



TOWN OF LABRADOR CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:15 pm

In Attendance: Karen Oldford, Mayor  
Junior Humphries, Deputy Mayor  
Councillor John Penney  
Councillor Ed Conway  
Councillor Rick Casmeay  
Councillor Chris Lacey  
Councillor Clarence Rogers

Staff Present: Gary Wensman, CAO  
Cathy Etsell, Director of Finance & Admin  
Tom Mihajlovic, Director of Eng. & Public Works  
Adam Smith, Director of Recreation  
Craig Purves, Director of Planning & Development  
Krista Hedlund, Executive Secretary

Regrets:

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**1.1. Adoption and Approval of Agenda**

N/A

**2. Delegations**

N/A

**3. Adoption and Signing of Minutes**

N/A

**4. Business Arising from Minutes**

N/A

**5. Correspondence**

N/A

**6. New Business**

Considerable dialogue has occurred over the past number of years between Labrador City & Wabush Town Councils in an effort to develop the guiding principles for a regional recreation model.

The Town of Labrador City recognizes the immediate need for operational support for the Mike Adam Recreation Centre and by making allowances for funding in the 2017 Budget it allows the Wabush Recreation Centre to operate for 2017 while the study for a new Government Model in Labrador West moves forward.

This study will allow the Councils for both Labrador City & Wabush to look at what will be the new funding models for recreation in 2018 and beyond and move towards new infrastructure with operational efficiencies that will require less money to operate but provide a higher level of recreation for all of Labrador West as a whole to enjoy.

With this in mind, Labrador City Council feels we are at a crossroad where tough decisions need to be made and therefore we present the following two motions: 1) A request for a Study on a new Government Model for Labrador West and 2) Regional Multiplex and Recreation Funding.

### 6.1 Study for New Government Structure

**Moved by:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lacey

**Whereas** the majority of services offered by both Municipalities show opportunities for both service enhancement and cost reduction if offered and administered as a Region; and

**Whereas** Councils in both communities feel there is an appetite from residents to further explore and educate all parties on what amalgamation may look like; therefore

**Be it resolved** I, Councillor Penney move that Council for the Town of Labrador City request in joint participation with the Town of Wabush, that the Department of Municipal Affairs with the government of Newfoundland and Labrador appoint a commissioner to prepare a study for a new government structure for Labrador West according to the Terms of Reference to be developed by a joint committee comprised of representation from the Town of Labrador City, the Town of Wabush and the Province. Dated this day Jan 16, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

### 6.2 Recreation Funding

**Moved by:** Councillor Conway

**Seconded by:** Councillor Rogers

**Whereas** the cost of providing recreation in the region continues to exceed the norm that municipalities of our size contribute to recreation; and

**Whereas** recreation facilities in the region were built by the mining companies when the towns were first settled and are now nearing the end of their useful life without major capital investment; and

**Whereas** the need for a new facility for the region will be beneficial to both communities in addressing the need to upgrade facilities and bring the cost of recreation in-line with the norm for a region of this size; and

**Whereas** the realization of a new recreational facility is a number of years from fruition;  
and

**Whereas** the largest private employer, IOC, in the province identified the need to have modern, fully accessible recreation facilities to aid in recruitment and retention of employees and their families; therefore

**Be it resolved** I, Councillor Conway move that the Town of Labrador City Council supports the need for a new Regional Multiplex recreational facility in the future. For the year 2017, this will require support of the existing Wabush Recreation Complex and its Regional services by both Municipalities; for 2017 this represents \$300,000 from the Town of Labrador City with remaining operating costs from the Town of Wabush to make up for the shortfall in the current operational cost. Payable subject to this motion remaining in effect, being accepted by the Town of Wabush Council as written here and also Town of Wabush Council accepting the previous motion as written to request a commissioner for study of amalgamation for Labrador West. Dated this day Jan 16, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Committee Reports**

N/A

8. **Applications for Permits**

N/A

9. **Unfinished Business**

N/A

10. **Tenders**

N/A

11. **Approval of Accounts and Purchase Orders**

N/A

**12. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment**

The date of the next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm by Councillor Lacey / Councillor Rogers.

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Cathy Etsell, Town Clerk

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Karen Oldford, Mayor



## LABRADORCITY

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January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Mayor Vardy,

In follow-up to our discussion of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, please accept this letter as clarification of our intent with respect to support for the new recreational facility. The motions passed by Labrador City Council on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with respect to a new multiplex recreational facility were simply a request for a letter of support and not intended as a financial request. The letter is important to help secure funding from various levels of government for this project.

With respect to the need to maintain existing services that the residents of Labrador West currently enjoy, we recognize that there is a desire to do so. However, for 2018 and beyond these services can only be provided if determined to be financially feasible.

Sincerely,

Karen Oldford  
Mayor

cc: Mr. Charlie Perry, Town Manager – Wabush