



**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #26-5
May 21st, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on May 21, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Gertie Canning.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

Mayor Gertie Canning
Deputy Mayor Shea (Absent)
Councillor Temple
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 Temple and seconded by Councillor Hawes to adopt Agenda 26-5 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Mayor Canning amended the agenda to include HR Committee motion.



**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 26-4 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING
ACTION LIST**

Report Attached

The MARC stair lift is registered with the Province and will be in service when the inspection is completed.

The Town Manager will eliminate the request to draft of a letter to MAA for clarification on the significant increases in Municipal Assessment. The Town does not set assessment rates but is responsible for establishing the mill rate.

The Town is actively seeking a suitable location within municipal parking areas to install designated parking spaces for expectant mothers. Mayor Canning emphasizes the importance of establishing these spaces promptly at Bill Chaplin Arena to support community needs efficiently.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to waive property tax for the property located at 8 Union Drive in the amount of \$4655.60.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes



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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: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This motion was allocated as per Council policy.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council award the tender for the Supply of one new $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pick-up truck to Carol Auto Ford in the amount of \$65,180.00 plus HST.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

There were two (2) bidders on this tender and the opening of tenders are open to the public.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a change order in the amount of \$13,298.25 plus HST to Enercon Builders Inc. for commissioning of the stair lift for the MARC Step Replacement Project #17-MYCW-24-00113.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The stair lift inspection incurred an extra fee due to being scheduled separately from the installation, ensuring thorough assessment and compliance with safety standards.



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BE IT RESOLVED that Council deny the request to rescind the business tax charged on the property located at Grenfell Drive lot "G" as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the lost wages for two volunteer firefighters to attend mandatory training in the amount of \$2943.76.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This motion was for compensation to firefighters to attend Hazmat Training for the Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

Mayor Canning abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town Manger Perry said this motion was as per policy.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PLANNING



COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Town of Wabush Municipal Emergency Plan as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Mayor Canning expressed gratitude to all contributors for their efforts in completing this plan, which will undergo annual updates unless modifications are required during the year, ensuring continuous improvement and relevance.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Frozen Water Lines and Sewer Lines Policy as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Town will post a reminder to residents in the fall. The post will include helpful tips to protect their property from freeze ups.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Animal Bylaw as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Protection of Water Supply Bylaw as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford



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All in Favour
Motion Carried

This policy has been revised to impose fines on residents who dispose of garbage or toxic chemicals in watershed areas. Residents are advised not to cross the pump house gate with animals, as surveillance cameras will monitor trespassers, who will be subject to fines. Water Resources Management strictly prohibits dumping in watershed zones to protect water quality and environmental integrity.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Residential Tax Collection Policy and Procedures as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report Attached **PUBLIC WORKS**

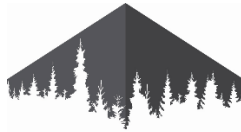
Councillor Brown said that the Public Works Department has removed Christmas decorations, started sweeping streets, cleaning out storm systems, and repaired the washout at Jean lake trail. They will be getting ready for the flowers in the coming days.

Clean up week will be starting May 25-June 7, 2026. The Town will accept tires that are not on the rims this year. Residents can avail of free towing services for old vehicles.

Lawn sweeping is scheduled to commence tomorrow or early next week, weather conditions permitting. The loader's sweeping attachment has been repaired and is ready for use.

COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report Attached **RECREATION**

The Council appreciates the residents and users of our recreation facilities for completing last month's survey. The



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committee has begun reviewing the feedback and values the suggestions received.

A Ball Hockey Camp is scheduled for June 6 and 7 at the arena, providing an opportunity for community engagement and sports development.

Our staff conducted a thorough clean-up in front of the MARC building, removing scrap metal, deck screws, bolts, and other debris left from the construction of the steps. Their efforts ensured a safe and clean environment.

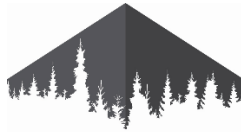
The front steps of the Rec Centre are now accessible; however, the ramp remains closed pending final work completion. The outdoor rink has been dismantled, and the pool and bowling alley continue to see active use, indicating ongoing community interest.

A new piece of equipment has been installed in the weight room, enhancing our fitness facilities. Additionally, there has been interest in using the arena for rollerblading. All bookings for the arena are managed through the Rec Centre, and inquiries should be directed there.

The committee is actively planning and working on various projects for the upcoming summer season, aiming to improve and expand our recreational offerings for the community.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Councillor Temple reminded residents that the Winter Parking ban is over. Additionally, she reminded residents to place bulk garbage inside away from the sidewalk areas during clean up week. Residents should also be vigilant of loose sand on the roads for safety reasons.



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HR COMMITTEE:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the offer of employment to the successful candidate as recommended by the Hiring Committee for the position of Recreation Facilities Manager.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The successful candidate is Jamie Shea. Mayor Canning expressed appreciation for his service on the Council and his dedication to the community.

Deputy Mayor Jamie Shea vacated his seat on Council. A new Deputy Mayor will be announced in the coming days. There will be a by election to replace the vacant council seat.

CORRESPONDENCE : Attached

Mayor Canning and Town Manager Perry attended a MNL conference on May 7, 8, and 9th. This conference is to connect and to collaborate with other communities on similar issues.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE:**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Accounts Payable Listing from April 14 – May 12, 2026, in the amount of \$ 354,892.88 with the following abstentions:

39429 Councillor Temple Twin Cities Distributors

39424 Mayor Canning Per Diem

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

Mayor Canning and Councillor Temple abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.



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All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6932	Interior Renovation	D Grenfell
6933	Front Patio	8 Dunfield
6934	Excavation	3 First Street

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Hawes:

Councillor Hawes advised residents to exercise caution while driving, as children are now frequently out on bikes in the area.

Councillor Pynn:

Councillor Pynn urged residents opposed to the airport privatization to communicate their concerns by writing to MP Philp Earle. The Council, in partnership with the Town of Labrador City and Fermont, will prepare an official letter addressing this issue to ensure their collective stance is formally conveyed.

Councillor Temple:

Councillor Temple emphasized the importance of caution, adherence to proper procedures, and obtaining permits for fires.



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Mayor Canning:

Mayor Canning and Council send their condolences to the families of the late Harold Mercer, Gerry Doyle, Margret Keating, and Amondo Bottello.

Mayor Canning would like any resident that has had a love one pass to contact the Town Office so that Council can pay respect to them during the monthly meeting.

Mayor Canning expressed appreciation to council and staff for their excellent performance.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Brown at 6:03 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 25th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gertie Canning
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

GC:TR:dr