



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #20-10  
October 15, 2020**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at the Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Ron Barron. Mayor Barron welcomed Council and staff and thank everyone for attending.

**COUNCILLORS  
PRESENT**

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  
Ms. Tara Penney – Secretary

**PROCLAMATION**

Two proclamations signed by Council. Mayor Barron thanked Councillor Eastman and Councillor Canning for signing on his behalf for these very worthwhile causes; World Breastfeeding Week and Mental Illness Awareness. Mayor Barron read both proclamations.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve minutes of meeting #20-09 as presented. Councillor Curran noted that he is not voting as he was not in attendance for the meeting. All others in Favour.

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM  
MINUTES**

None at this time. Everything is current.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor AuCoin and seconded by Councillor Eastman to adopt agenda for Council Meeting #20-10. All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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**COMMITTEE REPORT:  
PLANNING  
(Report Attached)**

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Town of Wabush Development Regulations Amendment No. 1, 2020. No comments or objections were received during the public consultation. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:  
FINANCE**

**Mayor Barron declared a conflict of interest and left Council Chambers. Deputy Mayor Burke assumed the Chair.**

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve the cost of replacing a freezer for a resident that the Town is using in the canteen in the Arena.

Councillor Canning wished to speak on the motion. She stated that she was against the motion:

- The freezer is 7 years old and was loaned to the Teen Centre 7 years ago or there about.
- During the 7 years it was in the Teen Centre's possession the owner never returned to get the freezer.
- During these last 7 years the Teen Centre has had a number of changes (venues, operators, employees) and again the owner was aware of this and still didn't go pick up the freezer.
- A 7-year-old freezer, as we all know, depreciates in value whether used or stored and is nowhere near the value of a new one.
- The freezer is not missing, it is in the Arena, and whether that was by permission of the owner or not, the owner had more than enough time to get the freezer back.
- Again, the freezer is still operational and can be picked up by the owner at any time. We can purchase a new freezer for the Arena if needed as the canteen offers a service to our community and residents.



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- We are not a storage facility and we cannot take responsibility for property that is stored or loaned to another entity, our responsibility is to the Town's property.

Councillor Curran felt that the Town should air on the side of caution. It was provided 7 years ago, at no cost, no rental fee. Did the freezer get more use than it would have at a resident's home, we don't know. It was brand new freezer so it is not in the same condition as it was left.

Deputy Mayor Burke stated that it has been in the Arena for 3 or 4 years. It was not the intended use. The owner wasn't aware of it. It was moved quite frequently, used for different events (Canada Day etc.)

Councillor AuCoin stated it was lent to a non-profit organization not the Town.

With discussion complete Council voted.

Votes in Favour:  
Deputy Mayor Burke  
Councillor AuCoin  
Councillor Andrews  
Councillor Curran  
Councillor Eastman

Votes against:  
Councillor Canning

Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

#### **No Motions - report attached**

A list has been compiled over the last week of hydro poles that are out and sent to Hydro before Halloween. Mayor Barron requested that a few poles on Grenfell also be looked at on Grenfell as they are tilting.



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### COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

#### **No Motions – Report Attached**

Great work on the Recreation Centre and the Jean Lake Trail this summer. It takes time but it is looking good.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

#### **No Motions – Report Attached**

Second notice going out for Clean Up.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

#### **No Motions**

Policy will be requesting a meeting with all of Council in the next couple of weeks. There is a policy that they would like to have finalized before budget.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: TOWN MANAGER

#### **No Motions – Report Attached**

Wanted to give a shout out to the Fire Department for their continual training and dedication.

Paving - was told it would be done this week and tomorrow is Friday and not done. Deadline by government was extended past September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Curran commented that even with special permission certain conditions have to be met. Specially, the temperature has to be over 7 degrees. Not much will get done as the temperature will not be that during October in Labrador.

Mayor Barron wanted to recognize and send condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Arruda, former resident and Mr. Barry Parmiter who have passed away. The Town flag was lowered in their honour. If anyone knows of someone, former resident or current, that has passed, please let us know so we can lower the flag in memory of them.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note:      September 14, 2020  
                         September 21, 2020  
                         September 28, 2020  
                         October 5, 2020

Municipalities Take Their Seat at the Table to Provide Input on Changes to the Federal Wastewater Regulations

Safe Restart Funding Announced for Newfoundland and Labrador



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A Special Asset Management Roundtable – September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Municipalities Hopeful Provincial Budget Holds the Line on Municipal Funding

Virtual Conference Agenda

Reminder to Members: Bag Ban is in Effect Today

Ministerial Town Hall during the Virtual Conference

MNL Announces Atlantic Partnership to Boost Advocacy

Municipal Partnership Delivers Increased Engineering Capacity Throughout the Sector

No Action Required

### Government Services

Bacteriological Water Analysis Report:      October 5, 2020  
October 6, 2020

No Action Required

### Department of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities

Permit to Alter a Body of Water – ALT11329-2020 -Tacora Resources Inc.

