



**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #26-3
March 24th, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on March 24, 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 (Arrived at 5:46 pm)
Councillor Pafford
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Brown

OTHERS PRESENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Hawes and seconded by Deputy Mayor Shea to adopt Agenda 26-3 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried



PROCLAMATION/ VISITORS/PETITIONS

Proclamation : Purple Day for Epilepsy, March 26, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 26-2 and 26-3S as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Shea will attend the Regional Meeting in Goose Bay, replacing Mayor Canning, who was originally scheduled to attend, ensuring representation in her absence.

BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

Report Attached

The Marc steps are scheduled for completion this week following safety procedures for residents. The Town will announce the completion on their Facebook page. The ramp on the step remains unfinished until welding and painting are done. The stair lift awaits SNL approval and inspection, ensuring all safety standards are met.

The Council postponed engaging Menihek students for volunteer snow-shoveling assistance for seniors until next season. Mayor Canning urged senior residents interested in this to contact the Town Office, to help to create a list of potential participants for upcoming opportunities. This initiative aims to support seniors and promote community involvement.



COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agree to donate \$2,500.00 to Gateway Labrador to contribute towards the Museum Renovation as part of the larger Facility Enhancement Project.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to sell lot G109 & G110 on Grenfell Drive for the amount of \$20,000.00 plus HST.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This property, situated close to Grenfell playground, can connect to existing water and sewer lines. The Council welcomes new development in the area, supporting community growth and infrastructure improvements.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the lost wages for Mayor Gertie Canning to attend council matters in the amount of \$643.14.

Mayor Canning abstained from voting on this motion due to conflict of interest.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried



BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to donate one 1-hour pool rental to the Labrador West Winter Carnival for a prize for the Button draw.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that, we the Ultimate Recipient Town of Wabush accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated 6th day of March 2026, Project number 17-MYCW-25-00061 First Avenue Road Reconstruction and Project number 17-MYCW-24-00113 Mike Adams Recreation Complex (MARC) Step Replacement with a total project value of \$ 2,885,696. This council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share value of \$1,160,616 in funding for these projects and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the Town of Wabush.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This change enables the Town to extend project deadlines for this year and reallocate unused funds to other initiatives, improving resource management and project flexibility.

BE IT RESOVLED that Council agrees to write off 90% of interest charges for a business tax account as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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BE IT RESOLVED that Council denies the request to reduce, adjust or support the home-based business tax as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to increase the wages for the Key Room attendant, Bowling attendant and Teen Center attendant to \$17/hr. effective April 1, 2026.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached PLANNING

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a Home-Based Business application at 38 Anderson Street.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

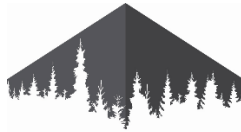
All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Snow Clearing Bylaw as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Shea

In Favour:
Mayor Canning
Deputy Mayor Shea
Councillor Hawes



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Councillor Pynn

Against:

Councillor Pafford

Councillor Brown

Motion Carried 4-2 in Favour

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department is actively widening streets with a snowblower. Councillor Brown praised their efforts. Residents are advised against placing snow from driveways onto roads, as it worsens conditions and poses safety risks for drivers and pedestrians. They have completed a watermain repair in the Wabush Industrial Park and are actively dealing with freeze ups in Town due to the weather conditions.

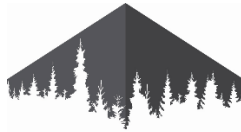
There is currently a precautionary boil order in affect for the Wabush Industrial Park and the Wabush Airport. The Town will post updates as they become available.

COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report Attached RECREATION

Councillor Hawes offered an overview of recent community activities, ongoing projects, and upcoming events within the town. It highlights the success of specific programs, acknowledges contributions from various stakeholders, and outlines future initiatives aimed at enhancing community facilities and engagement.

