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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #20-09
September 16, 2020**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Wednesday, September 16, 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
Councillor Gertie Canning
Councillor Boyd Aucoin
Councillor Sam Andrews
Councillor Tina Eastman

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Ms. Louise Aylward – Secretary

**COUNCILLORS
ABSENT**

Councillor Terry Curran
Ms. Karen Jennings – Town Clerk/Dir. of Finance

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor Aucoin to approve minutes of meeting #20-08 as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
MINUTES**

No business to discuss.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

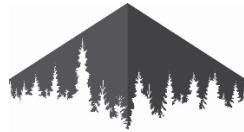
It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor Andrews to adopt agenda for Council Meeting #20-08. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke
Seconded: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush awards tender TOW-2020-10 for Supply of Road Salt (War mix) to H&H Enterprises for the total amount of \$17,250.00 (HST Included). All in Favour.



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Motion Carried

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush awards tender TOW-2020-11 for Supply of Snow Clearing -Driveways and Fire Hydrants to Iron City Services for the amount of \$86.12 per hour, HST Included. All in favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush awards tender TOW-2020-08 for Supply of Sand on Demand to R&B Equipment for the amount of \$14.50/tonne, HST not included. All in favour.

Motion Carried

Mayor Barron stepped out of Chamber at 4:06 pm, stating conflict of interest. Deputy Mayor Burke replaced him for duration.

Moved by: Councillor Canning
Seconded by: Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush donate snow removal services to local Not-for-Profit for the 2020-2021 season. All in favour.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Barron returned to Chambers at 4:08 pm.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke
Seoconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED to accept cost-sharing funding as outlined in the Municipal Affairs and Environment project approval letter dated July 14th, 2020 to complete Purchase of Land for Wastewater Treatment Facility (17-MYCW-21-00102) for the amount of \$99,855.00. The Town of Wabush agrees to provide \$45,276.00 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment on behalf of the Town of



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Wabush. All in favour.

Motion Carried

Discussion: Town Manager Perry commented the new Wastewater Treatment Plant would be a great asset to the Business Park. It will be a lagoon type system.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Moved by: Councillor Aucoin
Seconded by Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve home based business Back 2 Life Computer located at 99 Grenfell Drive as per Service NL conditions and approval. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Aucoin
Seconded by: Councillor Eastman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush amend the Residential Medium Density lot coverage from 36% to 40% under the Town's Development Regulations 2018-2028. All in favour.

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor commented that this amendment would be good for residents. He was glad to see the change in the amendment.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

No Motions - report attached

Deputy Mayor reported

- Health & Safety contacts held and attended
- Streets in good shape for school opening September 09/20. Cabot Hill re-opened for school season with paver being used to do temporary patching.
- Two more hydrants repaired and back in service
- Storm system cleaning finished
- Several sections of street and potholes done by paver
- Speed bumps out and stored, exception being bumps in Grenfell area where there is a bad splash problem.
- Playground equipment assembled, welded at shop and brought to Jean Lake.



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- Dirt piles continue to be sifted for dispersal around road at Jean Lake. Assistance to work crew there is ongoing as needed.
- #1 Pump at Fresh Water Pumphouse repacked
- Removal of fences at ballfield is ongoing
- Two damaged hydro poles replaced
- Water sampling and Boil Water Order sampling ongoing.
- All equipment in good shape and ready for season.
- Clean up Week Notice is out to the public

Mayor Barron commented he hopes residents take advantage and to reach out to the Town for any information they may need. Town is in good shape but there are a few vehicles still around which need to be moved.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

No Motions – report attached

Town Manager reported.