Climate Change Webinar & Resources for Municipalities

No Action Required

### Service NL

Fire & Life Safety/Building Accessibility Registration – Wastewater Treatment Facility

Fire & Life Safety/Building Accessibility Registration – J & T Snow & Dirt Services Inc.

Fire & Life Safety/Building Accessibility Registration – RMS Building

No Action Required



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### Labrador-Grenfell Health

Labrador-Grenfell Health Celebrates World Patient Safety Day

Labrador-Grenfell Health Takes Action with First Positive COVID-19 Case Since April

Public Advisory: Instructions Following COVID-19 Testing

No Action Required

### PMA

Spaces Filling Quickly for CORE Modules – Update!

October Core Modules: Registration is now FULL

PMA Member Bulletin: September 28, 2020

No Action Required

### Rio Tinto

External Stakeholder Business Brief: August 2020

No Action Required

### MMSB

Backyard Compost Bin Distribution Program 2021 – Expression of Interest

The last time the community participated in this, the composters were not used and were donated to the community gardens. Mayor Barron wished for this to go out to the residents to gauge interest in this worthwhile endeavor.

### National Defence

National Veteran's Week Speakers Program 2020

Mayor Barron requested that the Town check on the November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Ceremonies to see what is being held in the area.



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Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Re: Regional Contacts

Re: Asphalt Deadline

No Action Required

Town of Wabush

Public Consultation: Amendments

No Action Required

From the Desk of Vianne Timmons, President, Memorial University

September 2020 – Monthly Update

No Action Required

Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence Innovation, Science & Economic Development

2020 Prime Minister's Award

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 September 11 to October 9, 2020 in the amount of \$ 696,578.40 as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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### PERMITS

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

6321	11 Banting Avenue	Replace Siding on Garage
6322	8 Cabot Drive	Patio Repair
6323	99 Grenfell Drive	Occupancy Permit
6327	106 Grenfell Drive	Exterior Reno – Siding
6328	53 Grenfell Drive	Detached Shed
6329	4 Whiteway Drive	Detached Shed
6330	59 Whiteway Drive	Temporary Garage
6331	5 Guy Street	Roof
6332	138 Bowater Ext.	Roof – Garage
6333	128 Grenfell Drive	Retaining Wall/Weeping Tile

All in Favour

Motion Carried

Councillor Eastman left Council chambers at 4:50 pm.

Councillor Curran commented that the planning committee is removing some nuisance fees for next years budget. Permits will still be required; however, some fees will not be necessary. Similar to the fireworks permit.

### NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Curran – Reminded residents to keep aware of the updates to keep everyone safe and follow the guidelines.

Councillor Burke – Reminded residents the winter conditions are coming. It is slippery, slow down, kids are back to school, and the parking ban started today.

Councillor Andrews – Road to Tacora is a disgrace.

Town manager said on the short-term public works plans to have one more day with the asphalt machine. He informed Council that we are just fixing any damage that we did. Councillor Curran suggested that the Town be very careful. Tacora is responsible for that road.

Town Manager stated that they are looking at acquiring the road and Council stated that further discussion must be had. Be very careful as it is not a cheap venture and not to be an as is where is situation. Councillor Curran stated that Wabush Mines had a tender out to pave that road about 10 years ago and it wasn't done. Deputy Mayor Burke wants to assume no responsibility for that road and it must be paved for the town even considers take it over. Councillor Curran also stated that the road leading to BIRD construction is a provincial owned road and the governments responsibility.





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Mayor Barron stated that there has been a request for cameras on the ice at the Arena. That way parents can still see the kids on the ice without being at the Arena. Mayor also reminds business that puck board advertising is still available and will be on the ballfield in the near future as well.

Councillor Curran asked for an update on Sewage Treatment Plant for the residents. Town manager stated that in the last 7 days the concrete for the foundation has been poured for the UV room. It is pretty much complete. Once the balance of the concrete is poured, they will erect structure this fall so that the interior can be worked on in the winter. At least one of the two lagoons have been excavated.

### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor AuCoin to adjourn the meeting at 5:01pm. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ron Barron  
Mayor

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Charlie Perry  
Town Manager

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