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WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #26-9
September 24, 2026

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on September 24, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Mayor Gertie Canning.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mayor Gertie Canning
Deputy Mayor Temple
Councillor Holloway
Councillor Pynn via Phone
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Brown
Councillor Pafford

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 Councillor Pafford to adopt Agenda 26-9 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PROCLAMATION/ VISITORS/PETITIONS

FASD – September 10 – Signed

World Suicide Prevention Day – September 10 – Signed

National Dental Care Day – October 10, 2026

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 26-8 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

The front entrance of the MARC has been completed and is now open to the public. Parking spaces have been marked, and safety bollards have been installed at the beginning of the ramp. Please observe the designated accessible and parent-and-toddler parking spaces. Residents are also asked to keep all emergency exits clear.

Parent-and-toddler parking is now available at the Bill Chaplin Arena. The Town will assess future demand and add additional spaces as needed.

COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush submit Capital Investment Plan Application in the amount of $439,011.00 to be used to complete upgrades to the Fresh Water Pump House project #17-MYCW-22-00000.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Funding for this project was made available as a result of the Jean Lake Trail bridge project being deferred this year. The

Town is pursuing government funding opportunities to complete the bridges in the new year.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council denies the request to purchase a publication in the 27th edition of the Veterans Service Recognition Book as it is not local to Labrador West.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Holloway

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Town provides support to the local branch upon request.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a change order in the amount of $71,735.00 plus HST to Grey Rock Services for additional storm manhole and culvert, asphalt extension and fire hydrant 2 access for operation for the 2nd Avenue Road Reconstruction project #17-RNC-23-00016.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Businesses that had additional paving completed along their property frontages during this work were outside the Town's scope of work, and the Town did not pay for this additional paving.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council denies the request to waive interest on property tax as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to donate one swimming party pass to Labrador West Minor Hockey Association for their upcoming 4th Annual Silent Auction.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to donate one swimming party pass to 53 North Dance Collective Inc. for their first virtual silent auction.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Holloway

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council denies the request to waive property tax and application fees as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council denes the request to waive interest on property tax as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush request to borrow $2,000,000 from the Bank of Montreal (331 Water St., St. John's). The term of this loan will be 3-year fixed term with an amortization period of 15 years at an annual interest rate of 4.90% and monthly payments of $15,711.88. The purpose of this loan is to complete road work on the 2nd Avenue Road Reconstruction Project #17-RNC-23-00016.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Holloway

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This project was funded through a 50/50 government grant. The road work was extremely expensive and will require coordination with other municipal infrastructure projects.

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve lost wages in the amount of $827.37 for Mayor Gertie Canning to attend the AIM Conference in New Brunswick.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

Mayor Canning abstained from the vote.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Mayor Canning and CAO Charlie Perry attended a conference for asset management planning.

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BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the quote from Grey Rock Services Inc. in the amount of $19,031.81 plus HST to complete line painting on the resurfaced Wabush Mines Road.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

In Favour:
Mayor Canning
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Pafford
Deputy Mayor Temple
Councillor Pynn

Against:
Councillor Holloway
Councillor Brown

Motion Carried

Tacora Resources allocated funds from its grant in lieu to help the Town complete the roadwork on Wabush Mines Road.

Councillor Holloway opposed the expenditure for line painting at this time of year, noting that it would need to be redone in the spring. He believed the funds would be better spent on equipment that would enable the Town to undertake this work on this road and elsewhere in the future.

Mayor Canning sighted safety concerns, noting that, given the high traffic volume, the line painting should be completed this year.

The Town of Wabush will assume ownership of this road to complete Phase 3 of the Town Plan.

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BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the quote from Grey Rock Services Inc. in the amount of $55,000.00 plus HST to complete the installation of concrete stairs from the overflow parking for the Bill Chaplin Arena.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Holloway

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The project was previously awarded to another company, which later withdrew. Grey Rock submitted a revised tender amount. The new steps will improve safety for residents accessing the Bill Chaplin Arena.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a Home-Based Business a 42 Grenfell Drive.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to amend the Rules of Procedure as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The proposed amendments comply with provincial guidelines.

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COMMITTEE REPORT: . Report Attached
PUBLIC WORKS

Road reconstruction at the Industrial Park and on Wabush Mines Road has been completed.

The boil water advisory has been lifted. Council apologizes for the inconvenience; however, it was necessary to ensure the safety of our residents.

Preparatory work for the upcoming winter season is underway.

Community cleanup will take place from September 25 to October 4. Roll-off bins will be placed throughout town for residents to dispose of bulk waste. Residents are reminded to separate household garbage from metal to ensure the safety of employees sorting materials and to prevent improper use of the bins.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
RECREATION

Annual pool maintenance has been completed, and the pool is now open and operational.

The infield at the Bev Martin Softball Field was levelled this year, as qualified experts were available in the area. This work will allow the field to settle over the winter, improving conditions for next season.

The ice plant at the Bill Chaplin Arena is operational. The Recreation Department has begun building the ice surface, which is expected to be completed next week. The Town apologizes for the delay and will begin maintenance earlier next year. Construction of the steps outside the arena has also begun and will improve safety for visitors.

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MEO/FIRE DEPT: No Report Attached

New fencing has been installed at the south end of the Catholic Church parking area. Residents are advised to use caution when travelling in the area.

The annual winter parking ban takes effect on October 15. Violations are subject to a ticket.

CORRESPONDENCE :

The Town of Wabush will send representatives to attend the annual MNL conference in November. Councillor Hawes has put her name forward for nomination as MNL's Labrador Regional Representative.

Deputy Mayor Temple informed residents of government grant opportunities available to individuals and groups. Residents or groups interested in learning more were encouraged to contact a council member or the town office for further details.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from August 20 – September 16, 2026, in the amount of $ 2,078,019.47 with the following abstentions:

39584	Deputy Mayor Temple	Glad Tidings Church
39582	Mayor Canning	Golf Tournament Donation
39585	Mayor Canning	Lost Wages

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Town of Wabush supported the golf tournament and also entered three teams. The event was enjoyed by all participants,

served as a successful fundraiser, and enabled Tacora to donate proceeds to local programs.

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6983	Excavation
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6985	New Home
6986	Excavation
6987	Fence
6988	Walkway

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Pafford:

Residents are reminded that the winter parking ban is in effect from October 15 to April 30, inclusive. Please remove all vehicles, recreational boats, and ATVs from roadways, as they may interfere with Public Works' ability to clear snow promptly.

Deputy Mayor Temple:

The third annual MADD Awareness Week has begun, and the appreciation dinner for all first responders will be held this evening. Council extends its gratitude to all first responders and their families for their contributions and sacrifices in support of the safety and well-being of Labrador West.

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Mayor Canning:

Council extends its sincere condolences to the family of the late Lotty Baggs. Mayor Canning apologizes if she has overlooked anyone in her condolences and encourages those who have lost a loved one to contact the Town so that Council can send well wishes to their families.

Mayor Canning thanked the first responders and their families in Labrador West. She recognized the important work they do to keep our communities safe, particularly in light of the recent house fire and their well-organized response.

Council wishes Mia Green the best of luck in her endeavors as she competes in the Junior Miss NL competition.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Brown at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gertie Canning
Mayor

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Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

GC:TR