The report begins by noting the positive reception of the Female Only Swim Slot on Sunday evenings, which has been extended beyond the initial trial period. This indicates community interest and the effectiveness of targeted recreational programs. Additionally, a Ball Hockey Camp scheduled for June 6 and 7 at the arena is announced, with further details available on the Town's Facebook page.

The community's collaborative spirit is evident through acknowledgments of contributions from Jamie, Allard Distribution, and IOC, who provided pallets for the carnival



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bonfire. Such partnerships are vital for the success of community events. She also recognizes volunteers, including teen ambassadors, our princess Wendy Barbour and the other princesses, and honorary patrons, for their roles in fostering carnival spirit and ensuring event success. Special mentions are made of residents Bev and Gordon Martin, highlighting the importance of local involvement.

There is damage to Santa's sleigh during snow clearing efforts, which is currently being repaired, and issues with the arena's microphone system and speakers, with alternative solutions being explored. These points reflect ongoing maintenance and technical support efforts necessary for community activities.

Recognition is given to the organizers of the 65th Labrador West Winter Carnival, praising their efforts. Additionally, congratulations are extended to athletes who participated in the Labrador Winter Games, emphasizing community pride and support for local sports achievements.

The recreation committee is actively working on several projects, including the development of a public recreation survey to gather feedback via electronic and paper formats in April. This initiative aims to involve residents in planning future recreational facilities and programs. Other projects include exploring the construction of a basketball court and adding benches in the ladies' sauna, reflecting ongoing efforts to improve community amenities.

Council praised the excellent video streaming of the Labrador Winter Games events, recognizing the team's outstanding effort and professionalism.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached **MEO/FIRE DEPT.**

The Municipal Enforcement Officer, Terry Roberts, is unavailable. The Town is training a Wabush Fire Department member to conduct fire inspections, ensuring continued compliance and safety during Mr. Roberts' absence.

Residents are again reminded of the importance of not moving snow from their driveways onto roadways that cause safety concerns and hazards.



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CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Canning urged Councillors to utilize the reading materials in the information package, which offers valuable training opportunities and information. She highlighted opportunities to attend MNL Symposiums, emphasizing that these events are excellent for networking with other communities facing similar challenges and sharing ideas, fostering collaboration and professional growth among Councillors. There is a Labrador Symposium being held in Goose Bay this Thursday and Friday of this week.

Councillor Brown will be attending a PMA trade show in April.

Charlie Perry will complete the Multi-Year Capital Works survey included in the information package provided to Council, ensuring accurate data collection for upcoming planning and decision-making processes.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from February 13, 2026 – March 11, 2026, in the amount of \$ 742,449.92 with the following abstentions:

39376 Mayor Canning

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

None



NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Pafford:

Councillor Pafford suggested that the Town create designated parking spaces for expectant mothers. The Town will evaluate current parking facilities to implement this upgrade, ensuring accessible and convenient parking options for pregnant individuals in our community.

Mayor Canning:

Mayor Canning and Council send their condolences to the families of the late Elenor Conway, Clyde Diamond, and Frank Fowler. She apologized for anyone she may have missed and would like anyone who have lost a loved one to contact the Town so Council can send their condolences to their families and friends.

Mayor Canning attended the Winter Games in Goose Bay, Labrador, expressing admiration for the competitors' spirit. She highlighted athletes who assisted others during races, emphasizing the camaraderie among participants. Her recognition underscored the importance of sportsmanship and community support during the event, leaving a lasting impression on attendees.

She commended the Wabush team for their outstanding performance during the games and their representation of the Town. Special recognition was given to Ann Marie Kent for her excellent work on the Town of Wabush coats worn by our athletes, highlighting her contribution to the team's overall presentation.

Mayor Canning emphasized the importance of reducing driving speed in town to ensure safety. With warmer weather encouraging children to play outside and slippery road conditions, drivers must be cautious to prevent accidents and ensure they can stop promptly if a child unexpectedly appears on the road.



ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Hawes at 6:03 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 23rd, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gertie Canning
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

GC:TR:dr