



# LABRADOR CITY

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**February 16, 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  
Shelley Lilly, IT/Communications

**Regrets:**

Councillor Nick McGrath

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**1.1. Adoption and Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved the agenda for meeting of February 16<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**

**2.1 IOC Joint Announcement**

The Town unveiled plans for a new fully accessible multi-purpose Community Centre that will be located at Tanya Lake. A community centre designed to capitalize on a beautiful landscape and create a landmark for the Labrador City community at the head of the Tanya Lake Trail. Rio Tinto IOC representatives Clayton Walker, Simon Letendre, Heather Bruce-Veitch, Brian White, and Christa Kerfont joined the meeting to announce that Rio Tinto IOC is partnering with the Town and investing \$4 million towards the project.

**3. Adoption and Signing of Minutes**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved the minutes of the public meeting held 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**

**Moved By:** Councillor Fahey

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council amend motion 6.2 to extend Councillor McGrath's Leave of Absence request from February 14, 2021 until such time as the provincial election results are finalized.

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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**

N/A

**5. Correspondence**

**5.1 Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts & Recreation – Community Healthy Living Fund**

The Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts & Recreation sends correspondence advising that the Menihek Nordic Ski Club has been successful under the Community Healthy Living Fund applications and will receive two grants, \$12,287 for Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe Program and Afterschool Teen Ski Program as well as \$13,000 for Small Infrastructure: Facility Upgrades and Lighting.

**5.2 Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts & Recreation – Community Healthy Living Fund**

The Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts & Recreation sends correspondence advising that the Snowbirds Gymnastics Club has been successful under the Community Healthy Living Fund applications and will receive a grant in the amount of \$6,750 for Parkour & Gymnastics Program.

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Rio Tinto IOC Request for Letter of Support**

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved that Council ratify the poll of January 28 to provide a letter of support to Rio Tinto IOC for their Mining Association Award application.

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

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

**7. Committee Reports**

**7.1 Finance & Administration**

a) Donations

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council approve donations as follows: waive permit fees of \$793.00 for White Wolf Snowmobile Club for construction of a new garage, and \$100 value of items to Faith Haven Animal Shelter for their online auction.

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

b) Administration / Miscellaneous

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council approve the destruction of accounting files as per listing presented.

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

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council rescind the motion of April 28, 2020 which was moved by Councillor Lawlor and seconded by Councillor Baker that the Town of Labrador City borrow from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce located in Labrador City, NL, \$208,509.43 for Tanya Lake Trail Lighting, for a term of 5 years, amortization period of 5 years. Rate will be calculated at Prime. Semi-Annual principal payment of \$20,851 plus monthly projected interest payments of \$425.71, as of the discussion paper dated April 1, 2020. This rescindment is effective February 16, 2021.

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

**Moved By:** Councillor Fahey

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council approve Town of Labrador City Taxi Rates as follows:

Effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meter starting rate shall remain at \$6.10; meter rate shall increase from \$2.05/km to \$2.50/km (.10 per 1/25 km or part thereof); wait time shall increase from \$0.53 to \$0.66 per minutes (\$32.00/hr to \$39.50/hr).

Effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 the following flat rates shall be in effect for EZ Cabs:

Labrador West to Mt. Wright	\$140.00
Labrador West to Fermont	\$ 90.00
Labrador City to Airport	\$ 21.00
Harrie Lake Subdivision to Airport	\$ 25.00
Wabush to Airport	\$ 21.00

All prices are inclusive of HST. Also Town of Labrador City Taxi Rates have moved from Schedule "B" to Schedule "F".

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

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council appoint Mr. Dave Pollock as the Assessment Review Commissioner for 2021.

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

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c) Finance

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council approve Accounts & Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,280,855.09 as presented, noting abstentions for Cheque #15414 and 15415 for Deputy Mayor Humphries.

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

d) Policies & Procedures

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council approve Policy #2.3-6 Asset Management as presented.

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

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council approve Policy #3.3-3 Regional Waste Management Landfill as presented.

