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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #21-11
November 15, 2021**

- TIME AND PLACE** A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Monday, November 15, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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 Kelly O'Brien
Councillor Rick Burke
Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock
Councillor Rita Pynn
Councillor Shazia Razi
- OTHERS PRESENT** Mr. Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Ms. Courtney Harris – Director of Finance/Town Clerk
Ms. Tara Hynes – Executive Secretary
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** It was moved by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Razi to approve minutes of meeting #21-10, #21-10S and #21-10-2S as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/ACTION LIST** Nothing Outstanding – Everything is current.

Town Manager stated that the Snow Gate for the grader should be here mid to late November.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor Battcock and seconded by Councillor Razi to adopt agenda for Council Meeting #21-11. All in Favour.

Motion Carried
- COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE** Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush waive tax balance of \$2,443.23 for unoccupied Habitat for Humanity house as discussed. All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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Town Manager hopes to start the process in the New Year to get someone in there. Habitat looking for government funding to help out.

Councillor Battcock declared a conflict of interest and left Council Chambers.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush implement management wage increase/bonus as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Councillor Battcock returned to Council Chambers.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush void invoice #201953701 in the amount of \$64.00 as discussed. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush donate \$1000.00 to Comfort Kits – Lab West for their youth mental health initiative. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Mayor Barron stated a very worthy cause.
Mayor Barron declared a conflict of interest and left Council Chambers.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush provide snow clearing services for winter 2021-2022 for the Wabush Knights of Columbus and the Wabush Royal Canadian Legion. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Mayor Barron returned to Council Chambers.



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Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush submit Municipal Capital Works Funding Application for the road reconstruction of 1st and 2nd Avenue in the Wabush Business Park as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Report attached

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Crown Lands application, application #158763 for grant of land in the Albert Lake Cabin Development Zone. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Wabush decline Crown Lands application, application #158600 as the location is outside the Albert Lake Cabin Development zone. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve business Ed's Services located at Albert Lake. Snow clearing operation. Advertised for one week with no objections or comments received. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush rescind motion from July 22, 2021 during a regular council meeting as follows:



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“**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Wabush approve the following I and sale and development proposal for the following:

JSM Properties:

Lot 21-5

Lot 21-6

Lot 21-9

Upon further requests, this proposal will be reviewed and approved as development moves forward”.

All in Favour.

Motion Rescinded

Moved By: Councillor Pynn

Seconded By: Councillor Razi

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush move forward with the sale of lot 21-9 to JSM Properties (as the proposal on Lot 21-5 and 21-6 could not be met). All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councillor Pynn

Seconded By: Councillor Burke

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Wabush sell lot 21 – 4 to Finkel Holdings in the amount of \$95,000 plus HST. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Report Attached

Town Manager reiterated that the lift on Snows Drive/End of Grenfell has again been damaged with the Swiffer cloths. It is costing tens of thousands of dollars and potentially can cause damage to residents' homes on Snows Drive with sewer back ups if it is not rectified. Mayor Barron has requested that we again go door to door to deliver notices on what not to flush.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Report Attached

Mayor thanked all those involved in Bonfire Night. Fire Chief Butler, Fire Department, Recreation Department and Public Works all had a hand in helping with the event.



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Town Manager informed Council that testing is complete on Jean Lake beach to see what the slicks on the water are. Just waiting on results. Hopefully a natural occurrence and not a danger to public or environment.