- Town is looking at requests for events to take place within the Recreation Complex. However, Covid-19 protocol must be followed. Touching base with groups to see what can be done.
- The Jean Lake area is looking good. The Bandstand is a big plus. The Town is grateful for the donation of funds from the 50th Anniversary Committee.
- Cimco completed annual compressor overhaul at arena. Refrigeration plant in service. RMS called to repair to leaky condenser before ice flood which is now in progress. A hockey school has been scheduled for September 23, 2020.
- Two new pieces of playground equipment installed at Jean Lake. Expecting sand to cover exposed bases next week as manpower becomes available. The sods removed from the area have been placed around cemetery.
- In process of removing old leather from damaged weight room equipment and replacing with new
- New ballasts and bulbs in weight room and arena as lighting was poor.
- Two new benches installed in ladies' change room. Waiting on brackets to install bench in mens' change room.
- RMS will provide quote for Zamboni door repair. Needs winterization repairs and repairs to limit and safety switches.
- Labrador Glass and Aluminum will provide quote to replace steel fire exit door of arena.
- Heat has been turned on at the Recreation Centre and the hours are extended starting September 14, 2020 from 8 am to 9 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- New glycol heater supply and return valves installed on the pool HVAC unit. Waiting for the heater to arrive from RMS.
- Floor moldings in progress in downstairs washrooms.



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- Daily playground disinfecting ongoing.
- Still in process of drainage, levelling and spreading material on Jean Lake Trail. Fences removed from ballfields.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

No motions No Report Attached

Councillor Aucoin reported

- New Equipment Van will be here in October
- Need the number of fire fighters who will be doing the training course. There is a conflict of numbers with Covid-19 Protocol and with work schedules.

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

No Motions/ no report attached

Councillor Canning told Council she had recently received more information on the policy amendments but had not met with the Committee due to work commitments. She will meet with Councillor Aucoin to go over a couple of policies which need to be changed immediately.

COMMITTEE REPORT: TOWN MANAGER

Report Attached.

- Work ongoing on the building foundation and Hydro for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Business Park, with directional drilling by end of month
- Business Park Lots – the area has been cleared. Storm work will commence once remaining materials have been received. The focus right now is on waterline work.
- The repair of Cabot Hill will be deferred until June 2021. Public Works will do patching as required to get through the winter months.

Mayor Barron stated the lateness of the Government coming in has put us behind. The season is short here. By the time tenders are awarded it is too late in the season. Mayor Barron addressed the issue of the companies who are awarded tenders stating Council is looking at the need to get the tendered work done within the agreed time frame. Town Manager informed Mayor the Asphalt Plant will open next week. The patching on Banting, Cabot, etc. and the plugging of remaining speed bump holes will be done as soon as possible.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts



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Payable Listing from August 22 – September 10, 2020 in the amount of \$ 1,055,002.15 as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note: July 13, 2020
July 20, 2020
August 24, 2020
August 31, 2020
September 7, 2020

MNL is hosting a virtual meeting with the Liberal leadership candidates
We Can Depend on Johnson Insurance During These Challenging Times

Provincial Government to Modernize Public Safety Radio System

Expression of Interest: “The Accountable Manager” leadership training

Municipal Guidance on the Mandatory Mask Order

Bag Ban comes into effect Oct. 01, 2020

City of Saskatchewan Boosts Transparency with Improved Streaming by Switching to Escribe

Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2020 virtual conference.

No Action Required

Service NL

Bacteriological Water Analysis Report	September 08, 2020
Bacteriological Water Analysis Report	September 09, 2020
Boil Water Order: Industrial Park/Airport	Lifted as of September 09, 2020

No Action Required

Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Fire Services Division – Use and storage of Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer

Municipal Infrastructure and Waste Management – Call for 2021-2022 Municipal Infrastructure Applications



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No Action Required

[Valverde Cardenas @gov.nl.ca](mailto:Valverde.Cardenas@gov.nl.ca)

Resource Management and Mines Branch, Department of Industry,
Energy & Technology - Publication Release Notification – Sept. 1,
2020 – Geological Survey Information Update

No Action Required

[Kim MacPherson, Government Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

Long Service Awards for Elected Municipal Officials

No Action Required

[Labrador-Grenfell Health](#)

Updated visitor guidelines at Labrador-Grenfell Health facilities

No Action Required

[NL Brain Injury Association](#)

