliability.



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BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the donation request for a 50% discount rate for pool rental for the BigLander Swim Athletes.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Councillor Hawes stated that she feels this is a great initiative, as it helps teach the athletes how to swim and supports their development in a positive, hands-on way.

BE IT RESOLVED that council deny the request to offer the pool to the Northern Lights Swim Club at a discounted rate as they are already receiving a reduced rental rate.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

For: Mayor Canning
Councillor Brown
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Pynn

Against: Councillor Pafford

Motion Carried

Town Manager Charlie Perry stated that, as the group has already been granted a discounted rate, the Town cannot authorize any further reductions. He emphasized that the organization is categorized as a group and not a non-profit entity and therefore must adhere to the established fee schedule.



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**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PLANNING**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve land application number 165464.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town manager Charlie Perry advised that this motion and the two to follow are crown land applications and they are reviewed against our development regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve land application number 154691.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve land application number 165508.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve land application number 165556.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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BE IT RESOLVED that Council Approved a Home-Based Business at 6 Reid Street.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a subsidiary apartment on 16 Snow's Drive.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town Manager Charlie Perry noted that this apartment is within the parameters of our current plan.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a subsidiary apartment on 18 Snow's Drive.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

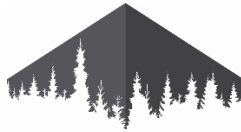
All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town Manager Charlie Perry noted that this apartment is within the parameters of our current plan.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve temporary workers' accommodation on 10 Commercial Street.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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Town Manager Charlie Perry noted that the Wildlife and Forestry Building will serve as accommodation for firefighters and, when needed, other emergency personnel assisting the community. This arrangement ensures that essential responders have a safe and suitable place to stay while supporting local emergency response efforts.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the amendment package required for the municipal plan and development regulations.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

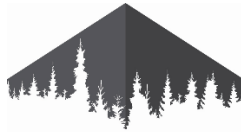
Town Manager Charlie Perry reported that the plan has successfully completed its notification period and has now been submitted to the Provincial Planning Department for review. Once that review is completed, the plan will proceed to ministerial approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

Based on some of our resident's feedback, council has decided to review the Towns Waterline and Sewer Line Freeze Up and Damage/Blockage Policy. Council plans to share its decision on the policy with the public in our July monthly meeting.

Council would like to remind residents that all animals must be kept on a leash at all times when being walked, whether on streets, sidewalks, or trails. This requirement is outlined in our Animal Bylaw.

We have also received reports of individuals failing to clean up after their animals and allowing them to relieve themselves on private property. As stated in the Animal Bylaw, owners are responsible for properly cleaning up after their animals. Please ensure you are following the Animal Bylaw to help maintain a clean and respectful community.



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COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Clean-up Week ran from May 25 to June 15. Due to limited manpower, the timeline extended beyond what was originally planned. Council would like to acknowledge the significant time and financial resources invested in this initiative and extend our thanks to our Public Works crew for their continued efforts.

We encourage residents to be mindful when using the dumpsters during future clean-ups. When materials such as steel are mixed with general waste, employees must re-sort the dumpsters, resulting in unnecessary use of taxpayers' dollars.

Council would also like to highlight that Newco has updated its list of accepted items. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this service when disposing of household waste and recyclable materials.

The boil order in Town has been lifted. However, several businesses in the industrial park remain on backup water supply and will continue to operate under a boil order. A full list is available on the Town Facebook page.

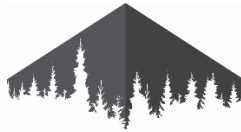
Funding has been allocated for utility door replacements in the trailer court, and discussions are ongoing. Updates will be provided as progress continues.

Public Works has been busy throughout Town:

- The loader and sweeper have been actively clearing streets.
- A water tote has been placed at the cemetery.
- Problematic manholes have been replaced.
- Cold patch has been applied to damaged areas.
- Work continues in locations where digs have recently taken place.

Residents are encouraged to enjoy the Jean Lake area and all it offers. Please remember that any damage or vandalism to the area or trail must be repaired using taxpayers' dollars.

