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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #21-05
May 20, 2021**

- TIME AND PLACE** A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, May 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 4:45 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
Councillor Sam Andrews
Councillor Gertie Canning (phone)
Councillor Terry Curran
Councillor Tina Eastman
- OTHERS PRESENT** Mr. Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Ms. Karen Jennings – Director of Finance/Town Clerk
Ms. Tara Hynes – Executive Secretary
- COUNCILLORS ABSENT** Deputy Mayor Rick Burke
Councillor Boyd AuCoin – work commitments
- DELEGATIONS** Council had a meeting with Tacora before the Council meeting. Tacora assured Council that they do have a plan to curtail the dust and will present it to Council in coming days.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** It was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor Eastman to approve minutes of meeting #21-04 as presented. All in Favour.
- Motion Carried
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** Everything is status quo.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor Andrews to adopt agenda for Council Meeting #21-05. All in Favour.
- Motion Carried



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COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

Moved by: Councillor Canning
Seconded by: Councillor Eastman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush submit Capital Investment Plan Application in the amount of \$ 367,578 to be used to construct a new water treatment plant.

Councillor Curran commented that this was not budgeted for, however, with the aging infrastructure and the input of Federal and Provincial dollars it was a good time to get the best time to do it. Mayor Barron commented that with 60-year-old infrastructure, it was best to be proactive.

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Canning
Seconded by: Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush submit an application under the Multi Year Capital Works (MYCW) program for the construction of a new water treatment plant. Estimated construction cost \$ 2,988,000 to be cost shared 90/10 between the province and the town.

Town Manager Perry commented that in being proactive with climate change and other environment factors, they have included in the cost a UV System for an extra layer of protection

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Canning
Seconded by: Councillor Eastman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush award Arena Board Tender – TOW – 2021 – 07 to Welmar Recreational Products in the amount of \$ 267,076.20 HST included.

Councillor Curran asked what the difference in cost between the budgeted amount and the actual cost. The budgeted amount was \$200,000. With the optional items removed (lift gate, nets and Ad boards) the tender was still over \$ 67,076.20. Councillor Curran again asked where this overage was coming from? Mayor Barron asked Town Manager Perry and was told that the overage was from prior years' budget of \$111,000 for curbs, sidewalks and patchwork. Mayor Barron said there is millions in the bank and it is not allocated for anything, and should be spent instead of sitting on it.



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Councillor Canning stated that the original money for the boards excess was to come from sod tender by only doing the ladies ballfield. It is irresponsible to go over budget when we have aging infrastructure that may fail. We currently have the opportunity to avail of provincial funding to replace the water treatment plant. We will have to cover our portion which is additional money that wasn't budgeted.

All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Canning

Seconded by: Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush award SOD Tender - TOW – 2021 – 08 to Energy Lock Inc. in the amount of \$ 151,363 HST included.

Again, Councillor Curran asked what was budgeted vs. what was the tender amount? Mayor Barron and Town Manager Perry said the surplus from last years' curbs, sidewalks and patch work that did not get done was approx. \$111,000 less the Arena Boards tender, left the \$ 41,000 overage for the Sods.

Councillor Curran stated that it was irresponsible for us to constantly go overbudget. The money has to come from somewhere. We cannot take one line overage from a budget when we ran a deficit. It has to be a balanced budget, the whole picture.

Priority is not sods when we have patching, curbs and sidewalks that need to be done. Mayor Barron was not happy with the work that was done last year. Councillor Canning stated it is not the right thing to do. Our guys did not get it done as they did not have time to do it, we don't have the money to hire a contractor to do it. Again, Mayor Barron said he wasn't happy with the work on the catch basins, hydrants work done last year.

Councillor Eastman commented that sods are not important, only a handful of people using ballfield, everyone is using the roads. Sidewalks and roadworks are the priority.

Mayor Barron stated that there are millions sitting in the bank. Not earmarked for anything and should be used.



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Councillor Andrews questioned why are budgeted vs. what comes in by tender never enough. Put enough there that will cover the tenders. Councillor Andrews stated \$ 41,000 isn't a lot of money. Councillor Curran stated it is \$ 41,000 on top of the deficiency for 2020 and 2021.

Votes for:
Councillor Andrews
Mayor Barron

Votes against:
Councillor Canning
Councillor Eastman
Councillor Curran

Motion Defeated

Moved by: Councillor Canning
Seconded by: Councillor Eastman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush write off account in the amount of \$ 64,331.86 as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Moved by: Councillor Curran
Seconded by: Councillor Eastman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush decline Crown Land application Number 157796 – Harris Lake. Harris Lake is currently not a designated Cottage Use Zone (Albert Lake & Riordan Lake only). The applicant will be notified to reapply later in 2021 once Council commences and finalizes a new Cottage Use Zone, possibly Harris Lake. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor Curran
Seconded by: Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush use of 3.5 Discretionary Use of Council for a rear yard set-back located at 20 Second Ave to allow construction a new building. Current set back is 15m, Discretionary Use of Council will allow 5m set-back for this property only. This will be indicated on the permit. This will also commence an amendment for the current Wabush Business Park and Phase II for rear yard setback to be changed.



