

**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #22-04  
April 21, 2022**

- TIME AND PLACE** A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, April 21st, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm. by Mayor Ron Barron. Mayor Barron welcomed Council and staff and thanked everyone for attending and watching live.
- COUNCILLORS PRESENT** Mayor Ron Barron  
Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien  
Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock  
Councillor Rick Burke  
Councillor Bob Cole  
Councillor Rita Pynn  
Councillor Shazia Razi
- OTHERS PRESENT** Charlie Perry – Town Manager  
Kathy Bolger - Town Clerk  
Darlene Roberts – Executive Secretary
- PROCLAMATION** **Waiting for a proclamation guide to follow from Operation Smile. Will add next meeting.**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTE** It was moved by Councillor Rita Pynn and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien to approve minutes of meeting #22-03 as presented.
- All in Favour.
- Motion Carried
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/ACTION LIST** Town Manager, Charlie Perry said everything that was actioned from last meeting is in progress.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor Bob Cole and seconded by Councillor Shazia Razi to adopt Agenda for council meeting 22-04.
- All in Favour.
- Motion Carried



**COMMITTEE REPORT:  
FINANCE**

**Report Attached**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve the destruction of accounting records from 2014 and prior.

Moved By: Councillor Shazia Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock

All in Favour

Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush discontinue keeping all personnel files on a permanent basis and keep only 10 years after termination and active retirees. If adopted this will continue yearly through permission of council

Moved By: Councillor Shazia Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock

All in Favour

Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:  
PLANNING**

**Report attached**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve home-based business, Serenity Massage located at 15 Shea Street, there were no comments, concerns or objections received. Advertising for March 22-30, 2022.

Moved By: Councilor Rita Pynn  
Seconded By: Councilor Shazia Razi

All in Favour



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Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve home-based business, Bougie Magoo Boutique located at 34 Snow's Drive, a craft and hobby business there were no comments, concerns or objections received. Advertising for March 22-30, 2022.

Moved By: Councilor Rita Pynn  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brein

All in Favour

Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve home-based business, J's Janitorial located at 60 Bond, there were no comments, concerns or objections received. Advertising for March 22-30, 2022.

Moved By: Councilor Rita Pynn  
Seconded By: Councilor Mary-Lou Battcock

All in Favour

Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve land sales to 85838 NL Corp, Lot 21-5 Scully Drive in the amount of \$ 95, 000.00 plus HST.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve land sales to 85838 NL Corp, Lot 21.6 Scully Drive in the amount of \$ 125, 000.00 plus HST.

Moved By: Councilor Rita Pynn  
Seconded By: Shazia Razi

All in Favour

Motion Carried



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Bob Cole inquired if this money was already considered in this year's budget, and Town Manager Charlie Perry said a portion of this monies was in 2021 budget.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

#### Report Attached

Discussion that there were 5 water breaks in total this year. There are Three ongoing at the moment. It was recommended that everyone leave the bleeders running until the first week in June to avoid freeze ups. Public Works Director interviews will commence soon.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

#### Report Attached

Regular maintenance for the Marc and Bill Chaplin Arena ongoing. Barricades put in place for sliding ice from the roof at the arena. Mayor Ron Barron congratulated the under 18 division hockey team on a job well done and the graduation piece they included was very nice. Councilor Mary-Lou Battcock mentioned all-terrain vehicles will have to have some regulations this coming season and Mayor Ron Barron added that we have to regulate erratic driving siting safety concerns.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached POLICY

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve amended Council Policy 132-4, Senior's Policy . ( Property Tax Exemption, and Remission).

Moved By: Councillor Shazia Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Mary- Lou Battcock

Deadline for this policy was asked about, and Town Manager, Charlie Perry said that there is a standing deadline in June. We will do one motion in June for eligible persons.

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve amended Council Policy 97-1, Donations, grants, and financial assistance.

Moved By: Councillor Shazia Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Rita Pynn

All in Favour

Motion Carried

Councillor Shazia Razi commented that the local and provincial funding was removed but we kept the national funding, and would like the new policies put on our Facebook page and Labradorwest.com. Councillor May-Lou Battcock inquired if there was already a budget for this policy. Town Manager Charlie Perry said there was.

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

**Report Attached**

### **TOWN MANAGER**

**Report Attached**

Attached projects were discussed and said that funding for Grenfell is still in progress. Mayor Ron Barron said a letter to the Department of Transportation should be drawn up to bring attention to the highway from Wabush to Labrador City, saying money allotted for this last year has not been utilized as of yet. Town Manager, Charlie Perry said the Town was approved for 8 out of 10 summer students. Mayor Barron encouraged young people to apply and thanked last years students. Councilor Rick Burke inquired about the retaining wall and Town Manager, Charlie Perry told the Council that a letter has been drafted and will be sent the next day.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

InfoNote:     March 21, 2022  
                  March 28, 2022  
                  April 4, 2022



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Municipal Symposium: Reminder about deadline of April 22, 2022 registration for SAM's Spring AGM.

Regionalization message to share: Promoting positive regionalization messages.

MNL calls for investment in municipal sector as budget day approaches.

What the federal and provincial budgets mean for municipalities: Grants and enhancement employment programs.

MNL reacts to provincial and federal budgets: Welcomes investments in municipal sector.

Pre-Symposium mental health summit registration now open: Held in Gander on Thursday, May 5, 2022.

