

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #16-05
May 24, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at the Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Chairperson Mayor Vardy.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

Mayor Colin Vardy
Deputy Mayor Terry Curran
Councillor Rick Burke
Councillor Gertie Canning
Councillor Frankie Delahunty
Councillor Trevor Dove
Councillor Danyelle Lavers

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Ms. Tara Penney – Secretary
Ms. Sharon Gidoux – Resident

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Delahunty to approve minutes 16-04 as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES**

Mayor Vardy asked Mr. Perry if a chair of the Heritage committee has been found yet. He will ask Jordan.

Mr. Perry said that the next step in tax collection would be to send out letters. He is going to meet with Sherri and Louise next week to get those letters out for June 1st.

Arena 50% funding has been approved.

Recreation Department – Fee Schedule – Any updates?

Mr. Perry will check with auditor. Mayor Vardy stated that Council needs to have this decided by next meeting on whether to absorb the 2% increase or change the fee structure to reflect the rate.

183 Grenfell – Councillor Delahunty asked if MAA has been contacted as requested last meeting. Mayor Vardy also wants a check on the garages that H & H are being charged for but do not own.

Mechanic is still out sick. Public Works is holding its own right now.

Labrador West Chamber of Commerce had a very successful Spring Home Show. Mayor Vardy suggested that the Town partner with the Chamber and ACOA in putting off these shows. Contact Patsy Ralph from the Chamber.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:
FINANCE**

Donation Requests

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Curran and seconded by Councillor Burke to decline the following donation requests:

- 1) United Steelworkers – “Do It For Dads” Walk
- 2) Gateway Labrador
- 3) The Gathering Place

All in Favour

Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:
PLANNING**

Wabush Trailer Court

It was moved by Councillor Delahunty and seconded by Councillor Burke that the Town of Wabush convey the property in the Wabush Trailer Court to the respective resident of 1 Legge upon paying the cost of their new survey/real property report and the Town’s legal fees. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:
PUBLIC WORKS**

Mechanic – as stated previously, we look into it further as needed.

Water break repair – One repair complete, with two more to be done (One on Grenfell, one on Wabush Mines road – Mr. Perry stated it was in our main.) Most of the municipality had “mucky/sandy” water on Friday or Saturday. Would this cause a boil water order? We should advertise this on Everbridge.

Sweeper Truck is going through town. For lawn sweeping, only corner lots will be done.

Paint has been ordered for crosswalks.

Deputy Mayor Curran reminded residents to clean up what they sweep. Councillor Canning suggested that residents put it on the roads and let the street sweeper get it. However, that is not possible as it will clog up the catch basins. Please bag your lawn sweeping.

Question on flush the water lines: Will it be now or in the fall?

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:
RECREATION**

Councillor Burke stated that the swings in the playgrounds are up. Mayor Vardy voiced concerns that, the swings should not be up, if the playgrounds are not cleaned and swept.

Councillor Burke also reported that the Arena will be opened next week with floor time.

Councillor Lavers stated that “Fit Week” will be June 20-25th and events will be in the mailboxes and on Facebook.

Canada Day Event – As last year, the Town of Wabush will be hosting the Canada Day Event the night before Canada Day. Councillor Burke stated that it will be bigger and better than last year. It will be an “Adult Only” event. Councillor Delahunty suggested that they have a “wet” area and a “dry” area as some older teens may want to come down to enjoy the music. Councillor Burke said that again it was to be an “Adult Only” event. If the weather does not co-operate it will be moved to the Arena. Mr. Perry said that if the Arena is rented for Thursday night they will still try and have both.

All Council agreed that all proper permits (i.e., food) needed to be in place this year.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:
MEO/FIRE DEPT**

Councillor Canning reported that a request has been made to meet with the Fire Chief. With that said, the building cleanup is progressing.

Firefighters are being trained next week in First Aid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note: April 29, 2016
May 13, 2016

Municipal Leaders Say No to Downloading – The Town is not the situation to keep positions library going.

