

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #16-04
April 26, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE	A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at the Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 2:25 pm by Chairperson Mayor Vardy.
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	Mayor Colin Vardy Deputy Mayor Terry Curran Councillor Rick Burke Councillor Gertie Canning Councillor Frankie Delahunty Councillor Danyelle Lavers
COUNCILLORS ABSENT	Councillor Trevor Dove
OTHERS PRESENT	Mr. Charlie Perry – Town Manager Ms. Tara Penney – Secretary
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	It was moved by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Lavers to approve minutes 16-03 as presented. All in Favour. Motion Carried
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	Everbridge – has been launched. More promotion needed. AI Antle – check for availability. Tax Collection (business) – run update for end of the month and remind businesses through the Labrador West Chamber of Commerce that their taxes are now past due. Winter Games – congratulations to the participants and volunteers on a job well done. Heritage Committee – need chair for this committee. Time consuming to scan pictures in. Regional Plan – no meeting yet with Councillor Canning and Lavers. Ms. LaFosse and Mr. Craig Purves have had meetings. Poppy Earls Restaurant – open and doing well. These business owners now employment 15 + people in the community between their restaurant and corner store.

Wabush Fun Days – went very well. Ice rink didn't happen on the field but did happen on Jean Lake. Thanks to the Special Events Committee and Danyelle Lavers on a job well done.

Arena – repairs are complete. What is the scrap value on the old unit?

Arena funding – lift at the Recreation Centre. Government is requesting the funding returned as the deadline is long past. Can another extension be requested?

Pool – we need to promote or make aware that the pool deck is accessible through a side door for anyone that cannot use stairs.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:
FINANCE**

Wages

Dylan Randell's contract has been renewed. The Town Manager reached out the Labrador West Employment Corporation and Dylan's parents informing them of a lower wage. All parties involved understood the Town's financial situation.

Part Time Wages

Key room and Bowling Alley Attendant – review of wages. Maybe a change in the wage scale as new employees are hired. Other suggestions include an escalating pay scale.

Labrador West Quartzite

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Curran and seconded by Councillor Burke to refund business tax for 2015 for Labrador West Quartzite due to its inactivity status.

Votes for:

Mayor Vardy
Deputy Mayor Curran
Councillor Burke
Councillor Canning
Councillor Lavers

Votes against:

Councillor Delahunty

Motion Carried

Summer Student Wages

It was agreed that the usual top up of wages for summer students could not be done this summer. Any summer students will be making minimum wage so that more students can be hired.

183 Grenfell

Resident at this address pays two water and sewer bills due to a basement apartment as well as a business tax for home based business. If the resident has notified the Municipal Assessment agency that there is no longer a basement apartment but rather a home based business, Council has no issue in refunding the extra water and sewer.

Wabush Hotel

Request a meeting for Wabush Hotel with Mayor and Town Manager to discuss.

Lest We Forget

It was moved by Deputy Curran and seconded by Councillor Delahunty for support to be given to the local Legion rather than in this publication. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

CACL

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Curran and seconded by Councillor Burke to support the CACL bowling tournament with an in-kind donation as in previous years. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

HST Increase

It was discussed that the 2% increase not be absorbed. Requesting that the Recreation Department come back with new Fee Schedule reflecting the change in HST.

Remember the Fallen, Commemorate a Hero

The Town is not in the position to advertise this, however, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Curran and seconded by Councillor Burke to locally recognize fallen heroes. A plaque or bench at Jean Lake for those fallen heroes of our community. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Variance Request

It was moved by Councillor Delahunty and seconded by Councillor Canning to approve a 10% variance for 24 Snow's Drive as advertised April 17 to 22, 2016 with no objections or comments received. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Home Based Business

I move that the Town of Wabush approve a home based business for DBJ Images located at 1-3 Bowater Drive as advertised April 10-15, 2016, with no objections or comments received. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Social Media

I move that the Town of Wabush approve the following policies:
Social Media # 1014-16
Social Media # 1015-16
with an amendment to paragraph 3 on page 2 which will state Mayor or Council as a whole.

Votes for:
Mayor Vardy
Deputy Mayor Curran
Councillor Canning
Councillor Delahunty
Councillor Lavers

Votes against:
Councillor Burke

Motion Carried

Cottage Application

It was moved by Councillor Delahunty and seconded by Councillor Lavers to approve Cottage Application for Lower Loon Lake with the following conditions: seek approval from Department of Conservation, Water Resource Division, as this section of the Cottage Use Zone is within the Wahnahnish Protected Water Supply. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Poppy Earl's Restaurant

It was moved by Councillor Delahunty and seconded by Councillor Burke to approve Poppy Earl's Restaurant located at Menihek Shopping Centre, this is a change of occupancy and awaiting final occupancy approval. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Planning Report attached – discussion was had regarding developable vs. undevelopable land. The Town Manager will check into this further.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:
PUBLIC WORKS**

Public works report attached

Mechanic

Concern about the mechanic being off. Discussion about former employees coming back, temporary hire. It was decided to assess the current employee at the Recreation Centre (maintenance man) to see if he could cover the Mechanics position when off. Is there a possibility of light duty for the Mechanic to supervise the maintenance man?

Storm Sewer

Water issues within the Town. The ground cannot absorb the water because it is still frozen. Water issue with the Recreation Centre.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:
RECREATION**

Arena

Summer rental times could be covered off by students. There is an interest in Arena times through the summer. Needs to be promoted for full usage.