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Clarification: the building lots in the business park have very large setbacks to allow for transport truck access etc. However, some businesses do not have that concern and this is a blanket policy. Businesses will be made aware, that if this discretionary use gets applied, that the business will be responsible for any blockage of the road with transport trucks and any snow clearing issues.
All in Favour.

Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PUBLIC WORKS** **Report Attached**

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
RECREATION** **Report Attached**

Mayor Barron would like to see fencing on the playground on Grenfell. Councillor Curran and Canning discussed that it was a safety concern and Council needs to find a cost-effective solution both short term and long term. Check out the old fencing removed from playground as new fencing gets costed out.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
MEO/FIRE DEPT.** **Report Attached**

MEO is authorized to ticket ATV using when being irresponsible. The Town and the RNC are not looking at those using the road way to simply get out of Town. Tickets will be issued to those that are being irresponsible when using the roads in that manner.

Town Manager discussed with the Airport Manager two issues. The flight that went over town last week in the night, there was no need of. The Airport manager agreed and was looking into it. And, the congestion in the airport security area of multiple flights going at the same time. The airport is looking into both issues.

Clean up Week is May 25 – June 1st. Please avail of any car wrecks you wish to get rid of.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
POLICY** **No Policies to report**

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
TOWN MANAGER** **Report Attached**

Cabot hill repair is being started the first full week of June. Prep work is already being place in the Jean Lake Parking area.



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CORRESPONDENCE

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note: April 12, 2021
April 20, 2021
April 27, 2021
May 3, 2021
May 11, 2021

Meet the Candidates!

MNL Releases COVID Municipality Impacts Report, Call on Federal Government to Permanently Double the Canada Community Building Fund

Public Health Update

Resolutions for the 2020 AGM

Municipal Response to Federal Budget 2021

MNL Launching supports for Municipalities to Deliver Safe & Accessible Municipal Elections This Fall.

MNL & CBDCs Partnering on Regional Development Solutions

Municipal Leaders to Attend MNL's Municipal Symposium and 70th AGM Online.

Vote by Mail Webinar Now Available On-demand

No Action Required

Labrador-Grenfell Health

PSA: COVID-19 Immunization Available for ALL Phase 2 Priority Groups Across the LGH Region

PSA: COVID-19 Immunizations for People who are Pregnant

PSA: COVID-19 Immunization Eligibility Expanding Across LGH Region

No Action Required

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Changes to Front End Documents



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Notification of Approval: Multi-Year Capital Works – 3 Year Allocation

Circular – Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program

No Action Required

Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

Circular to Municipalities: Municipal Election 2021 - Election of Mayor
Municipal Elections Act: 2021 General Election Mail-In Voting

Municipal Elections Training Registration

2021 Community Sustainability Partnership Circular – Documents
Submissions

No Action Required

Department of Environment & Climate Change

Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) – Working In & Within
15 Metres of a Waterbody (including Wetlands)

No Action Required

Digital Government and Service NL

Source Atlantic – Industrial Supply Store – Fire & Life Safety/Building
Accessibility

No Action Required

Department of Environment and Climate Change

Non-Domestic Well Permit GW11721-2021: Tacora Resources

GDG Environnement Ltee. – Biting Fly Spray Program
Town of Wabush budgeted the same as last year for this program.

No Action Required

WSP

Municipal Approval request for Quebec Iron Ore Project

No Action Required



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Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

Transformer – Town of Wabush Owned

No Action Required

Bloom – Centre for Municipal Education

Effective Municipal Leaders Share Common Stories

No Action Required

Prairie Research Associates

INFC 2021 Online Survey

No Action Required

Aguathuna Drafting and Consulting Company

Launch of the Planning, Climate Change and Development
Division – ADC

No Action Required

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by: Councillor Canning

Seconded by: Councillor Andrews

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Accounts Payable Listing from April 7 to May 14, 2021 in the amount of \$ 684,509.34 as presented.
All in Favour.

Motion Carried

PERMITS

Moved by: Councillor Curran

Seconded by: Councillor Eastman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve the following permits:

6366	4-6 Second Avenue	Interior Renovations
6367	34 Guy Street	Detached Accessory Building
6368	25 Winter Drive	Detached Accessory Building
6369	23 Winter Drive	Detached Accessory Building
6370	Jean Lake Crossing 6B	New Railway Section & Culvert Improvement



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6371	12 Walsh Avenue	Roof Replacement
6372	5-7 Bowater Drive	Test Hole/Drilling
6373	54 Grenfell Drive	Driveway
6374	29 Anderson Street	Canopy
6375	30 Cabot Drive	Driveway
6376	29 Anderson	Excavation/Landscaping
6377	58 Bond	Roof
6378	18 Reid Street	Shingles on Garage
6380	22 Dunfield	Excavation/Landscaping
6381	35 Whiteway Drive	Demolition
6382	56 Cabot	Front Patio (Steps)

All in Favour

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Curran encouraged everyone to get their COVID-19 Vaccination. Carol Curling Club has lots of times available. It is open to all age groups over 12. Let's get back to normal.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was moved by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 17th, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Karen Jennings
Director of Finance/Town Clerk

RB:KJ:tgh