Save the Date: Municipal Water Workshop

No Action Required

FCM

More On The New Federal Infrastructure Plans

Prime Minister Trudeau To Deliver Keynote Address at FCM Conference in Winnipeg

More On The New Federal Infrastructure Plans

Government of Canada Announces New Rail Safety Measures

Council asked the Town Manager if their membership has been renewed as costs need to be watched. Mr. Perry said there was benefit to the renewal so it has. The Mayor requested that it not be renewed for next year.

Municipal Assessment Agency

Clar Simmons Scholarship Award – discussion on who is eligible for this award: Councils and employees children, grandchild or ward are eligible.

Iron Ore Company of Canada, CAP

CAP Meeting and Agenda – next week
Regionalization discussion – Mayor Vardy, Councillor Lavers and Mr. Perry to attend.

IOC External Stakeholder Business Brief – April 2016

IOC 2015 Sustainable Development Report

No Action Required

MMSB

2016 Community Waste Diversion Funding Package – Is it open to non-profit? The community gardens could benefit from this. Mayor Vardy suggested it be forwarded to Yves Cyr.

No Action Required

Labrador West Chamber of Commerce

Muskrat Falls Project March 2016 Highlights

Council discussed how few people are from Newfoundland and especially Labrador. Low numbers and most people there speak French

Labrador-Grenfell Health

Launch of Client Experience Surveys

No Action Required

Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development

Re: Town of Wabush 50th Anniversary – Come Home Year 2017

No Action Required

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

Councillor Dove declared conflict of interest and left Council Chambers.

It was moved by Deputy Curran and seconded by Councillor Canning that Accounts Payable list in the amount of \$ 104,044.92 for April 22nd to May 18th, 2016, be approved as presented.

Councillor Lavers asked as to why the iPad, Cellphone charge was so high, may look into other providers or radios.

All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Councillor Dove returned to Council Chambers.

Mayor Vardy stated that going forward, he would no longer be signing cheques. Due to Mayor Vardy's business of supplies, it would be unfair to see competitors' price lists and rates. Business and Council to stay separate. Deputy Mayor will sign cheques whenever possible.

PERMITS

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

5527	20 Second Avenue	Temporary Dome
5531	11 Squires Avenue	Side Yard Patio

All in Favour

Motion Carried

Council compared Wabush to Labrador City's minutes. Labrador City compares the number of permits to the number from last year. Council does not wish to see that, however, they would like to see a year-to-date total on the number of permits.

NEW BUSINESS

Wabush Mines

Mayor Vardy stated that ERP is still interested and still talking and the Town is continuing to work with them.

Wabush Mines Housing

Councillor Delahunty ask if the Town is allowed to be taxing the people when they do not own the house. He stated that we should be going after the company that owns the house, not the tenants. The Town Manager, Mr. Perry, stated that as per Article 2 of the housing agreements, the tenant are responsible for them.

Mr. Perry said that they have had a reduction in rent because Wabush Mines stopped taking out the taxes last June. Councillor Delahunty strongly believed that the Town should be going after the owners not the tenants because they do not own the house. What about the ones who's payment was not reduced last June? Mr. Perry stated that he has a copy of the report and that they all have been reduced. Furthermore, Mr. Perry has checked with Municipal Affairs and they can bill the tenant. He also stated that a tax agreement is possible for anyone that wanted to make monthly payments.

Mayor Vardy stated that the Town has been very patient for two years with no payments. Wabush Mines made a payment of approximately 1/3 of the 2015 bill. It is not fair to the residents that do pay and get the same services.

Cameras

Make sure cameras are out as people begin doing spring cleaning.

Forest Fire

Forest fire season has begun. Already a fire at Ashuanipi this past weekend.

Graduation

Deputy Mayor Curran congratulated those who celebrated Grad last weekend.

Hydro Outage Reminder

Deputy Mayor Curran reminded residents of the move of the 12 hour power outage to June 26th from 4 a.m. to 12 noon.

Town Manager

2015 Audit is in the works.

The new Director of Finance, Karen Jennings, starts Monday, May 30th.

Drama Club

Councillor Canning congratulated the Drama Club for winning two awards at the Drama Festival.

Audit

Councillor Delahunty thank the two girls in the office for handling the audit last week while all management was away.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting be adjourned at 2:52 p.m. with next meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 21st at 5 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colin Vardy
Mayor

Charlie Perry
Town Manager

CV: CP: tgp