Recreation Centre

Options for partners in recreation. Update staff as information becomes available.

Thank you to the Volunteer Fire Department, Recreation Department and Jim Dobbin for their work on the Wabush Winter Fun Days.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:
MEO/FIRE DEPT**

Councillor Canning reported:

Mr. Roberts is attending training in May. Recommendations are being made and will have an update next meeting.

Councillor Delahunty said the fire hall inspection results show that the condition of the fire hall is deplorable. Housekeeping items need to be addressed. Town manager reminded Council that the expectations of the Fire Chief as a volunteer rather than when it was a paid position have to be quite different.

TOWN MANAGER

Snow's Drive

Legal counsel and engineers want a face-to-face in St. John's. Council agreed to either a teleconference or video conference, that the cost to fly the Town Manager and Director of Planning & Land Use was not necessary when you could video conference the same. This is a developer issue and costs need to be minimized.

Senior's Tax

Seniors will need to bring in more information when there is shared income because the government assessment does not detail how much is shared income. Seniors will need to bring in their prepared tax return.

A discussion was had about other tiers of income for seniors' reduction, as well as other ways of paying taxes. Mayor Vardy said that, the Town sympathizes with anyone going through hard times right now, Council can only do so much. Anyone with issues of paying the full amount, can set up a tax agreement with the Town.

Councillor Burke left Council Chambers at 3:25 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note: March 11, 2016
 March 18, 2016
 March 24, 2016
 April 1, 2016
 April 8, 2016
 April 15, 2016
 April 22, 2016

Local Leaders From the Eastern Region Meet in Clarenville This Weekend

Registration Open – Municipal Symposium & Emergency Preparedness Workshop

MNL Welcomes the 2016 Federal Budget, As It Will Deliver Real Results For NL Municipalities

For MNL Members: Federal #Budget2016 At A Glance

VOCM Nightline: Municipal Monday – Call in Tonight!

2016 Municipal Symposium – Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Tidy Towns: 2016 Competition. Register Now!

MMSB: Indiscriminate Dumping Surveillance Assistance Program

Municipal Symposium – Announcing Guest Speaker – Barry Lewis Green!

MNL's Emergency Preparedness Workshop: Gander, May 4-5, 2016

Provincial Budget 2016: Initial Breakdown

A Two Day Event: Torbay, NL: On The Road To Asset Management

Municipal Symposium – Mayor Vardy would like to attend with the Town Manager. Good time to have side meetings with Minister Parsons as well as Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Labrador Affairs (Premier). Contact Sabrina Hunt and Janice Barnes to arrange these meetings.

Department of Municipal Affairs

Approval to Award - Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

No Action Required

Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador

Growing The Tourism Industry Is Good For Growing Communities

No Action Required

Trans Canada Trail

Invitation to become National Champion

No Action Required

CBC/Radio-Canada

Federal Budget 2016 and Reinvestment In CBC/Radio-Canada

No Action Required

Stewardship Association of Municipalities Inc.

Invitation to AGM – June 17-18, 2016 – not in budget

No Action Required

Department of Environment & Conservation

Re: Burning Prohibition of Demolition Materials

Spring/Summer 2016 Operator Education Seminars – check into June 14-16, is it possible to bring the course to Wabush if the demand is there.

Bacteriological Water Analysis Report: April 19, 2016

No Action Required

Iron Ore Company of Canada

Organizational Announcement – March 11, 2016

IOC March Business Brief – Mayor discussed “Centralized Hub” Trucks being computerized and operators being anywhere in the world rather than in our community.

No Action Required

Community Sector Council

2016 SWASP Applications Now Available

No Action Required

Labrador West Chamber of Commerce

Labrador West Chamber of Commerce First Annual Spring Home Show

Is this something the Recreation Centre programming could be involved in?

PMA

Nominations Received For Seats On the PMA Board of Directors

No Action Required

CPWA

Notice of Spring Conference 2016 – not in the budget

No Action Required

United Steelworkers

National Day of Mourning – April 28th.

No Action Required

Department of Municipal Affairs, Office of the Minister

Re: Special Assistance Grant Approval

No Action Required

Department of Municipal Affairs

Tendering Services by Tendering and Contracts, Engineering Support and Services Division

No Action Required

Labrador Grenfell Health

Labrador-Grenfell Health Implements Government Renewal Initiatives

No Action Required

FCM

Landmark Consultation On The Future Of Broadband Internet

No Action Required

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Curran and seconded by Councillor Canning to approve Accounts Payable listing from March 12 to April 21, 2016 in the amount of \$ 273,609.28.

Discussion about high invoices including Winter Games Jackets (Northern Industrial) in the amount of \$ 8,885.23.

All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Mayor Vardy left Council Chambers at 3:55 pm. Deputy Mayor Curran continued the meeting as Chair.

PERMITS

It was moved by Councillor Delahunty and seconded by Councillor Canning to approve the following permits:

5511 34 Snows Drive Unattached Garage

All in Favour

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Pamphlet

Looks good. Check the price of sending.

Menihek Drama Club

They are headed to Gander for the Provincial Drama Festival. Congratulations and good luck!

Aboriginal Service Centre

Councillor Lavers stated that the Aboriginal Service Centre is looking for a letter of support from the municipality and from anyone who uses the Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was moved by Councillor Delahunty that the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colin Vardy
Mayor

Charlie Perry
Town Manager

CV: CP: tgp