



WABUSH

**TOWN OF WABUSH
2021 BUDGET SPEECH
DECEMBER 17, 2020**

Good evening Mayor Barron, Mr. Perry, Ms. Jennings, fellow councilors and members of the media. Welcome to the presentation of the Town of Wabush 2021 budget.

Before I begin with the budget, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thanks to our Town Manager; Mr. Charlie Perry, our Director of Finance; Ms. Karen Jennings, our department heads, fellow councilors, and employees of the Town of Wabush. 2020 has certainly introduced new challenges especially since the beginning of the Covid 19 pandemic. Through the uncertainty and the restrictions that were placed on our town and our residents, you have all gone above and beyond to ensure that our residents were kept safe and the services to maintain our town were still available. Thank you to each and every one of you for your dedication to our town and our residents.

Highlights from 2020

Before I present the 2021 budget, I would like to highlight the achievements of council from the 2020 budget:

- Work began on the Industrial Park Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Application has been submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities to do more road reconstruction
- Work began on Phase II of the Wabush Business Park
- The Town invested in a new electric Zamboni
- The Town has sourced a new snow blower attachment
- The Town installed new fencing at the Bev Martin Ballfield as well as the ballfield on Bowater
- The Town purchased a new sand/dump truck that is in service
- Substantial work has been completed on the East side of the Jean Lake trail
- Playground equipment was installed at Jean Lake
- New fire equipment was received

Budget 2021

As Deputy Mayor and chair of the finance committee for the Town of Wabush, I am confident that the 2021 budget is a great foundation for our plans for the future to ensure that we are committed to keeping Wabush a great place to live while offering services that promote health and wellness and entice business growth as well. I present to you our 2021 budget of \$14,326,356.00. This includes capital spend in the amount of \$8,022,356.00



Capital Items planned for 2021

Here are some of the highlights:

- Purchase of new boards for the arena
- Sods for ball fields and cemetery
- Purchase of a new street sweeper
- Purchase of a grader gate
- Pre- engineering for fresh water pump house
- Purchase of plow and sand spreader
- Work will be completed on the Business Park lots and they will be available for sale in 2021.
- Lots on Snow's Drive will be advertised for sale in 2021.
- Work will continue on the Business Park Wastewater Treatment Plant.

We are please to advise residents and business within the municipality that there are no new tax changes for 2021.

The discount to seniors' that was offered in previous years will continue at the same rate for 2021. Seniors should note, however, to avail of this discount, applications must be received by the town clerk by **June 30, 2021**

CONCLUSION

We would like to thank the three stakeholders who contributed to the operation of the Mike Adam Recreation Centre in 2020. We look forward to this continued cooperation in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Burke, Deputy Mayor
Chair, Finance Committee