



LABRADORCITY

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**March 22, 2022
4:00 pm**

In Attendance: Mayor Belinda Adams
Deputy Mayor Mitchell Marsh
Councillor Junior Humphries
Councillor Ryan Pike
Councillor Dawn Willcott
Councillor Kim Hartery

Staff Present: Cathy Etsell, CAO
Kim Conway, Director of Finance & Admin
Peter Boland, Superintendent of Eng. & Public Works
Craig Purves, Director of Planning & Development
Nick Miller, Director of Recreation & Community Events
Krista Hedlund, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: N/A

1. Call Meeting to Order

1.1. Adoption and Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Hartery

Seconded By: Councillor Willcott

Be it resolved the agenda for meeting of March 22, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

2. Delegations

The Be Kind Project

Members of The Be Kind project, Leah Patterson & Evan Colborne, presented Council with cookies as a thank you for the support shown to their group and the community thus far.

They have some exciting events planned and coming up and encourage the community to keep an eye out for details and get involved.

3. Adoption and Signing of Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Pike

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Marsh

Be it resolved the minutes of the public meetings held February 22, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

4. Business Arising from Minutes

N/A

5. Correspondence

5.1 MHA Brown – Regional Services & Cooperation

Correspondence dated March 3, 2022 from Jordan Brown, MHA Labrador West encourages Labrador City & Wabush to find ways to work together on the delivery of services and reopen the MARC Centre.

5.2 Dept of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

Letter received from the Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs provides acceptance of the 2022 Budget as presented.

6. New Business

6.1 Letter to Town of Wabush – MARC Centre

On March 17th, 2022 Labrador City Council met with the Town of Wabush to discuss the closing of the MARC Centre and possible funding. Labrador City presented a proposal to Wabush to put a plebiscite vote to the residents; to allow them the opportunity to speak and let us know what they want. If Wabush agrees to go to a plebiscite vote, Labrador City will consider an agreed upon funding amount to get the centre back in operation.

A timeline for a response was given as Monday, March 21st, 2022.

6.2 Topic of Amalgamation

Moved By: Councillor Humphries

Seconded By: Councillor Pike

Be it resolved the Council agree to bring the question of Amalgamation to a plebiscite for the residents of Labrador City to vote on.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

6.3 Green Shirt Proclamation

Council proclaims Thursday, April 7th, 2022 as Green Shirt Day in Labrador City. Green Shirt Day takes place each year on April 7. It is a day to raise awareness of organ donation and register organ donors across Canada.

Championed by the parents of Logan Boulet, a young hockey player on the Humboldt Broncos who became an organ donor after the terrible bus crash that took his and 15 other lives.

6.4 National Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Week

Council proclaims April 24-30, 2022 as Organ & Tissue Awareness Week in Labrador City. National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week (NOTDAW) celebrates organ and tissue donation and raises awareness about the critical need for more donors across the country.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Finance & Admin

a) Donations

Moved By: Councillor Humphries

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Marsh

Be it resolved Council approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association for their annual Community Guide – Senior Abuse Awareness; and to match employee contributions to the CURE Foundation National Denim Day happening on May 10, 2022.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

b) Taxation

Business Tax Reduction Plan

Moved By: Councillor Hartery

Seconded By: Councillor Willcott

Be it resolved Council approve a Business Tax Reduction Plan for businesses that have been mandated to close by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador because of Covid-19, by pro-rating 100% of business tax for the period of closure. In addition, a 50% reduction of business tax will apply to businesses with partial closures such as restaurants with dining areas. Requests for business tax reduction must be received in writing before April 30, 2022.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

Property Tax Rebates

Moved By: Councillor Humphries

Seconded By: Councillor Pike

Be it resolved Council approve Property Tax Rebates for 2021 in the amount of \$1,337.51 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

7.2 Recreation & Community Services

a) Unfinished Business

Arena Turf (Councillor Humphries declared a conflict of interest and exited the Chambers)

The ice will be left down until the end of May to allow groups who missed times at the beginning of the ice season due to chiller issues, to complete a full season, therefore the turf will not be laid for the 2022 season.

Councillor Humphries rejoined the meeting.

Smokey Mountain Road

Request from User Group to place paving of the road in plan; Residential streets must take priority, and obtaining funding from government for gravel roads not previously paved is very difficult; perhaps there was a lost opportunity to form a partnership with the 3 groups, Town and IOC in getting pavement when the expansion of Moss Pit was developed – Town could check to see if there is an appetite to have these conversations now.

b) Special Events

Summer Festival

The Town of Labrador City is happy to announce the first ever Iron Fest, scheduled for August 12-14. The event will feature local bands as well as an opening act and a headliner. There will be opportunity for sponsorship packages, stay tuned for more details.

c) Facilities

Labrador City Arena and Curling Club are back to full capacity with restrictions being lifted. Masking is strongly recommended but not mandatory; and vaccine passports are no longer required for entry.

d) New Business

Figure Skating Show

The Town is hosting a professional ice-skating show by Le Patin Libre, based out of Montreal. The show will be held on Thursday, March 31st, 2022 and tickets will be available for purchase online.

