



WABUSH
WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #20-12
DECEMBER 17, 2020

TIME AND PLACE	A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2020, at the Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Mayor Ron Barron.
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	Mayor Ron Barron Deputy Mayor Rick Burke Councillor Sam Andrews Councillor Boyd AuCoin Councillor Gertie Canning Councillor Terry Curran
COUNCILLORS ABSENT	Councillor Tina Eastman – work commitments
OTHERS PRESENT	Mr. Charlie Perry – Town Manager Ms. Karen Jennings – Town Clerk/Director of Finance Ms. Tara Penney – Secretary
WELCOME	Mayor Barron welcomed Council, residents and visitors via Facebook Live.
FINANCE	<u>Approval to Borrow</u> Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke Seconded by: Councillor Canning BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush borrow \$ 1, 200,000 from the Bank of Montreal. The term of this loan will be 10 years at an annual interest rate of 2.75% with a 5-year amortization period and monthly payment of \$ 11,449.32. The purpose of the loan is to finance the Towns portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, project #17-GI-20-00084. All in Favour. Motion Carried
BUDGET PRESENTATION 2021	Financial Chair Deputy Mayor Rick Burke presented the 2021 Budget highlights (attached)



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Mayor Barron thanked Deputy Mayor Burke and Councillor Canning from the Finance Committee and All of Council on their hard work. Council endeavor to do our best. Thank you to Staff and Employees as well.

2021 Municipal Budget

Moved By: Councillor Canning
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Burke

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt 2021 Municipal Budget as presented showing total revenues and expenditures of \$ 14,326,356.00 for a balanced budget. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Interest Rate

Moved By: Councillor Canning
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Burke

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve the annual interest rate of 6% for 2021. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Tax Structure

Moved By: Councillor Canning
Seconded By: Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve 2021 Tax Structure as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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Appointment of Town Manager

Moved By: Councillor Canning
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Burke

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush appoint, in the event that the Town Manager is absent from the office, the Town Clerk to fill the position as Acting Town Manager during his/her absence. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Bank Deposits

Moved By: Councillor Canning
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Burke

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush authorize Administrative Clerk and Recreation Administrative Clerk to make deposits on behalf of the Town Clerk. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Routine Expenses

Moved By: Councillor Canning
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Burke

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve the Town Manager, Town Clerk and Accounts Payable Clerk to pay routinely monthly expenses (Hydro, phone, etc.) All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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CLOSING

Mayor Barron wished to send condolences to the family and friends of residents and former residents that have passed away in recent weeks:

- 1) Ernest Condon – former Deputy Mayor
- 2) Ed Spencer – long-time resident
- 3) Retta Letto – long-time resident

Mayor Barron wanted to thank Billy Kettle on the fabulous float for the Christmas Parade. Billy outdid himself again this year and look forward to what he comes up with next. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this possible including the Lion's Club, Ground Search and Rescue, RNC and Fire Departments.

Mayor Barron received a phone call from the Premier on the Labrador comment from Minister Haggie. And reiterated that his comments were not governments sentiment. Mayor Barron had a very frank conversation with the Premier. The medical travel subsidy does not work for Labrador especially for those that have to make multiple trips with escorts.

Mayor Barron encouraged residents to avail of the free skates and swims during Christmas. Don't forget to register 24 hours in advance. Come out and make memories.

Councillor AuCoin and Andrews wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councillor Canning expressed that even though this has been a tough year, she is humbled to be part of a wonderful Town. Thank you, have a safe & Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Council, employees and Management.

Councillor Curran thanked management and Council. As well, thank you to residents, we appreciate your patience and understanding while we get through this year. Looking forward to kicking 2020 to the curb. As well, he has heard that Santa will be making a Tibbs Eve or Christmas Eve morning appearance through Town.

Town Manager wished Council, Staff, Residents a Merry and Saft Christmas.



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Mayor Barron reminded everyone that wished to set off fireworks to get a permit. They are free. For the sake of pets, people with sensory disorders, we can notify them when and where they are happening.

There will be a brochure in the mail tomorrow detailing the Budget 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Thank you to the residents that tuned in, Council and Staff. With no further business Councillor Canning moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Karen Jennings
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

RB:KJ:tgh