



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #20-07  
July 16, 2020**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at the Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Mayor Ron Barron. Mayor Barron welcomed Council and staff and thank everyone for attending.

**COUNCILLORS  
PRESENT**

Mayor Ron Barron  
Deputy Mayor Burke (Teleconference)  
Councillor Boyd AuCoin  
Councillor Gertie Canning  
Councillor Terry Curran

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Charlie Perry – Town Manager  
Ms. Tara Hynes – Secretary

**COUNCILLORS  
ABSENT**

Councillor Sam Andrews – Work Commitments  
Councillor Tina Eastman – Out of Town

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor AuCoin to approve minutes of meeting #20-06 & #20-07S as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM  
MINUTES**

All pre-agenda has been actioned as per Town Manager.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor Canning to adopt agenda for Council Meeting #20-07. All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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### COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush award tender for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Project # 17-GI-20-00084, to Pomerleau at a cost of \$ 12,342,900.09. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Town Manager commented that there should be a pre-contract meeting with those involved in the next 7-10 days. Mayor Barron Thanked previous/current Council, previous/current government who worked to get this project going.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush purchase land adjacent to the Town Depot from Tacora Resources in the amount of \$ 75,000. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

This is the Town storage area and possible site of future new depot.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush purchase land for the wastewater treatment plant lagoon system from Tacora Resources. For project # 17-GI-20-00084 in the amount of \$ 94,900. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Municipal Affairs and Environment project approval letter dated July 14, 2020 to complete Purchase of Land for Wastewater Treatment Facility (17-MYCW-21-00102) for \$ 99,855. The Town of Wabush agrees to provide \$ 45,276 in funding for this project and authorizes Mayor Ron Barron and Karen Jennings, Town Clerk, to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Municipal Affairs and



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Environment on behalf of the Town of Wabush. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor AuCoin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve a 10% variance to an accessory building located at 32 Dunfield for a 20 x 11.5 extension. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor AuCoin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush commence land sale located at the rear of 122 Bowater Drive Extension. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush commence land sale and squaring of the property located at 123 Bowater Drive Ext. it is noted, the resident located at this property has committed to allowing 6 feet right of way for a trail if in the future the town may develop the walking trail. Land will be sold at market value. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor AuCoin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush commence conveying land sale at 66 Bond in the trailer court as per the Municipalities Act. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush preapprove home based business as advertised by public notice for Back 2 Life



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Computer located at 99 Grenfell Dr. final approval will be released once Service NL has been approved. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Andrews  
Seconded by: Councillor Curran

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush decline a home application for 6 Squires. The application was not complete and the proposed home is smaller than the allowed minimum floor area development regulations. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor AuCoin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush defer a variance request on an accessory building located at 30 Carson. Further review of Development regulations required.

Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

**No Motions** - report attached

Lift station: Snow's Drive clogging pumps with wipes, mopheads. Residents please don't flush these items.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

**No Motions** – report attached

Councillor Curran reported.  
Two remaining playgrounds to open on Monday.  
Ballfield re-opened Sunday.  
Fencing tender is out. Ballfields are padlocked and signs put up. Only in use by the ball leagues. Mayor Barron that the ballfield is not for dog walking and that a dog park is in the works.  
Jean Lake has had great improvements made. Councillor Canning commented that it was great to see everyone at Jean Lake.  
Playground equipment is to be added. Councillor Curran reminded residents to watch for construction/maintenance on the trail.  
Pool should open next month.  
Weight room and Bowling alley has had issue with new regulation due to COVID of the ventilation system, should have a quote by tomorrow on a solution to that.



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**COMMITTEE REPORT:  
MEO/FIRE DEPT.**

**No Motions/no report**

Councillor AuCoin wanted to send a shout out to Chief Butler. Training 3 days a week for the fire department.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:  
POLICY**

**No Motions**

Working on a couple of Policies that should be ready by next meeting. Councillor AuCoin couldn't attend the last scheduled meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:  
TOWN MANAGER**

**Report Attached.**

**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from June 12 to July 8, 2020 in the amount of \$ 165, 395.92 as presented. All In Favour.

Motion Carried

**Deputy Mayor Burke left meeting at 4:35 p.m.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note:     June 23, 2020  
                  June 29, 2020  
                  July 6, 2020

Tired of Waiting: MNL Calls on Federal and Provincial Government for Emergency Operating Funds Now

Municipalities Need Emergency Operational Funding, Now

MNL Celebrates Sector for Municipal Awareness Day

MNL Asks Residents to be Patient with Alert Level 2 Openings

Asset Management

Alert Level 2: Municipal Guidance

MNL's Summer Slate of Asset Management Training

Essential Worker Support Program



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No Action Required

### Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Agreement – Road Reconstruction 17-RNC-21-00015

Consultant Approval – Approval to Award Consulting Services

Circular to Municipalities – Updated COVID Alert Level System

No Action Required

### Labrador-Grenfell Health

Labrador-Grenfell Health Continues to Increase Capacity in Alert Level 2

Changes to Hospital Entrances

Combined Councils Letter Concerning Limited Availability of ICU Beds in Labrador-Grenfell Health

Response from Minister Haggie Concerning Limited Availability of ICU Beds in Labrador-Grenfell Health

Call for Interest – Community Advisory Committees (CAC)

No Action Required

### Government Services

Bacteriological Water Analysis Report: July 6, 2020

No Action Required

### Municipal Assessment Agency

2020 Clar Simmons Scholarship

No Action Required



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### Air Canada

Minister John Haggie, MHA - Air Canada Concern with Ceasing Operations in Gander

Kim Barnes (Resident) – Concerns with Air Canada Withdrawal of Services from Wabush Airport

Councillor Curran commended the work of MHA Brown on the work he is doing to provide refunds rather than credits to customers rather than credits that were cancelled.