Atlantic Recreation Facilities Conference

The Director of Recreation will attend the Atlantic Recreation Facilities Conference in St. John's, NL May 17th-20th. The Theme for this year's conference is "Focused on the Future."

8. Applications for Permits

8.1 Permit 21-306 Approval in Principle – 810 Carol Drive

Moved By: Councillor Pike

Seconded By: Councillor Hartery

Be it resolved Council grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to approve Approval in Principle Permit 21-306 for Accessory Building located at 810 Carol Drive, subject to conditions outlined on the permit.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

8.2 Permit 22-022 BIRA – 717 Field Street

Moved By: Councillor Willcott

Seconded By: Councillor Humphries

Be it resolved Council grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to approve BIRA Permit 22-022 for 717 Field Street, subject to no objections being received and conditions outlined on the permit.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

8.3 Permit 22-023 BIRA – 3038 Walsh River Road

Moved By: Councillor Pike

Seconded By: Councillor Humphries

Be it resolved Council grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to approve BIRA Permit 22-023 for 3038 Walsh River Road, subject to no objections being received and conditions outlined on the permit.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

8.4 Permit Ratification List #2

Moved By: Councillor Pike

Seconded By: Councillor Hartery

Be it resolved Council approve Permit Ratification List #2 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Municipal By-Election – Notice of Candidates

The following persons have been nominated for election to Council in the upcoming Municipal By-Election: April Farrell, Giselle Pike and Jonathan Riviere.

Advance Poll will be held at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 from 8 am – 8 pm, with the General Election date set for Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 from 8 am – 8 pm, with polling station located at Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church and the RC Legion.

9.2 Gas Tax Reallocation

Moved By: Councillor Humphries

Seconded By: Councillor Pike

Be it resolved that Council approve transferring \$76,548 from unassigned funding for the 2019-2024 Canada Community Building Fund Capital Investment to Project No.: 129-2020-7257 Road Upgrade – Tamarack Extension.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

10. Tenders

10.1 TLC-03-22 Supply of Two New 2022 ½ Ton Trucks

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Marsh

Seconded By: Councillor Pike

Be it resolved that Council award tender TLC-03-22 Supply of Two New 2022 ½ Ton Trucks to Carol Auto Ltd. for the price of \$109,953.80 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

10.2 TLC-04-22 Supply of One New 2022 1 Ton Truck

Moved By: Councillor Hartery

Seconded By: Councillor Willcott

Be it resolved that Council award tender TLC-04-22 Supply of One New 2022 1 Ton Trucks to Carol Auto Ltd. for the price of \$69,539.35 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

10.3 TLC-05-22 Supply of Electrical Supplies

Moved By: Councillor Humphries

Seconded By: Councillor Pike

Be it resolved that Council award tender TLC-05-22 Supply of Electrical Supplies to Graybar Harris & Roome for the price of \$73,322.70 inclusive of hst, as per highlighted list presented.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

10.4 TLC-06-22 Supply & Installation of Four New Overhead Doors

Moved By: Councillor Pike

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Marsh

Be it resolved that Council award tender TLC-06-22 Supply & Installation of Four New Overhead Doors to Northern Steel 2014 Ltd. for the price of \$41,717.40 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

10.5 TLC-07-22 Supply of One New 2022 Kubota Tractor

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Marsh

Seconded By: Councillor Hartery

Be it resolved that Council award tender TLC-07-22 Supply of One New 2022 Kubota Tractor to Harvey & Company for the price of \$71,673.75 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

10.6 TLC-08-22 Supply of New High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor

Moved By: Councillor Willcott

Seconded By: Councillor Humphries

Be it resolved that Council award tender TLC-08-22 Supply of New High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor to Breathing Air Systems for the price of \$64,388.50 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

11. Approval of Accounts & Purchase Orders

Moved By: Councillor Pike

Seconded By: Councillor Humphries

Be it resolved Council approve Accounts and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$3,792,479.10 as presented, noting abstention for Deputy Mayor Marsh on cheque # 17449.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Humphries, Councillor Pike, Councillor Willcott and Councillor Hartery all in favor. **Carried**

12. Community Recognition

- Congratulations to Team Ryan, Provincial Seniors Curling Champs, and best of luck at Nationals
- Congratulations to Kent Careen and his daughter Brooklyn Careen on their latest victories in Snowmobiling Competitions
- Thank you to the snow clearing and road maintenance crews on a job well done this winter
- Thank you to all groups and volunteers in making the Winter Celebrations a great success; special thanks to Evelyn Ryan for going above and beyond to make these events happen
- The RNC Patrol Dog Stella was in Labrador West for a visit recently; Stella plays an important role with the RNC and we want to thank you for stopping by the office and bringing smiles to all

13. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

The date of the next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, April 13th, 2022. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm by Councillor Pike.

Kim Conway, Town Clerk

Belinda Adams, Mayor