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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #20-06
June 18, 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 through conference call.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

VIA TELECONFERENCE/FACE TIME LIVE

Mayor Ron Barron
Deputy Mayor Rick Burke
Councillor Sam Andrews
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)

**COUNCILLORS
ABSENT**

Councillor Boyd AuCoin – work commitments

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Burke and seconded by Councillor Canning to approve minutes of meeting #20-05 & #20-05S as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

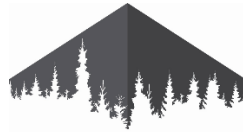
**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
MINUTES**

None at this time

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor Curran to adopt agenda for Council Meeting #20-06. All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush grant discount of residential property taxes under Section 111 of the Municipalities Act of Newfoundland and Labrador as requested for the taxation year 2020 and as per supporting documents provided by the resident.

Discussion: Councillor Curran was concerned that this may not be a one-off situation. Councillor Canning stated that this will be brought to the policy committee. Mayor Barron wished to review the policy in Labrador City for low income residents and adopt similar.

Votes for:
Mayor Barron
Deputy Mayor Burke
Councillor Andrews
Councillor Eastman

Votes against:
Councillor Curran
Councillor Canning

Motion Defeated

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Moved by: Councillor Andrews
Seconded by: Councillor Curran

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush sell land at the rear of 126 Bowater Extension, dimensions 75 (frontage) x 60 (deep). As per market evaluation provided by homeowner at a cost of \$3, 375 plus HST. All in Favour.

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Moved by: Councillor Andrews
Seconded by: Councillor Curran

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush convey land to resident located at 8 Cashin as per Municipalities Act. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Andrews
Seconded by: Councillor Curran

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush convey land to resident located at 12 Walsh as per Municipalities Act. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

No Motions - report attached

12 of 13 Vehicle Wrecks Removed

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

No Motions

Councillor Curran: Work is continuing and they are doing a great job. Phase 2 will be in effect on Thursday, but we are waiting on guidelines before we re-open.
Councillor Eastman commented that the Recreation Department is doing a fabulous job.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

No Motions – report attached

Mayor agreed that clean up has to happen and the Town is working with everyone. Letters need to be written to enforce regulations/bylaws.

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

No Motions

Meeting was scheduled. Councillor Canning, Town Manager and Town Clerk attended but needed another committee member. Will set up another meeting. Will bring forth a policy on low income for next taxation year.



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COMMITTEE REPORT: TOWN MANAGER

No Motions

Contracts have been let for the BPWWTP and BP Lots.

Preparing to release RFP for work on Cabot Hill.

8 Employees started Monday the 15th. Additional COVID 19 protocols put in place. Interviews today and tomorrow for students.

Couple applications and costings being worked on for other potential projects.

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note: May 19, 2020
 May 25, 2020
 June 1, 2020
 June 8, 2020

MNL Brings its Annual Conference Online

Save the Date: Municipal Awareness Day is June 24, 2020

MNL Continues Support to Members Through COVID-19 Alert Level 3

Your Virtual Community Development and Crucial Support Pkg for Small Business

No Action Required

Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Fire Protection Services

Changes in Procurement Thresholds due to COVID-19 Pandemic Situation

Notification of Project Approval: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

2020 Community Sustainability Partnership Circular

No Action Required



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Labrador-Grenfell Health

Public Advisory: Entrances to Hospitals for Emergent, Urgent and Non-Urgent Visits

Opioid Dependence Treatment

Labrador-Grenfell Health Continues to Increase Services During Alert Level 3

No Action Required

PMA

PMA Proposed Constitutional Amendments 2020

PMA Virtual AGM Registration Open!

Town Clerk commented that the virtual AGM starts in the morning

Alert Level 3 Municipal Guidance

No Action Required

Service NL

Plan Review – Rogers Electric

No Action Required

Public Procurement Agency

Amendments to the Public Procurement Framework

Due to COVID increased thresholds between tender or just getting quotes. (10% increase in government thresholds)

Health and Community Services

COVID-19: First Responders and the Novel Coronavirus

No Action Required

Department of Transportation and Works

Re: Labrador North Coast Road Connection

No Action Required



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Rio Tinto

External Stakeholder Business Brief

Mayor Barron thanked IOC for protection measures going above and beyond for workers and community during the pandemic. Councillor Curran also thanked Tacora for their ongoing measures in keeping everyone safe.

Dept. of Municipal Affairs, Water Resources Management Division

Work in or Within Fifteen (15) Metres of a Waterbody (Including Wetlands) – Water Resources Act Section 48 – Permitting Requirements

No Action Required

Municipal Assessment Agency

2021 Annual Assessment

Mayor commented that his assessment has increased significantly as has many other residents. Will be looked at in the budget process.

