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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #21-12
December 16, 2021**

- TIME AND PLACE** A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, December 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. 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 Bob Cole – Call-in
Councillor Rita Pynn
Councillor Shazia Razi
- OTHERS PRESENT** Mr. Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Ms. Tara Hynes – Executive Secretary
Ms. Crystal Courtney – In training
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** It was moved by Councillor Pynn and seconded by Councillor Razi to approve minutes of meeting #21-11, #21-11S and #21-12S as presented. All in Favour.
- Motion Carried
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/ACTION LIST** Nothing Outstanding – Everything is current.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Deputy Mayor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Pynn to adopt agenda for Council Meeting #21-12. All in Favour.
- Motion Carried
- COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE** Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve tender TOW-2021-18-Residential Garage Services to Hodge Bros. Ltd. in the amount of \$ 93,464.40 + HST. All in Favour
- Motion Carried



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Town manager commented that this is the same contractor as previous with a very small increase.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

BE IT RESOLVED That the Town of Wabush approve tender TOW-2021-19-Supply of Commercial Grade Extendable Snow Plow, Mount & Accessories in the amount of #12,831.95 + HST.

Town manager commented that this is a blade for 2015 3500 HD Crew cab for tighter areas of the recreation center and WWTP.
All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Two other tenders, Rental of Equipment on Demand 2021-22 (TOW-2021-16) and Trade Services on Demand (TOW-2021-17) closed with no bids received. Town manager commented that will have to go with 3 quotes for those tenders that received no bids.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Report attached

A Snows Drive bid was withdrawn. A tractor trailer for removed on 73 Whiteway Drive at towns request. Mayor Barron commented that the town can only ask for property clean up and follow what is legal.

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Policy #143-2: Reimbursement of Travel Expense for Councillors/Management Employees as presented. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Report Attached

All equipment is in service and PW crews are pushing back snow from corners and problem spots.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Report Attached

Swim registration is an online/email system with the hopes of additional resources that it can come to a completely online system.



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Town manager stated that the Town of Wabush lend our old Zamboni to Churchill Falls until their issue are resolved. Mayor Barron commented that we all have to work together to provide community support.

Council thanked the Deputy Mayor, Mr. & Mrs. Clause for the great day and participating during this very busy time of year.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Report Attached

TOWN MANAGER

Report Attached

Tie in from First to the WWTP should take 5-6 days.

Training is going well, there will be lots of questions. The town has the contractor and sub-contractor on retainer for 12 months for anything that arises. They are on-site until Monday and public works employees are trained.

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

InfoNote: November 15, 2021
 November 22, 2021
 November 29, 2021
 December 6, 2021

Come Home Year Funding Available for Municipalities

Thank-you for Making the 2021 MNL Conference and Trade Show a Success

Drinking Water Safety Action Plan Online Consultations Now Open
Public Advisory: Update – Repairs Ongoing

Public Advisory: TCH Reopening in SW NL

Drinking water and wastewater updates

No Action Required

Municipal Assessment Agency (MAA)

2022 Assessment Service Fee

Re: Municipal Assessment Agency Board Election



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No Action Required

Department of Environment & Climate Change, Water Resources
Management Division

Amendment to Permit – Quebec Iron Ore Inc.

Public Consultation on the Drinking Water Safety Action Plan

Permit for Development – Strum Consulting

Appendix C – Completion Report – Strum Consulting

WRMD – Working In & Within 15 Meters of a Waterbody (Including
Wetlands)

No Action Required

Discussion on Jean Lake – results are back but analysis isn't.
With that said, Pinchin LeBlanc believes it is natural organic material
but will reach out for analysis.

Municipal and Provincial Affairs, Office of the Minister

Municipal Come Home Year Celebration Grant

Town Manager made several attempts for information from Committee
with nothing received from them, deadline passed.

Department of Transportation & Infrastructure, Municipal
Infrastructure

Reminder – Call for Applications – 2022-23 Municipal Infrastructure
Program

All applications have been submitted. They requested that First and
Second be separated into two different projects so looks like will get
one but not both. Dunfield Street is under another project.

Staff Changes at Tendering and Contracts

Digital Government & Services NL

Re: Plans – Proposed Reconstruction - WLB Operations Garage – 2 First
Avenue

No Action Required



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Department of Education, Early Learning Division

Child Care Capacity Funding Initiative

No Action Required

Prime Minister's Awards

2021 Prime Minister's Awards

No Action Required

Professional Municipal Administrators

PMA Training Workshops

Members Bulletin: November 16, 2021
 November 30, 2021

No Action Required

Labrador Grenfell Health

PSA: LGH Resumes Services Impacted by Ongoing IT Systems Outage

PSA: Changes to Blood Collection Services at Labrador Grenfell Health

PSA: Labrador-Grenfell Health Notifications to Public and Employees Regarding Breach of Privacy Available Online

PSA: COVID-19 Immunizations for Children 5-11 Years Old

LGH Outlines Process to Avail of Credit Monitoring Services

LGH Quarterly Communicable Disease Surveillance Report

Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

No Action Required



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MMSB

Backyard Compost Bin Distribution Program 2022 – Expression of Interest

No Action Required

Statistics Canada

Thank you for Supporting the 2021 Census!

No Action Required

The Gathering Place

More Are in Need

No Action Required

Town Manager to check on Food Bank donation.

Local Governance and Land Use Planning

Cyber Security Awareness

No Action Required

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mayor Barron and Councillor Battcock declared a conflict of interest and left Council Chambers at 5:53 pm. Deputy Mayor O'Brien chaired meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Razi

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from November 13 to December 9, 2021 in the amount of \$1,814,663.73 as presented.