Mayor Barron also commented that layoffs have been issued to the fire department at the airport. There has still been no risk assessment. As well, a discussion was had that even if our fire department were properly trained, the response time would not be quick enough. They would have only three minutes to get to the fire. It is not possible.

### Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

Proposed Amendments to Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WSER)

Town manager will check into this

### RMHC

Special Donation Request towards COVID-19 Emergency Appeal

No Action Required

### Rio Tinto

External Stakeholder Business Brief: June 2020

IOC 2019 Sustainable Development Report

Again, the Mayor commented on Rio Tinto stepping up to help the community during the COVID pandemic. It hasn't gone unnoticed.

### Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador

Upcoming Customer Service Workshops

No Action Required



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### Kids Eat Smart Foundation

Thank you

No Action Required

### From the Desk of Vianne Timmons, President, Memorial University

June 2020 – Monthly Update

No Action Required

### Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Online Consultation on Immigration Levels and Mix, and the Municipal Nominee Program

No Action Required

## PERMITS

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

6129	27 Second Avenue	Extension to Office Trailer
6178	127 Bowater	Garage
6188	10 Whiteway	Fence
6190	24 Walsh	Porch
6195	29 Shea Street	Fence
6196	2 Guy Street	Garage
6197	181 Grenfell	Garage
6203	142 Bowater Ext.	Roof
6204	142 Bowater Ext.	Exterior Renovations
6205	142 Bowater Ext.	Patio
6209	16 Carson	Exterior Renovations
6210	31 Carson	Exterior Renovations
6211	6 First Street	Roof
6212	31 Whiteway	Patio
6213	41 Bowater	Patio
6214	40 Bowater	Landscaping
6215	40 Bowater	Driveway
6216	55 Grenfell	Exterior Renovations
6217	19 McGregor	Fence
6218	6 Barron	Patio
6219	55 Snows	Fence
6220	55 Snows	Patio
6221	4 Reid	Exterior Renovations





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6222	53 Guy	Garage
6223	71 Snows	Patio
6224	71 Snows	Excavation
6225	71 Snows	Driveway
6226	22 Banting	Excavation
6227	4 Reid	Repairs to Garage
6228	15 Dunfield	Patio
6229	28 Banting	Patio
6230	66 Bond	Driveway
6231	66 Bond	Exterior Renovations
6232	151 Bowater	Porch
6233	7 Dunphy	Siding
6234	140 Grenfell	Siding
6235	66 Bond	Demolition
6236	66 Bond	Roof
6237	66 Bond	Temporary Garage
6238	18 Anderson	Patio
6239	20 Anderson	Patio
6240	25 Gilbert	Fence
6241	13 Dunfield	Patio
6242	23 Carson	Roof
6243	30 Reid	Fence
6244	55 Grenfell	Roof
6245	22 Third Avenue	Snow Barrier
6246	2 Third Avenue	Repair Loading Dock
6247	22 Third Avenue	Repair Loading Dock
6248	55 Grenfell	Garage/Roof Repairs
6250	68 Bond	Driveway
6251	7 Snows	Steps
6252	9 Snows	Patio
6253	13 Snows	Steps
6254	15 Snows	Patios
6255	17 Snows	Patios
6256	19 Snows	Steps
6257	30 Carson	Excavation/Landscaping
6258	27 Snows	Steps
6259	29 Snows	Patio
6260	31 Snows	Patio
6261	2 Railway	Roof/Siding
6262	7 Dunphy	Patio
6263	36 Shea	Fence
6264	55 Grenfell	Excavation/Landscaping
6265	6 Commercial	Roof

All in Favour

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Mayor Barron reminded residents that they need to get their permits. Councillor Curran stated the last thing they would want to do is to remove construction because it does not comply.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Councillor Curran

Confirmed that Regatta Day is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Remind Grads that there are still gifts for those that did not pick them up. Please make arrangements to do so.

#### Councillor Canning

Very impressed with the work of the students and supervisor. Echoed Councillor Curran to use caution around construction at Jean Lake.

Councillor Canning would like to meet the new employees (Mayor Barron met with them and had breakfast) They suggested a BBQ as in previous years.

#### Councillor AuCoin

Risk Assessment for Airport – wasn't there a verbal commitment? Mayor Barron stated absolute not. But with no risk assessment should be deferred for 2 years (which it is not). They have failed and people's lives are on the line. All Mayors, MPs, MHAs and Quebec counterparts should send a press release to voice their concerns. Deadline is August 8.

Councillor Curran stated there are more flights and larger flights taking off and landing than ever before. This has not decreased. Town Manager commented that Wabush Fire Department is limited to parking lot and the airport building. We do not have the training or the response time to service aircraft fires.

#### Mayor Barron

Certificates: Thank you to Pat & Peg Dobbin – 54-year resident of the Town.  
Thank you to Inspector Tom Warren – moved into new role.

ATV/Bikes – getting worse. Speeding, no safety equipment. Speeding in general needs to stop. There is no need to be tearing up lawns and racing around town.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, it was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor Curran to adjourn the meeting at 5:07pm. Next meeting Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Time tba.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ron Barron  
Mayor

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Karen Jennings  
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

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