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

Report Attached

TOWN MANAGER

Report Attached

Four tenders are due to be opened on December 3, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note: October 29, 2021

It's a warp – MNL elects new board members, please resolutions at AGM

Important Information for 2021 MNL AGM voting delegates

Women's Leadership Summit and Training Session

COVID-19 Vaccination and vaccine passport FAQs for municipalities

We want your thoughts on the upcoming women's leadership summit

Virtual registration now opened for the 2021 Women's Leadership Summit

Information on the proposed municipal code of conduct legislation

MNL celebrates community leaders at in-person event this week

No Action Required

Councillor Pynn discussed the MNL conference. She found it very informative and important for Council to attend.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Re: Reminder of Open Call, Status Report Thresholds and Mechanics Lien Hold Back

Re: Call for Applications – 2022-2023 Municipal Infrastructure Program

No Action Required



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Municipal Assessment Agency

The Municipal Assessment Agency Announces the Appointment of Long-Time Civil Servant, Councillor David Hiscock of Bonavista, as Eastern Director on the Agency's Board of Directors

No Action Required

Municipal and Provincial Affairs, Office of the Minister

Circular to All Municipalities:

Online resources, training and supports

Re: Enclosed Information Request Form

No Action Required

Earth Day.ca

Join our Earth Day Mobilizing Campaign Today!

No Action Required

Trans Canada Trail

Trail Talk October 2021 Issue

Mayor commented how sad it is that the Trans Canada Trail does not extend to Labrador.

Government Services

Bacteriological Water Analysis: October 6, 2021
October 28, 2021

No Action Required

Stewardship Association of Municipalities

Guest Newsletter – from our Friends at Intervale

No Action Required



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Municipal Group Buying Program

Canoe Procurement Group of Canada

No Action Required

Professional Municipal Administrators

Member Bulletin: October 22, 2021
October 29, 2021

No Action Required

Labrador Grenfell Health

PSA: LGH offers update on booster COVID-19 vaccine dose

No Action Required

Knights of Columbus

Snow Clearing request – approved in Finance Motions

Wabush Public Library

Representative Requested – Councillor Battcock volunteered for this position.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE :

Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from October 15, 2021 to November 12, 2021 in the amount of \$ 787,715.64 as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried



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PERMITS:

Moved by: Councillor Pynn
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

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

6470	Old Incinerator Site	Landscaping/Excavation
6475	23 Grenfell Drive	Patio
6476	Wabush Substation	Landscaping/Excavation
6477	Wabush Terminal Station	Landscaping/Excavation
6478	27 Winter Avenue	Excavation/Landscaping

All in Favour

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor O'Brien

On-line registration is being looked into. No promises for January registration.

More Christmas decorations are needed. Town Manager stated that two new larger pieces are ordered. Mayor Barron requested that we plant our own Christmas trees to be decorated yearly rather than purchasing or cutting down trees.

Councillor Razi

Shortage of Doctors – residents waiting at Emergency for hours at a time to refill prescriptions is not acceptable. What can we do as a community to recruit and retain doctors? A nurse practitioner at \$60 per visit not covered by MCP is not a solution. IOC has a virtual doctor app but only IOC employees can avail of it.

Councillor Pynn said shortage of doctors is a provincial problem brought up at the MNL conference.

Mayor Barron said recruitment has to start early. Investment in students to grow our own doctors (financially help with school etc.). Councillor Razi also stated that there is a need for these seats in school to be specifically designated for Labrador students only. Discussion on the inadequate Medical Assistant Travel and how the government knows that it is not working. Labrador-Grenfell Health has recruited but they end up outside of here due to several factors. Housing for anyone looking into the area is a major issue as well.



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Mayor Barron

It has been a rough couple of weeks with everyone affected by someone who has passed away. Mayor Barron felt that something should be done as a Council for Jean Kelly's family as she was a great volunteer and should be recognized for her contribution for 40 years. As well, Mike Power passed away. He was a great journalist who told the stories without sensationalizing them. Our condolences to the Kelly and Power family. Others that were mentioned by the mayor were Mr. Hubert Dinn, Mr. Bill Davis, Mr. Howie Pickett and the Mayors' nephew, Jamie Barron.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was moved by Councillor Burke to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Next meeting scheduled December 16th at 5:00 pm. There will be a budget meeting before the next regular Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Courtney Harris
Director of Finance/Town Clerk

RB:CH:tgh