



# LABRADOR CITY

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2020  
1:00 pm

- In Attendance: Mayor Fabian Benoit  
Deputy Mayor Junior Humphries  
Councillor Ken Lawlor  
Councillor John Penney  
Councillor Nick McGrath  
Councillor Bridget Baker
- Staff Present: Cathy Etsell, CAO  
Kim Conway, 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 Assistant  
Shelley Lilly, IT/Communications
- Regrets: Councillor Richard Fahey

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

1.1. **Adoption and Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved the agenda for meeting of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

2. **Delegations**

N/A

3. **Adoption and Signing of Minutes**

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved the minutes of the public meeting held March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved the minutes of the public meeting of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

N/A

5. **Correspondence**

5.1 **Community Healthy Living Fund – Labrador West rowing Association**

Correspondence received from the Department of Children, Seniors & Social Development advises that the Labrador West Rowing Association has been approved for a grant of \$10,000 under the Community Healthy Living Fund for the purpose of Facility Upgrades - Roof Repairs.

5.2 **Dept of Municipal Affairs – Budget 2020**

Correspondence received from the Department of Municipal Affairs advises that the Municipal Budget for 2020 has been accepted by the Department.

6. **New Business**

6.1 **Tax Reduction Plan**

**Moved By:** Councillor McGrath

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved that Council approve a Business Tax Reduction Plan for businesses that have been mandated to close by the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador as a result of COVID-19 by pro-rating 100% of business tax for the period of closure. In addition, a 50% reduction of business tax will apply to businesses with partial closures such as restaurants with dining areas. The due date has been changed to June 30, 2020. Interest will be waived on all current tax accounts; including business, commercial and residential. This plan will be re-assessed if necessary.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

6.2 **Service Club Rebates**

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council approved Service Club Rebates for 2019 in the amount of \$743.10 and \$89,784.50 for 2020 as presented.

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Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

### **6.3 Municipal Plan Amendment**

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council, in accordance with Section 25 of the Urban & Rural Planning Act, amend the Town of Labrador City Municipal Plan & Development Regulations, 2018-2028, and grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to prepare the amendments for Council's review.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

### **6.4 White Wolf Snowmobile Club – Landfill Fees**

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor McGrath

Be it resolved Council approve waiving of landfill fees for the White Wolf Snowmobile Club to dispose of debris as a direct result of the fire that occurred in January 2020.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

### **6.5 White Wolf Snowmobile Club – Donation Request**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council approve a donation of \$20,000 to the White Wolf Snowmobile Club to assist with groomer purchase and building construction as a result of the fire that occurred in January 2020.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**6.6 Letter of Support for CRTC Funding Application – Poll April 21**

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council ratify the poll of April 21 to provide a letter of support to Bell Aliant for their CRTC Broadband Fund.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**6.7 Policy 7.1-2 Prescription Safety Eyewear**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

**Seconded By:** Councillor McGrath

Be it resolved Council adopt Policy 7.1-2 Prescription Safety Eyewear as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**7. Committee Reports**

N/A

**8. Applications for Permits**

N/A

**9. Unfinished Business**

**9.1 Motion to Borrow Update – Tanya Lake Trail Lighting – Poll April 9**

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

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Be it resolved Council ratify the poll of April 9, 2020 for a reduction to the amount requesting to borrow for the Tanya Lake Trail Lighting which represents the GST rebate.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

### 9.2 Subsequent Motion to Borrow – Tanya Lake Trail Lighting (repayment specifics required)

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Town of Labrador City borrow from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce located in Labrador City, NL, \$208,509.43 for Tanya Trail Lighting, for a term of 5 years, amortization period of 5 years. Rate will be calculated at Prime. Semi-Annual principal payment of \$20,851 plus monthly projected interest payments of \$425.71, as of the discussion paper dated April 1, 2020.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

### 9.3 Noise Abatement Regulation

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Town of Labrador City Noise Abatement Regulations, 2017, Amendment #01-2020 be approved and the amended document be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment for provincial registration.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor McGrath, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

## 10. Tenders

N/A

## 11. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

The date of the next Council Meeting will be announced once determined. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm by Councillor McGrath.

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Kim Conway, Town Clerk

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Fabian Benoit, Mayor