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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #20-04
April 30, 2020**

TIME AND PLACE	A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at the Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Mayor Ron Barron. Mayor Barron welcomed Council and staff and thank everyone for attending through conference call.
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	VIA TELECONFERENCE/FACE TIME LIVE Mayor Ron Barron Deputy Mayor Rick Burke Councillor Sam Andrews Councillor Boyd AuCoin Councillor Gertie Canning Councillor Terry Curran Councillor Tina Eastman
OTHERS PRESENT	Mr. Charlie Perry – Town Manager (In person) Ms. Karen Jennings – Town Clerk/Director of Finance Ms. Tara Penney – Secretary (In person)
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	It was moved by Councillor AuCoin and seconded by Councillor Andrews to adopt agenda for Council Meeting #20-04. All in Favour. Motion Carried
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	It was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor Canning to approve minutes of meeting #20-03 as presented. All in Favour. Motion Carried
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	None presented
COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE	No Motions
COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING	No Motions



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- COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS** **No Motions**
Public works doing maintenance getting ready for summer.
- COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION** **No Motions**
Recreation also working on repair and maintenance.
- COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.** **No Motions**
Bunker gear tender has awarded. Gear will be ordered in the next few weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY **No Motions**
Policies are being worked on.

- COMMITTEE REPORT: TOWN MANAGER** Town manager spoke on behalf of several departments:
- 1) RFP closed for Business Park Wastewater Treatment Plant, the next step will be review and assessment of submissions.
 - 2) HVAC installation at Mike Adam Recreation Complex continues
 - 3) One unit and one implement remain down awaiting costing & parts:
 - a. Old dump truck
 - b. Komatsu loader bucket

Mayor Barron thanked everyone for all the great work. We will continue on now best we can and continue to have phone meetings with all departments.

CORRESPONDENCE Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note: March 17, 2020
 March 23, 2020
 March 30, 2020
 April 6, 2020
 April 14, 2020
 April 20, 2020

- March 19: Telus Business: Hosting Meetings Remotely
March 20: MNL Memo to Members: COVID 19 Update (March 20, 2020)
March 20: Release: MNL Taking Action to Support Communities Across Newfoundland and Labrador
March 23: First Responders and Novel Coronavirus: March 23, 2020
March 23: A Circular to Municipalities (March 23, 2020)
March 25: SOLUTIONS to help you HOST MEETINGS REMOTELY
March 26: COVID-19 FAQs
March 27: COVID-19 Update: MNL Regional Conference Call Summary
April 9: We've Uploaded New FAQ's to our MNL Website (April 9, 2020)
April 9: MNL Advantage: Webinars for Municipalities



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No Action Required

Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Permit to Construct, Re: Wabush – Industrial Park Expansion – Second Avenue Extension

Approval to Borrow: Sand/Dump Truck

Covid-19 Response Procedure, Training and Social Distancing – Fire Services Division

Covid-19 Medical and Medical Assist Response Procedure – Fire Services Division

Accurate Information Sharing

Update to Municipal Water, Sewer and Roads Master Construction Specifications

Re: COVID-19: Municipal States of Emergency

Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs & Environment responding to MNL President letter from March 26th outlining concerns from your members that have come about as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Circular to Municipalities: Local Government Operations (2)

Reference to Revised Version of the Previous SGC 19.2

Re: NEW Communications Protocols (2)

Circular to Municipalities, Local Service Districts, and Fire Departments

Fire Services Division – Public Stockpiling Gasoline and Also Using Unapproved Containers.

Circular to Municipalities & Planning Consultants: Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Public Hearings, Registrations & Appeals

Circular to Municipalities and Local Service Districts (10 Attachments)

New MAE Tenders

Requirements for Inspection/Testing/Maintenance of Fire and Life Safety Equipment during the Covid Pandemic.



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Councillor Canning and Councillor Andrews thanked the MNL & Municipal Affairs for keeping us up-to-date.

Labrador-Grenfell Health

March 17: Labrador-Grenfell Health imposes COVID-19 Restrictions
March 18: Taking Care During Difficult Times
March 18: Restrictions to Labrador-Grenfell Health Entrances in Acute Care Facilities
March 23: Finance Offices Closed to the Public
March 25: Assessment and Testing for COVID-19
March 27: Community Questions: COVID-19
March 27: Restrictions to Hospital Entrances
March 27: Blood Collection Services by Appointment Only
March 30: COVID-19 in St. Anthony
April 9: COVID-19 Update
April 15: Substance Use During the Pandemic
April 21: Updated: Counselling Services in LGH Region
Eating Healthy During the Pandemic

No Action Required

PMA

March 17: PMA Update: COVID-19
March 19: COVID-19 Memo – PMA
March 26: Frequently Asked Questions – COVID-19
April 15: PMA Update
April 23: Seeking Feedback from Construction Purchasers amid COVID-19

Ms. Jennings, Town Clerk, updated on the board. They have been having weekly meetings, keeping everyone well informed. A very useful Tool as an administrator.

