



## WABUSH

### WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING #19-04 April 18, 2019

#### TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at the Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mayor Ron Barron  
Councillor Sam Andrews  
Councillor Boyd AuCoin  
Councillor Gertie Canning  
Councillor Terry Curran  
Councillor Tina Eastman

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Rick Burke

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Karen Jennings – Town Clerk/Director of Finance  
Ms. Tara Penney – Secretary  
Ms. Rita Pynn – Resident  
Mr. Neil Johnson – Resident

#### DELEGATIONS

##### Ms. Rita Pynn

1) The condition of the parking lot of the Menihék Shopping plaza needs to be dealt with. It is within the Town's jurisdiction and is an OH & S safety concern. There is scaffolding left there, doors are blocked with snow and businesses and residents are in danger. The buildings are not being checked by the Town often enough.

The Town responded that it is private property and can not get involved in clearing of a parking lot that does not belong to the Town.

2) Appreciate that snow has to be cleared, however, ice was taken off the roads and pushed so close to her house that it almost came in her front door. Have issue with that. She no longer wants snow pushed on her lawn.

##### Mr. Neil Johnson

The Town is at a critical point. There are big financial concerns with the Town. Once a year is the minimum that residents should be informed of the Town's financial position. Mr. Johnson feels it should be more frequent than that.



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Mr. Johnson feels that the Recreation and Aquatics Director should know what their budget is and they do not. Employees should know where the Town stands. There is no trust there. Perception is a big thing. You have to give the perception that everything is good. You have to sell yourself. Mr. Johnson stated that Tacora has a deal with Labrador City. Why doesn't Wabush?

Council stated that the Department Heads are very much a part of the budget process and numerous meetings are had with Dept. Heads during this process. The Finance Committee meet several times a month. Every month Council is provided with an update including an accounts payable list during each Council meeting. As well, any accounts can be run at any time for Department Heads to see where they are in their budget. Council prioritize and make changes if anything is needed. A balanced budget is not easy but Council works with Department Heads for the best interest of the residents. Council knows nothing about a deal with Labrador City and Tacora.

### **PROCLAMATION**

National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week April 21-27  
(NS now has assumed consent for Organ Donation)  
Mental Health Week May 6-12  
Falun Dafa Day May 10

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor AuCoin to approve minutes of meeting #19-03 as presented. All in favour.

Motion Carried

### **COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE**

It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor Andrews that the Town of Wabush proceed with Business Park Lot Development in conjunction with ACOA and TCII. The Town of Wabush will fund any remaining financing (net of government requests) for the project and potential overages. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor Curran that the Town of Wabush enter into a memorandum of understanding for Destination Trail. All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor AuCoin that the Town of Wabush apply for funding under the New Vehicle – Fixed Contribution Cost Shared Funding. All in Favour. (Submitted and Approved)

Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

It was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor Canning that the Town of Wabush approve Crown Land Application #154958 for an access road to a cabin lot. A public notice was issued for comments and/or objections for March 24-29, 2019 in the Aurora and at the Town Hall front counter. No comments/objections received. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor Andrews the Town of Wabush approve quote from NOVA for Engineer Design & Tender Call for an eight (8) lot development for Wabush Business Park Expansion as presented. All in Favour.

Mr. Johnson commented that this is what he is talking about. The Town needs to advertise itself, "sell itself".

Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

**Report attached**

Congratulations to Joanna Shea who received gold in provincials and Atlantic figure skating. Letter of congratulations to be sent.

Congratulations to Jody Lawrence and Rhonda Lawrence for making the Provincial Special Olympics Cross Country Ski Team. A letter of congratulations has been sent.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Scraping down roads & clearing storm drains.  
Two 950's down with bucket issues.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

**Report attached**

Fire Department clarified that Wabush Hotel issues have been fixed.

### TOWN MANAGER

4 successful RFP's for Industrial Park Waste Water Treatment Plant. Waiting on Federal government – Election expected early May. See no delays in the treatment plant or Fire Truck.



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In contact with contractors for road work. Three million for Bowater Extension and Snows.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note:     March 29, 2019  
                  April 5, 2019  
                  April 12, 2019

2019 Municipal Symposium: Online Registration is now open

Premier Ball Announces \$129 Million for Municipal Infrastructure

NLCA provides members with the most up to date information on new and upcoming tenders.

No Action Required

#### Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment

Updates to Municipal Water, Sewer and Roads Master Construction Specifications

Acceptance of 2019 Budget

No Action Required

#### Department of Transportation and Works

Re: Summer Maintenance 2019

No Action Required

#### Recreation NL

2019 Recreation NL AGM, Conference and Trade Show – Councillor Canning commented that it would be beneficial to have someone go and will follow up.

No Action Required



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### Service NL

Boil Water Advisory Issuance – boil order has been lifted. Complete upgrade of Chlorination System.

No Action Required

### Fire and Emergency Services

Fire and Emergency Services Training School

Fire Chief Butler is looking into sending some volunteers out for training.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Councillor AuCoin declared a conflict of interest and left Council Chambers.

It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor Eastman that the Town of Wabush approve the Accounts Payable Listing for March 25 to April 16, 2019 in the amount of \$ 226,804.14. All in favour.

Motion Carried

Councillor AuCoin returned to Chambers.

### **PERMITS**

**No permits at this time**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Andrews – Snow clearing access roads are not being done. Last snowfall buried us.

Town Manager – pothole material today. Parts of the industrial park are in pretty bad shape.

Councillor Curran – Cemetery road are now impassable. Barricades needed ASAP.

Mayor Barron – Jody and Rhonda Lawrence have done Wabush proud.

Hopes everyone has a safe long Easter weekend.



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### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was moved by Councillor Curran to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Next meeting May 23rd at 7 pm. Preagenda May 21<sup>st</sup> at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron  
Mayor

Karen Jennings  
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

RB:KJ:tgp