



# LABRADOR CITY

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2021

1:00 pm

**In Attendance:**

Mayor Fabian Benoit  
Deputy Mayor Junior Humphries  
Councillor Ken Lawlor  
Councillor John Penney  
Councillor Richard Fahey  
Councillor Bridget Baker

**Staff Present:**

Cathy Etsell, CAO  
Kim Conway, Director of Finance & Admin  
Tom Mihajlovic, Director of Eng. & Public Works  
Craig Purves, Director of Planning & Development  
Nick Miller, Director of Recreation & Community Events  
Krista Hedlund, Executive Assistant

**Regrets:**

Councillor Nick McGrath  
Shelley Lilly, IT/Communications

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**1.1. Adoption and Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved the agenda for meeting of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**2. Delegations**

N/A

**3. Adoption and Signing of Minutes**

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved the minutes of the public meeting held December 08<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**4. Business Arising from Minutes**

**4.1 Follow Up List December 8, 2020**

N/A

**4.2 Department of Health & Community Services – Medical Travel for Labrador**

A letter was sent to the Department of Health & Community Services regarding Medical Travel for Labrador and the need for improvement. It also called upon Minister Haggie to apologize to the residents of Labrador for remarks made indicating that “there is discrimination in the program in favour of Labradorians.”

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**5. Correspondence**

**5.1 Dept of Health & Community Services – Response Regarding Medical Travel for Labrador**

The Department of Health & Community Services sends correspondence indicating that the Department is constantly assessing the programs, to determine how they can do things better to improve the lives of all Newfoundlanders & Labradorians.

**5.2 Dept of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities – Arena & Pool Restart Grant**

A letter was received from the Department of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities advising the Department has approved a one-time Arena/Pool Restart Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to provide financial support with operational costs and reduced income due to Covid-19.

**5.3 Dept of Fisheries, Forestry & Agriculture – Crown Land Application – Cemetery**

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry & Agriculture acknowledges receipt of a Crown Land Application, No. 157397. The application has been registered and forwarded to appropriate Departments & Agencies for comments or recommendations on the application. Final decision will be made once all Departments/Agencies reply.

**5.4 Dept of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities – Registration of Development Regulation Amendment No. 7**

The Department of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities advises that the Town of Labrador City Development Regulations Amendment No. 7 as adopted by Council November 10, 2020 has now been registered.

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Budget 2021 – Missed Motion on December 8, 2020**

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

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Be it resolved that sundry receivables unpaid after thirty days from date of invoicing shall be charged simple interest at the rate of prime plus 3% effective January 1, 2021, with the allowance to round to the nearest two decimal places for the monthly rate.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

#### **6.2 Leave of Absence Request – Councillor Nick McGrath**

**Moved By:** Councillor Fahey

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council approve the Leave of Absence request from Councillor Nick McGrath effective immediately until February 14 for the purpose of running in the provincial election.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

#### **6.3 Dept of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities – Covid-19 Stimulus Program**

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved Council execute the agreement and accept funding under the Covid-19 Stimulus Program for Project No.: 17-CSP-21-115 Labrador City Arena Upgrades for the total project amount of \$142,454.81.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

#### **6.4 Citywide Permits Charter**

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council enter into a service agreement with The Public Sector Digest Inc. in the amount of \$70,700 plus hst for CityWide Permits Software & Implementation Services.

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Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

#### **6.5 2021 Census**

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved that the Town of Labrador City supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at [www.census.gc.ca](http://www.census.gc.ca). Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

#### **6.6 2020 Property Tax Rebates**

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council approve Property Tax Rebates for 2020 in the amount of \$3,557.15 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

#### **6.7 Fire Protection Vehicle Funding Application**

**Moved By:** Councillor Fahey

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved Council submit an application to the Department of Justice and Public Safety under the Fire Protection Vehicle Program for the purchase of a new Fire Rescue Truck replacing the current 2004 unit.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

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**6.8 Association for New Canadians – Letter of Support**

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council provide a letter of support to the Association for New Canadians for their funding request under the Newfoundland and Labrador Settlement and Integration Program.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**6.9 Appointment of Director of Recreation & Community Events**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved in accordance with Article 63(2) of the Municipalities Act, 1999 Chapter M-24 as amended, Council appoint Mr. Nick Miller to the position of Director of Recreation & Community Events with the Town of Labrador City, effective January 18, 2021.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**6.10 Labradorians of Distinction**

The Labradorians of Distinction award was created by Labrador MP Yvonne Jones to mark the 150th year of Canadian Confederation to celebrate the contributions and achievements of Labradorians that have made an outstanding contribution to Labrador culturally, socially, environmentally or economically. It is an honour bestowed upon Labradorians who have provided an outstanding contribution to the region and its residents.

Amongst the recipients this year was a Town of Labrador City employee, Mr. Todd Kent. Mayor Benoit took a moment to congratulate Mr. Kent on receiving this prestigious award and thank him for his contributions to Labrador West and Labrador as a whole.

**7. Committee Reports**

N/A

**8. Applications for Permits**

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**8.1 Permit 21-016 Approval in Principle 418 Robertson Ave**

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to approve Permit 21-016 Approval in Principle for a 10% Variance on the minimum required front setback for the property located at 418 Robertson Ave, subject to conditions outlined on the permit.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**8.2 Permit 21-017 BIRA 4015 Canning Ave**

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to approve Permit 21-017 BIRA located at 4015 Canning Ave, subject to no objections being received and conditions outlined on the permit.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**8.3 Permit Ratification List #1**

**Moved By:** Councillor Fahey

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council approve Permit Ratification List #1 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**9. Unfinished Business**

**9.1 Prime Consultant Agreement – Tamarack Drive Extension**

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council ratify the poll of December 14, 2020 to award professional engineering services and execute the Prime Consultant Agreement with Nova Consultants Inc. for Gas Tax Project No: 129-2020-7267: Tamarack Drive Extension for the total amount, not exceeding \$114,993.88 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**10. Tenders**

N/A

**11. Approval of Accounts & Purchase Orders**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council approve Accounts & Purchase Orders in the amount of \$2,465,306.74 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

**12. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment**

The date of the next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm by Councillor Baker.

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Kim Conway, Town Clerk

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Fabian Benoit, Mayor