No Action Required

Government Services

Bacteriological Water Analysis Report: March 4, 2020

No Action Required

Mr. Perry, Town Manager, wanted to remind residents that, during this time of year, it is not uncommon for ice to be moving in the lines causing some discoloration. This will usually clean in a few hours.



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Red Cross

Canadian Rd Cross Updates COVID 19

No Action Required

Rio Tinto

IOC – Operation Status – March 27, 2020

IOC – Operation Status – Stakeholder Update 3 – April 15, 2020

Mayor Barron applauded IOC for their commitment to the community. They donated \$ 30,000 to the Food Bank and would like to send a letter of thanks to them showing our appreciation for this very worthwhile cause.

Hospitality NL & Labrador

Municipal Relief to Aid Business Liquidity for Tourism Business

No Action Required

Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay

Stop the Spread – Close Labrador Down

No Action Required

Town Of Fermont

News Release: March 19th: New action regarding the movements of people from one region to another.

No Action Required

Mayor Barron was just speaking to the Town Manager in Fermont. He is pleased with how things are going. We have good relationship with them to ensure that both communities have what they need.

Earth Day

Municipalities Mobilizing for Earth Day!

Municipalities are Mobilizing! Join the Movement!

No Action Required



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NL Association of Fire Services

PPE & Patient Screening

No Action Required

The Great Trail

We're Better Together, Even When We're Apart

No Action Required

Municipal Assessment Agency

COVID-19

No Action Required

Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador

COVID-19 Court Scheduling for Period March 16 to May 22, 2020
Inclusive

No Action Required

Councillor Canning said that they are having weekly meetings and
everything changes day-by-day.

NL Hydro & Newfoundland Power

takeCHARGE of Your Town Challenge is Postponed

No Action Required

Saltwire Network

An Important Message from Our President Regarding COVID-19

An Important Message from Our CEO Regarding COVID-19

No Action Required

Provincial Wastewater Technologies Inc.

Wastewater Treatment Plants

No Action Required



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Union of Canadian Transportation Employees

Firefighting Services at Wabush Airport

Mayor Barron said that this service should not be removed from the Wabush airport. It is a big bone of contention between the Town and the airport. Council agreed and said that they need to take into account ALL flights and ALL people. We need to continue to lobby the government to keep this service. People are still flying during COVID every day.

Reaching Home NL

Reaching Home Remote and Rural NL Funding Stream

No Action Required

Falun Dafa Association Canada

Greeting Letter Request for 28th Falun Dafa Day Anniversary

No Action Required

SEM

Habitat Remediation Project

Ms. LaFosse is looking into this.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Burke and seconded by Councillor Canning to approve Accounts Payable Listing from April 3 to April 24, 2020 in the amount of \$ 84,552.44 as presented. All in favour.

Motion Carried

PERMITS

It was moved by Councillor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Curran to approve the following permits:

6139	23 Banting	Siding
6140	23 Banting	Rear Patio

All in Favour.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Canning will update Council by email on the different committees she is on (Small Towns, Women's' Caucus, etc.). She also reminded Council of the CNAM Virtual Conference – Free passes for small NL municipalities deadline for nominations May 4th.



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Councillor Andrews inquired about who and when lawn sweeping was happening this year?

Mr. Perry updated Council that was soon as everything dries up. Sweeper truck will be first, then sidewalks and when dry enough, lawns will start.

Mayor Barron declared May 4-10, 2020 CMHA Mental Health Week and signed a proclamation of the same.

Mayor Barron sent his condolences to families that have lost loved ones during this pandemic. The community lost longtime residents Joanne Williams, Frank Parrott, Cyril Carter and Brian Shears and would like to send our support to the families any way we can. Thank you to the Fire Department for showing their support to these families as well.

Mayor Barron commended the union for the laying of wreaths in a very small ceremony for the National Day of Mourning.

Mayor Barron wished to send a letter to communities affected by the mass shooting in Nova Scotia this week and send our condolences to everyone affected. As well, the tragic crash of CH-148 Cyclone Canadian Military helicopter near Greece with 6 on board. Our condolences to their families as well.

Even with the COVID-19 virus, events are still happening in the world and we have to support one another. Thank you to those making masks (Noreen Careen and group), to Eric Fitzpatrick for donating to the food bank and all those that have done their part during this pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Burke and seconded by Councillor Curran to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 pm. Next meeting Thursday, May 21st, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Karen Jennings
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

RB:KJ:tgp