Service Canada

E-Service

A very good resources on-line, very flexible. Very straight forward once you do it once.

Canadian Mental Health Association

Ride Don't Hide, Virtually

Mayor Barron commented that help is out there. Reach out to someone.

NL 911

Notice – Call Verification

No Action Required

Union of Canadian Transportation Employees

Virtual Town Hall – Wabush Airport



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Very informative. Some of the items discussed:

- Waiting to hear back from MP Yvonne Jones on a reassessment which will take 2 years. Critical assessment has not been done.
- Just because it could be moved doesn't mean it should be moved.
- Over 100 people were registered for the call.
- We need to know if the thresholds include the Charter flights.
- With the distancing measures, bigger, more frequent flights will be coming in. Can't just take into account the number per flight but also the number of flights.
- did not want to consult Elected officials, only management.
- Volunteer firefighters do not have the training and are not qualified for air craft rescue. As well, response time is a huge issue. With a fire on board an aircraft, they have 90 seconds to intervene before the flames burn through the fuselage. The fire department has to make the mid-point of the runway in under three minutes. Wabush and Labrador City fire departments will not make it in time.

Government Services

Bacteriological Water Analysis Report

No Action Required

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

NL COVID-19 Alert Level System: Implications for Municipalities

No Action Required

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from May 14 to June 11, 2020 in the amount of \$ 284,569.54 as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

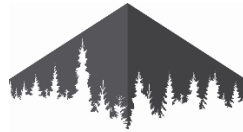


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PERMITS

It was moved by Councillor Andrews and seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke to approve the following permits:

6149	Boathouse	Roof
6150	130 Grenfell	Patio
6151	21 Bowater	Exterior Renos – Windows
6152	26 Carson	Exterior Renos – Windows
6153	38 Snow's Drive	Garage
6154	57 Dunfield	Patio
6155	37 Snow's Drive	Garage
6157	74 Snow's Drive	Shed
6158	99 Grenfell	Roof
6159	147 Bowater Ext	Fence
6160	12 Winter	Patio
6161	41 Snow's Drive	Garage
6162	24 Dunfield	Greenhouse
6163	33 Shea	Patio
6164	4 Dunfield	Roof
6165	13 Anderson	Patio
6166	48 Baltimore	Patio
6167	91 Grenfell	Exterior Renos – Siding
6168	50 Baltimore	Patio
6169	14 Guy	Ext. Renos–Windows/Siding
6170	26 Carson	Exterior Renos – Siding
6172	12 Dunfield	Fence
6173	22 Shea	Demolition
6174	25 Shea	Exterior Renos – Siding
6175	11 Cabot	Fence
6176	128 Grenfell	Patio
6177	128 Grenfell	Landscaping/Excavation
6179	141 Bowater	Roof/Shell Sea can
6180	54 Baltimore	Stairs – Garage
6181	52 Grenfell	Excavation
6182	7 Second Ave.	Excavation
6183	7 Second Ave.	Building Extension
6184	61 Bowater	Patio
6185	16 Winter	Excavation
6189	91 Grenfell	Patio
6191	92 Grenfell	Patio
6192	141 Bowater Ext.	Patio
6193	33 Guy	Patio
6194	28 Bond	Patio



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6198	6 Whiteway	Exterior Renos – Siding
6199	22 Flynn Lane	Fence
6200	53 Grenfell	Fence
6201	34 Snows Drive	Fence
6202	8 Anderson	Roof & Siding
6206	1-15 Third	Excavation
6207	73 Grenfell	Fence
6208	12 Dunfield	Fence

All in Favour

Motion Carried

Mayor Barron and Councillor Canning commented that it was good to see all the permits and people take pride in their community. Its going to be a busy summer.

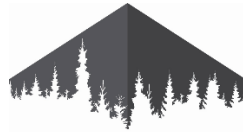
NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Burke again wanted to send a shout out to Fire Chief Marv Butler on the parade for kindergarten graduation. Fire Chief Butler does great work for this community.

Councillor Andrews commented on the follow up for lawn repair. Lawn repair is in process and ahead of schedule this year. Town manager Perry commented that spring clean up went very well. Students are not usually hired until June 22nd and they have already started.

Mayor Barron wanted to send condolences to Margaret Pearce's family. A lovely lady and a longtime volunteer and pioneer of our community.

Town Manager Perry commented on the on going cell phone issues with Bell Cellular. There has been little to no cell service around the Bowater Extension area as well as cabin areas that previously had some. Following up with MHA to see what needs to be repaired.



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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke to adjourn the meeting at 5:01pm. Next meeting Thursday, July 16th, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Karen Jennings
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

RB:KJ:tgp