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

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council approve the destruction of accounting files as per listing presented.

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

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**7.2 Planning & Development**

- a) **Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council enter into an agreement of purchase and sale with Justin Seguin & Megan Brett for the properties 834, 836, 838 Retty Street for the total sum of \$127,500 plus hst.

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

- b) **Moved By:** Councillor Penney  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council enter into an agreement of purchase and sale with Parrott Development Inc. for the property known as 2 Moss Crescent in the amount of \$80,500, excluding hst.

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

**7.3 Parks & Recreation**

- a) **Accessible Van Update**

Due to Covid-19 and manufacturer delays the community accessible van arrival has been delayed. The van is now set to arrive late spring/early summer, pending no further delays.

- b) **Special Events**

The Special Events committee is currently planning the Winter Carnival; Covid-19 friendly and on-line virtual events. The committee will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation closely and make changes as required.

- c) **Facilities**

Under Alert Level 5 all facilities with the Town of Labrador City have been shut down. We will continue to monitor to situation closely and update as required.

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d) **New Business – Grant Requests**

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council approve Recreation Grant Matrix Funding in the amount of \$75,000 as presented, noting abstention by Deputy Mayor Humphries for Labrador West Minor Hockey Association & Labrador West Special Olympics.

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

**Moved By:** Councillor Fahey

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved Council approve Recreation Grant Matrix Funding for Labrador West Recreation Association (Big 4) in the amount of \$75,000 as presented, noting abstention by Councillor Baker.

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

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council approve Recreation Grants – Miscellaneous as follows: \$26,500 for Margaret Butt Public Library; \$10,000 High School Initiative; \$12,000 Twin Cities Seniors 50+ Club Rent Subsidy; \$3,800 Ski Programs for Schools; \$45,600 Snowbirds Gymnastics Rent Assistance.

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



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**8. Applications for Permits**

**8.1 Permit 21-022 Approval in Principle 208 Humber Avenue**

**Moved By:** Councillor Fahey

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to approve Permit 21-022 Approval in Principle for Lounge/Amusement located at 208 Humber 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**

**8.2 Permit 21-025 BIRA 841 D’Aigle Crescent**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to approve Permit 21-025 BIRA located at 841 D’Aigle Crescent, 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 #2**

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawlor

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council approve Permit Ratification List #2 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**

N/A

**10. Tenders**

**10.1 TLC-02-21 Supply of Two New 2021 ½ Ton Trucks**

**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council award TLC-02-21 for the Supply of Two New 2021 ½ Ton Trucks to Carol Auto Ltd. For the price of \$91,931 inclusive of hst.

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

**10.2 Supply of Moyno EZStrip Muncher**

**Moved By:** Councillor Penney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council approve the purchase of a Moyno EZStrip Muncher from Wajax for the price quoted as \$26,850.98 plus hst.

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

**10.3 SCADA System Conceptual Plan**

**Moved By:** Councillor Fahey

**Seconded By:** Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council issue a Purchase Order to Nova Consultants Inc., for the total amount of \$49,956.00 inclusive of hst for the Implementation of SCADA System Conceptual Plan.

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

**10.4 Gymnastics Building Concept Design**

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**Moved By:** Councillor Baker

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved Council issue a Purchase Order to Nova Consultants Inc., for the total amount of \$13,800.00 inclusive of hst for the Gymnastics Building Concept Design & Construction Costing Services.

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

#### **10.5 Curling Club Structural Assessment**

**Moved By:** Councillor Fahey

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council issue a Purchase Order to Nova Consultants Inc., for the total amount of \$32,890.00 inclusive of hst for the Structural Assessment of the Curling Club.

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

#### **10.6 Engineering Services – Arena Storage Building**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Humphries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council issue a Purchase Order to Nova Consultants Inc., for the total amount of \$49,935.00 inclusive of hst for Engineering Services for a Storage Building at the Arena.

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

#### **11. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment**

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The date of the next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. There  
being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm by Councillor  
Baker.

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Kim Conway, Town Clerk

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Fabian Benoit, Mayor