



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #21-04  
April 15, 2021**

- TIME AND PLACE** A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, April 15, 2021. 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 and watching live.
- 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** Ms. Karen Jennings – Director of Finance/Town Clerk  
Ms. Tara Hynes – Executive Secretary
- PETITIONS** Expedite Repairs to NL Housing Units in Labrador West  
Increase in Support for Labrador West Seniors
- RESOLUTION** CUPW: Support for Delivering Community Power
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** It was moved by Councillor Canning and seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve minutes of meeting #21-03 & #21-03S as presented. All in Favour.  
  
Motion Carried
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** Everything is status quo. The Town Clerk did let Council know that notices have gone out to residents of Snows Drive reminding them “What Not to Flush”. Again, the lift station on Snow’s Drive had a pump replaced costing another \$10,000. That’s the second one since November. You take the risk when flush “disposable wipes”, garbage etc. that you are damaging the sewer system and eventually your home.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor AuCoin and seconded by Councillor Canning to adopt agenda for Council Meeting #21-04. All in Favour.  
  
Motion Carried



## WABUSH

### COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush donate \$1,500 to Menihek High School Graduating Class of 2021. All in Favour.

Last year, due to the pandemic, the Town did extra for the grads. This year, the Town has donated to the school to do the same.

Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor AuCoin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Crown Land application #157604 – Albert Lake. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor AuCoin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Crown Land application #157577-Riordan Lake. Approved with the use of 3.5 Discretionary Use of Council. This section is being used to allow a cabin outside of the designated cottage use zones as other cabins exist in close proximity.

The reason Council considered this application was because when the cabin boundary was drawn, one corner was left out. The Town will look at re-zoning it, dependent on the cost. Otherwise, it will be on a case-by-case basis. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Curran  
Seconded by: Councillor AuCoin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve home based business "With Love and Chaos" located at 33 Guy. Advertised March 16-24 with no objections, comments or concerns received from public. All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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### Tender Bids – Phase II Lots Industrial Park

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve the tender bids:

- a) Lot 21-2: Northern Industrial Supply awarded bid amount of \$ 96,141.42 plus HST.
- b) Lot 21-5: JSM Properties awarded bid amount of \$ 109,000 plus HST.
- c) Lot 21-6: JSM Properties awarded bid amount of \$140,000 plus HST.
- d) Lot 21-7: Enercon Builders Inc. awarded bid amount of \$104,750 plus HST.
- e) Lot 21-8: Energy Lock Inc. awarded bid amount \$104,750 plus HST.
- f) Lot 21-9: JSM Properties awarded bid amount \$132,000 plus HST.
- g) Lot 21-3: No bids offered.
- h) Lot 21-4: No bids offered.

Director of Planning will be in contact with the pre-approved bidders to ensure all requirements as per Town of Wabush and ACOA agreement are met.

It is good to see development and expansion of our business park. Council would like to welcome new business to our town. Growing our community and increasing our tax base. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

### **COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Report Attached**

Deputy Mayor reminded residents that there is a lot of sand on the roads, spring is early, please bear with us. Councillor Canning asked that everyone be careful on motorbike or driving any vehicle for that matter; be careful of sand and washouts.



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### COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

#### Report Attached

Arena is going well and will be open until the end of May. Arena Boards are out on tender.  
Virtual Carnival went very well. We will see in the coming months what can be done for residents and what outdoor activities we can hold.  
The pool, bowling alley and walking program is available at the Rec. Centre. Jean Lake trail is rough right now.  
Tender is out to sod both ballfields and the new part of cemetery.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

#### Report Attached

Noise complaints from contractors snowclearing all hours of night. There is no need. Council will look into a better policy on this.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

#### Had a meeting last week. No new policies right now.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: TOWN MANAGER

#### Town Manager on Vacation – report attached from Acting Town Manager Ms. Jennings.

Mayor Barron and Councillor Curran felt that a phone call and a request for a meeting with the Minister was in order to see when the projects are going to be awarded. This is not big dollars. Labrador has a very short construction season when it comes to paving. A meeting with the Minister would be beneficial.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note:      March 16, 2021  
                      March 22, 2021  
                      March 29, 2021  
                      April 5, 2021

Municipal Symposium & 2020 AGM Qualifies for Matched Training!