The Jean Lake causeway washouts have been repaired, and rocks have been placed around the beach area. Several sections of the walking trail still require attention, and these will be addressed as resources allow. Quotes for the bridge repairs



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have been completed, and we are currently awaiting a response. The boat dock has now been installed.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Council would like the public to know that the softball field is now open.

Canada Day celebrations will take place in Wabush on June 27 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., featuring several highlighted acts throughout the evening. Labrador City will also host Canada Day festivities at Centennial Park. As part of the celebration, the mayor has confirmed she will be participating in the dunk tank from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The town has eight summer students working, new playground signs coming, and we are also exploring bike racks for the MARC and playground.

The pool will be down for annual maintenance in August.

Flowers are being planted around town as weather allows.

The MARC stair lift is now fully operational. While the lift is in use, an alarm will sound as a safety feature. A demonstration video will be recorded and posted on our Facebook page to help residents understand how it works. During operation, individuals will still have access to the stairs but are advised to be extremely careful and take their time when climbing or descending.

Residents are reminded to drive carefully, as more kids will be out on bikes and scooters for the summer.

A notice will be going out soon regarding online swimming lesson registration. Due to ongoing technical issues with Eventbrite, we will unfortunately need to return to the previous in-person registration process for now. Recreation is actively working with Eventbrite to resolve the problem and hopes to restore online registration as soon as possible.

**COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report for this month.
MEO/FIRE DEPT.**



HR COMMITTEE:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Pamela Holloway as our acting Municipal Enforcement Officer, effective immediately, with all associated duties, authorities and responsibilities.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town Manager Charlie Perry noted that this is a temporary/acting position. We wish our current MEO Terry Roberts a speedy recovery, as he is currently off work.

CORRESPONDENCE : Reviewed

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Accounts Payable Listing from May 13th - June 15th, 2026, in the amount of \$385,702.23 with the following abstentions:

39446 Deputy Mayor Temple	Twin Cities Distributors
39432 Councillor Brown	Per Diem
39440 Mayor Canning	Per Diem

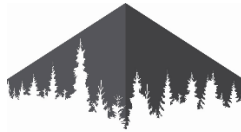
Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6935	Occupancy	105 Whiteway Drive
6936	Occupancy	6 Railway Lane
6937	Excavation	10-12 Squires Ave



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6938	New Home	10-12 Squires Ave
6939	New Building F-Grenfell Drive	
6940	Excavation	F-Grenfell Drive
6941	Patio	83 Snow's Drive
6942	Excavation	1 Wabush Mines Road
6943	Excavation	29 Whiteway Drive
6944	Excavation	67 Grenfell
6945	Patio	6 Dunfield
6946	Patio	17 Banting
6947	Excavation	10 Snow's
6948	New Home	10 Snow's
6949	Demo	6 Reid
6950	Access Building	76 Cabot
6951	New Home	16 Snow's
6952	New Home	18 Snow's
6953	Front Steps	6 Banting
6954	Attached Porch	67 Grenfell
6955	Excavation	20 Shea

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

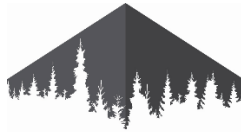
Town Manager Charlie Perry is pleased to see a strong number of permits being issued. He reminds residents and business owners that if they are unsure whether a permit is required, they should contact the Town Hall for clarification. This helps ensure that ongoing work is not delayed or disrupted.

Councillor Pynn also noted that under the *Towns and Local Service District Act*, failing to obtain a required permit may result in a fine. The Town's goal is not to issue fines, so we encourage everyone to secure the necessary permits before beginning any work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Canning:

Mayor Canning and Council send their condolences to the families of the late Walter LaCour and Sheila Brinston. It was



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mentioned that the late Sheila Brinston's funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Mayor Canning 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 would like to remind residents of the upcoming by-election. Nominations will take place on July 7 and 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. If required, the election will be held on August 4. The designated polling location will be announced at a later date.

Mayor Canning encourages any resident interested in contributing to positive change within the community to consider putting their name forward.

Mayor Canning would also like to inform residents that the Gateway building has recently completed renovations and will be hosting an open house this Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend and view the upgrades.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Hawes at 6:11 p.m. The next meeting will be held on July 23rd, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gertie Canning
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

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