Councillor Pynn had some concerns with the listing. On page 5 – Dektra-Lite Industries Inc. Two items purchased for \$11,288.57. There are two concerns with this:

- 1) Two large items rather than 20-25 small lights to continue down Grenfell. Why were only two large items chosen.
- 2) This was this way over budget. The approved amount for these items was \$ 10,000. Why was there no discussion with Council on the overage for approval?



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There should have been three quotes and why wasn't CANOE services used.

Town Manager stated that these were specialty items picked out the year before and agreed to by the former Council. The sources of these items were limited. The reason for the overage on these items was the cost of shipping. Councillor Pynn the process should be following and right now it is not.

Councillor Pynn requested what was budgeted for the new MEO truck? Budget will have to be check. Amount of tender was \$63,549.

Councillor Pynn discussed that, ever though we have long standing contracts, such as Harnois (fuel/gas) they should be checked from time to time to see if goods/services are any cheaper elsewhere. Appropriate policies need to be utilized.

All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Mayor Barron and Councillor Battcock returned to Council chambers.

PERMITS:

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

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

6361	2A First Avenue	Interior Renovations
6471	E Grenfell Drive	Occupancy Permit
6473	20 Second Avenue	Occupancy Permit
6479	Wahnahnish Watershed	Excavation
6480	22 McGregor Lane	Temporary Porch
6482	Town of Wabush	Municipal Election signs
6484	12 First Avenue	New Water & Sewer line
6485	16 First Avenue	Repair Water Line

All in Favour

Motion Carried



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NEW BUSINESS

Moved by: Councillor Razi
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

BE IT RATIFIED that the Town of Wabush appoint the Town Manager to fill the position of Acting Town Clerk as motioned in privileged meeting on December 13, 2021. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

Councillor Razi asked when is the ad for this position being released? Town manager stated that he will have a conversation with her after the meeting as it has already been discussed on Monday.

Deputy Mayor O'Brien

Deputy Mayor O'Brien discussed the on-street parking. People are parking on the blind turn on Reid and taking a chance to go around these vehicles. This will be somewhat alleviated as that business is scheduled to close in the new year. An email has been sent to MEO Terry Roberts to monitor. As well, discussion on all on-street parking including an incident on Whiteway with a broke down bus.

Deputy Mayor O'Brien also discussed that the next Policy to be motioned is Rule of Procedure and hoped to have it for this Council meeting but will have it ready for January's. Councillor Razi stated that the Policy's took a backburner to the Budget but will get back on track in January.

Councillor Pynn

Received a call about Barron Lane being a one-way street. Road is not wide enough for two vehicles. Town Manager Perry said that's why it was deemed one-way. There is signage there and this particular road has a lot of maintenance. A lot of sacrificial patching being done in this area. Dunfield runs into this and that is why it is such a priority for the next project. Seems the catch basin is not operational.

Another issue with this caller was that of Engine brake/Jake brake being used by tractor trailers all hours of day and night at the gas bar at the entrance of town. Signage was there but is gone. Town manager will get more bilingual signage to stop use of engine brake.

Councillor Pynn questioned the amount of outstanding overdue taxes? Town Manager will have a report for next Finance meeting. Collection of overdue taxes should start in January and by spring whoever does not have overdue taxes paid should have water shut off. It is unfair to residents that pay their taxes.



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Councillor Cole

Councillor Cole recommended that a policy be developed before next Council meeting to ensure that all employees, Council and staff be double vaccinated with boosters as they become available. Municipal Affairs has stated that a municipality can develop its own policies when it comes to vaccination requirements.

Councillor Razi and Pynn will reach out to MNL and get copies of similar policies from other municipalities to go by. A special meeting may be held to pass this policy, you have to be vaccinated.

Councillor Burke

Why aren't Privileged meeting minutes not on the agenda for approval. They need to be ratified in public meeting. Town Manager will have them for next meeting.

Commend recreation and public works departments on their great work on Christmas lights and wanted to make a special announcement that Santa will make a special trip through Wabush on Christmas Eve so everyone should be looking out for him.

Town Manager stated that there are extra swims, skates and bowling during the Christmas season.

Mayor Barron

Labrador City passed their budget with no funding for regional recreation. Mayor Barron is very disappointed. They requested a one-year agreement. Our community can not get any support and this is not good news. Town of Labrador City gave 7-days' notice that they wanted to see spending in Recreation and was just not enough time. The Recreation facility serves population of the area and town of Wabush is footing the bill.

From the last swim registration of 339 participants, 267 were from Labrador City. 79% of classes are Labrador City residents. We can not foot the bill for everyone. Not moving forward with the facility. We have 17 full time employees that will lose their jobs. We will do everything to save facility for all residents but need all partners to participate. We are speaking to you Labrador City. The center of activity in Labrador West is in jeopardy. Cost is going up all the time and have talked about regionalization and have preached it for years but went to the wayside. Facility is a detriment to the rest of the community. Hope we do not lose the facility but people have to know.



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Councillor Razi asked how much was Labrador City's contribution to the Recreation center and what percentage? Labrador City's contribution was \$228,000 with a combination total from all stakeholders of \$ 628,000. Most communities contribute 7-10% to recreation. Wabush contributes 24%. Mayor Barron stated he wasn't crying wolf; this is Ron Barron reality. Regionalization works with landfill why can't it work for recreation?

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Burke and seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Brien at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is schedule for January 20th at 6:00 p.m. Time and day to be discussed. As well, there may be a budget meeting called before this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Charlie Perry
Town Manager/Town Clerk (A)

RB:CP:tgh