Municipalities Ready to Rebuild Local Economies Through Increased Infrastructure Funding

Board Votes to Remove Sheila Fitzgerald as MNL President (2)

Last Day to Submit Resolutions for the 2020 AGM

MNL Looking Forward to Working with Honourable Krista Lynn Howell



## WABUSH

Meet the Candidates for the Regional & Small Towns Director Positions

No Action Required

### Justice and Public Safety, Fire Services Division

Re: Expression of Interest in the Nasal Naloxone Training & Distribution Program

Fire Department Guidance Document

No Action Required

### Labrador-Grenfell Health

PSA: Updates to Visitor Restriction at Labrador-Grenfell Health Facilities

PSA: Labrador-Grenfell COVID-19 Restrictions During Alert Level 2

PSA: COVID-19 Immunizations for Priority Groups Across the Labrador-Grenfell Health Region

PSA: LGH is Looking for Patient and Family Advisors

PSA: COVID-19 Immunization Appointments Available Across the LGH Region

Councillor Curran commended LG Health on their efficiency on both the online portal and at the O'Brien Hall with the Flu Vaccinations and the COVID vaccinations. Job well done.

Councillor Canning commented on the deplorable medavac issues in Labrador. Council needs to step up about this. It is unnecessary and not a one-time thing. Smaller communities are suffering. A 36-hour wait is unacceptable. Bigger jets can't get into smaller communities even if the patient could fly to Quebec City. Not good enough.

### Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Preliminary Engineering Requirements, Front End Updates, Tender Amendments, Bidding Process

No Action Required



## WABUSH

### Government of Canada

Prime Minister's Awards

No Action Required

### PMA

2021 Virtual Convention & AGM: June 10 & 11, 2021

Registration is open. Municipality as one, so as many can attend as they want. Reach out to Ms. Jennings to register. The conference is two half days.

### United Way

211 Can Help

Councillor Curran stated that this seems to be a catch-all for any questions you may have on any issues. They will direct you as to what your next steps would be.

### Government Services

Bacteriological Water Analysis Report: April 5, 2021

No Action Required

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Canning

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Accounts Payable Listing from March 11 to April 6, 2021 in the amount of \$ 775,263.07 as presented.  
All in Favour.

Motion Carried

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

## PERMITS

### **No permits at this time**

A letter should be written to the MP. The price of lumber is simply price gouging. Cost 30% more to build a house now as it did this time last year.



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### NEW BUSINESS

#### Mayor Barron

Mayor Barron commented on the cases in Fermont. As of last night 11 confirmed cases and 1 presumptive. Anyone that was at the bar or restaurant are urged to get tested. They have opened testing to anyone who was in Fermont between April 5-9. Call 8-1-1 to be tested.

The Mayor stated that he, Mayor of Labrador City and MHA Jordan Brown requested that the border to Fermont be closed. It was declined due to low risk. If things change, it will be revisited. The Mayor stated that how there has not been a case here is beyond him. Commended residents for doing their part and following public health guidelines. Keep up the good work.

Air Canada is getting a bail out. People can now receive their refunds. Sad reality and disappointed that they are not coming back here. A lot of frustration previously with Air Canada's service. Jets coming in and out and residents can't avail of it. The price to get out of here is ridiculous. Gouging residents. It is unfair and unjustified.

#### Councillor AuCoin

Motorist need to use caution right now. Kids are out on their bikes and with sand still on the road it will make it harder to stop in a hurry. Watch the heavy foot.

#### Councillor Curran

Projects with Government are a provincial issue not just a municipal. The road from the Town sign to Wabush Mines road is gone. We need both a short-term solution and a long-term solution for this area. Realizing that it will have to wait until next year for a permanent repair, something needs to be done in the meantime.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, it was moved by Councillor Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ron Barron  
Mayor

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Karen Jennings  
Director of Finance/Town Clerk

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