NLBIA AGM Invite

NL Brain Injury Association Synapse News – September 2020

No Action Required

[Mfon Oton, MMSB](#)

Community Waste Diversion Fund 2020-NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS

No Action Required

[Ronald McDonald House Charities](#)

RMHC September issue

No Action Required

[PMA NL](#)

Weekly Bulletin: August 24, 2020



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Short Survey – training & municipal policies

Weekly Bulletin: August 31, 2020

PMA Bulletin: September 08, 2020

No Action Required

Stewardship Association of Municipalities

SAM Newsletter # 28 – Summer 2020

SAM 2020 Fall Meeting – Saturday, October 03, 9:30 am – Hosted Virtually

No Action Required

Take Charge – NL Hydro

MAKE THE SWITCH - 2020 Request for Proposals

No Action Required

From the Desk of Vianne Timmons, President, Memorial University

August 2020 – Monthly Update

No Action Required

CBC Radio-Canada

INVITATION – Annual Public Meeting

No Action Required

Mayor Barron commented on the sad lack of coverage for Labrador West as there is no CBC representation in the area. The Town Manager mentioned a longtime resident of Wabush, Mr. Rod Dobbin, who has retired recently from the CBC after 30 years. The Town wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.

Kids Eat Smart Foundation NL

Thank You for Support & invitation to take part in Radiothon

No Action Required

Make a Wish Foundation



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FW: A NEW 50-50 ticket draw in NL only for the Children's Wish/Make a Wish

No Action Required

Municipal Assessment Agency

Update on the Municipal Assessment Agency

No Action Required

PERMITS

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

6283	17 Guy St.	Detached Garage
6298	10 Cashin Ave.	Detached Shed
6307	49 Whiteway Dr.	Porch
6312	106 Grenfell Dr.	Exterior Reno – Siding
6313	73 Grenfell Dr.	Exterior Reno – Siding
6314	73 Grenfell Dr.	Front Yard Patio
6315	59 Whiteway Dr.	Rear Yard Sunroom
6317	40 Bowater Dr.	Front Patio
6318	46 Grenfell Dr.	Exterior Reno – Siding
6319	21 Bowater Dr.	Ext Reno – Front Canopy
6320	29 Morris Ave.	Roof Repair

All in Favour

Motion Carried

Mayor and Councillor Andrews commented they are pleased that, although the number of permits has lessened, residents are improving their properties still.



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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barron

Informed Council he and the Town Manager would be meeting with the CEO of Labrador Grenfell Health about the Doctor issues in the Labrador West area. Doctors come here for short periods and move on to larger cities as there is not enough incentive to keep them here. Maybe we should be looking at looking at helping local medical students financially with the stipulation that they return to work in their home towns at graduation. Mayor stated that because of the rural setting it is difficult to hold on to them. They will talk to government to push for a solution as it is a troubling situation.

Deputy Mayor Burke

Deputy Mayor Burke wanted to extend a Thank You to Town Staff and Employees for the great amount of work done during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Councillor Canning

Councillor Canning informed Council that the rumor is that there will not be a Hallowe'en. She thinks that as a Town we should have a Hallowe'en Night for the children. Mayor Barron says we will look at the possibility for sure, but we will have to follow the Health Authority protocol.

Councillor Canning agreed that the Jean Lake Area looks great.

Councillor Andrews

Councillor Andrews says it's nice to see the Trail widened at Jean Lake.

He is concerned that people are not following up on the Town's request to remove old, unused vehicles, so the streets will be clear for winter snow removal. Councillor Canning says the Town is looking better but there are vehicles still to be removed. The Town Manager told Council it is in process yet as we have 7 more requests for removals. Mayor Barron commented that residents should take advantage of the offer to have vehicles removed by the Town by calling the Town Hall at 282-5696.

Councillor Aucoin

Concerned that there are two projects from last year which have not been completed. Now, we have another project delayed until next year. Something needs to be done about the time frames expected being met in time.



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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Burke to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting October 14 tentatively, 2020. Time: TBA

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Charlie Perry
Town Clerk

RB:CP:cla