No Action Required

### Labrador-Grenfell Health

PSA: Update to COVID intake line: Disconnected effective April 1, 2022.

Interim Chair appointed to the Labrador-Grenfell Health Board of Trustees Noreen Careen.

Letter to the Minister of Health and Community Services and Minister of Children, Seniors, and Social Development: General and senior health care shortfalls.

Reply from the Department of Health and Community Services from the Mayor's letter regarding health care shortfalls in Labrador West.

No Action Required

### Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Approval to enter into Contract-Consulting Services 17/RNC-22-00008-Road Reconstruction-Grenfell Drive.

No Action Required

### PMA

Member Bulletin: March 18, 2022

Special Bulletin: 2022 Convention & AGM updates and information.





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Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, and Recreation

Grant for outdoor Classroom and Walking Trails

No Action Required

Ducks Unlimited Canada

Support Dinner: Held at the Wabush Hotel on Saturday April 23,2022

No Action Required

Department of Municipal Affairs

2022 Long Dseservice Awards Application

Acknowledgment of receipt of Municipal Budget 2022.

Wabush 2022 Budget acceptance letter.

Amalgamation Discussion

Service for employees

No Action Required

Mayor Ron Barron Congratulated Noreen Careen on becoming the interim Chair to the Labrador-Grenfell Health Board of Trustees, and said that the lack of health care for senior is unacceptable.

Mayor Ron Barron wants the letter the Town of Wabush sent to the Minister of Health posted along with the letter we have in response from the Mister's office on our Facebook page.

Mayor Barron congratulated Nick McGrath on the opening of his Café in the Wabush Shopping Plaza and encouraged other businesses and developers to come forward to be involved in bettering our business community here in Wabush. He also reiterated that there was a lot of development area in the Wabush Industrial Park. He said there are 8 Lots.





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Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien Also congratulated Nick McGrath on the Bistro and said it was good to see a business open in Wabush.

Councilor Shazia Razi also congratulated Nick McGrath on the Bistro and mentioned vacant lots on Snow's drive and encouraged people to come and discuss opening a business in Wabush.

Mayor Ron Barron thanked our volunteer fire fighters and Town Manager, Charlie Perry said he was having a meeting with our Fire Chief in the morning to discuss the training that is being offered in Clarendville on June 4-10,2022.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

#### Report Attached

Mayor Barron & Councilor Badcock declared a conflict of interest in a portion of Accounts Payable but didn't have to Council Chambers as per recommendations by our new Town Clerk. She was then thanked by Mayor Ron Barron for her extensive knowledge she has brought to our management team.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable from March 17 to April 13, 2022 in the amount of \$ 364,515.93 as presented.

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

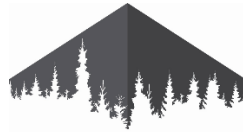
All in Favour

Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable from March 17 to April 13, 2022 in the amount of \$ 241.01 as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Shazia Razi  
Seconded by: Councillor Rita Pynn

All in Favour (Excluding Mayor Ron Barron and Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock as they were excluded from voting)



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Motion Carried

### PERMITS:

Moved by: Councilor Rita Pynn  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien

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

6506 Wabush Shopping Plaza Occupancy Permit

6508 36 Snow's Drive Construction: Porch

All in Favour

Motion Carried

### NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor brought up putting a petition for Cheryl Hardy at the front counter in the Town Hall. She also mentioned the house on Anderson and the Town Manager said a letter has been sent. She also asked about the mic and video for chambers and said it would be nice to have better equipment for the streaming of the monthly meeting. The Town Manager said we don't have it yet and also said it would be nice to have.

Deputy mayor Kelly O'Brien also said there will be a Town meeting regarding the MARC and it will be at the Catholic Church in Wabush on Wednesday April 27, 2022. Official notice will be posted in the morning. There will also be limited seating and only Wabush residents are invited to attend. Everyone strongly encouraged residents to attend and hear the council's position and voice their concerns and questions. Councilor Bob Cole said they were still considering a few proposals that were still on the table and everyone agreed they were very open to keeping the building in operation if they had partners. The Council had a meeting with Municipal Affairs and will discuss this meeting on Wednesday at the Town meeting.

Councilor Rita Pynn would like our council to lobby the government to call for Nurse Practitioners to have costs covered by them, with severe overcrowding in ER rooms being a concern. She said \$60.00 a visit is unreasonable to seniors and low-income people to pay.



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Councilor Pynn also said she was very disappointed in the Provincial Government's 2022 budget as it didn't have any allocated funds for Labrador West. She said she sent an e mail about the lack of funding for our area but has not received a reply. She also said Jordan Brown our NDP representative was doing much to bring Labrador's issues to the House of Representatives.

Mayor Ron Barron voiced his concerns about overcrowding in ER rooms. Industrial accidents in our area are a concern if hospitals are over stretched.

Councilor Bob Cole said MCP should cover the cost of practitioners in the area to elevate overcrowding in our hospital with the shortage of doctors in the area.

Councilor Shazia Razi has a concern about the area having no pediatrician.

Mayor Ron Barron asks the public to contact government officials to voice concerns.

Councilor Rick Burke, Councilor Shazia Razi, and Mayor Ron Barron congratulated all teams in provincial tournaments.

### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Deputy Mayor Kelly O' Brien at 6:32 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>,2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ron Barron  
Mayor

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Charlie Perry  
Town Manager/Town Clerk (A)

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