



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #22-07  
July 21, 2022**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. by Mayor Barron. He welcomed Council and staff and thanked everyone for attending.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Mayor Ron Barron  
Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien  
Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock  
Councillor Rick Burke (Out of Town)  
Councillor Bob Cole  
Councillor Rita Pynn  
Councillor Shazia Razi

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charlie Perry – Town Manager  
Kathy Bolger - Town Clerk/Director of Finance  
Darlene Roberts– Executive Secretary

Mayor Barron shared condolences to the families of the late Kay Dove and Ross Hill. He also invited residents to join council meetings as we are now open to the public.

**PROCLAMATION/  
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

**Pride Week Proclaimed for August 8-16, 2022.**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

It was recommended by Councillor Pynn that minutes # 22-06 not be approved and signed until they are amended to include the age friendly discussion. All agreed and the minutes will be brought forward for motion at August council meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING  
ACTION LIST**

1. All items complete with the exception of the markers for the cemetery which are in progress and will be updated next meeting.
2. Town Manager spoke on the mic and video for chambers. The quote was received and approved. Purchase Order is being completed.



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3. Mayor Barron requested the letters regarding Air Canada and the Baie Comeau Highway be posted to social media.

4. Councilor Razi and Councilor Pynn will complete the survey for the Health Accord.

5. Councilor Battcock will follow up with CNA survey for our Come Home Year.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Razi and seconded by Councillor Pynn to adopt Agenda for council meeting 22-06. All in Favour.

Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

#### Report Attached

Motions brought forward by: Co Chair Person Councilor Razi

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council waive the occupancy fee for Mission Kitty located in the Wabush Shopping Center in the amount of \$ 150.00. All in Favour

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councilor Razi  
Seconded by: Councilor Cole

Mayor Barron and Deputy Mayor O'Brien expressed appreciation for the organization.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council approve Tax Discount Applications up to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the amount of \$ 24,520.60 to residents of Wabush. All in Favour

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councilor Razi  
Seconded By: Councilor Pynn

There have been 26 applications to date.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council waive the 2020-22 Property/Water & Sewer taxes for the property located at 2 Dunfield Street in the amount of \$ 3745.40. All in Favour

Motion Carried



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Moved By: Councilor Razi  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

Town Manager, mentioned the property belonged to Habitat for Humanity, and they were waiting for funding from Federal and Provincial Governments to complete the interior for occupancy.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council approve management salary reviews as discussed.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councilor Razi  
Opposed by: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council approve a purchase order in the amount of \$ 60,375.00 to G.E.T. Industries Inc. for a Grind Hog. This company is the sole source for this item and proper documentation will be filed accordingly. All in Favour

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councilor Razi  
Seconded By: Councilor Battcock

Town Manager informed the importance of the Grind Hog to the plant. This company is the only one to make this type of equipment. Time line is still not determined for delivery.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush intends to participate in Canoe Procurement / MNL Group Buying Program between July 21, 2022 and December 31, 2022. All in Favour

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councilor Razi  
Seconded By: Councilor Pynn

This will bring significant cost savings to the Town and was talked about in the meetings Councilor Pynn attended, and they always source local first.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

**Report attached**

Motion brought forward by: Councillor Pynn

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council approve Application for Crown Lands – App No. 159876- Riordan Lake. All in Favour



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Motion Carried

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

### **COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY**

#### **No Report Attached**

Councilor Razi reported as follows:

Procurement Card Policy, Purchasing Policy, and the Noise and Nuisance Regulation are being worked on so they can be motioned at the next meeting.

Mayor Barron would like for the MEO to be able to issue tickets, and Councilor Cole said training would be necessary for him to do so.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **No Report Attached**

Councilor Cole reported as follows:

1.Speed bumps in critical areas have been put into place. They are still in the process of installing in other areas throughout town as per request.

2.Patch work will commence as soon as the tenders will be opened on July 27th.

3.Mayor Barron suggested we call the minister to help speed up the process as we have a very short season for paving. We need to get materials on the ground quickly for street reconstruction. Grenfell Drive is our priority to be finished before Come Home Year. The Manager will follow up.

4.Mayor Barron would like to see all fire hydrants replaced by next year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION**

#### **No Report Attached**

Councilor O'Brien reported as follows:

Mayor Barron would like board advertising to be put on Facebook for the arena boards and our ball fields.

The pool is drained at the MARC pending talks with the Town of Labrador City. She thanked the recreation committee for all their work on trying to get the Recreation Center open, and also commented on the great turn out for the Canada Day celebrations.



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The Regatta preparations are in progress, and there are 10 teams entered, and will be held on July 29, 2022

### COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

#### Report Attached

Mayor Barron informed residents to avail of the free towing service from Mobile 1 in order to keep the community clean.

### TOWN MANAGER

#### Report Attached

There have been eight (8) water breaks completed to date. Pumphouse tender is out for next year.

Jean Lake Causeway will commence next summer. Waiting for government environmental approval, and will be completed by the end of next year.

Town Manager said the depot will be a priority to clean up the yard.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Information Package given to Council.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion Brought Forward By: Councilor Razi

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from May 5 to June 14, 2022 in the amount of \$ 295,328.98 as presented with the following abstentions:

Cheque #35640	Labrador Motors	Mayor Ron Barron
Cheque #35629	Labrador Motors	Mayor Ron Barron
Cheque #35676	Dexter Institute	Councilor Battcock

All in Favour. Motion Carried.

Seconded By: Councilor Pynn

### PERMITS:

Motion Brought Forward By: Councilor Pynn

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

6510	Occupancy Permit	22 Second Avenue
6539	Retaining Wall	2-3 Grenfell Drive
6541	Excavation/Landscaping	12 Dunfield Street
6542	Fence	12 Dunfield Street
6543	Excavation/Landscaping	40 Snows Drive



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6545	Fence	77 Grenfell Drive
6546	Patio- Single Dwelling 8x12	77 Grenfell Drive
6547	Accessory Building Ext 18x6	5 Squires Avenue
6549	Driveway	37 Dunfield Street
6550	Rear Patio 6x9 Quad Dwelling	37 Dunfield Street
6551	Fence	37 Dunfield Street
6552	Detached Acc Building 15x8x8	52 Snows Drive
6553	Fence (80x4x6)	55 Grenfell Drive
6554	Rear Patio (8x8)	11 Grenfell Drive
6555	Driveway	15 Shea Street
6556	Temporary Garage	38 Guy Street
6557	Patio	167 Grenfell Drive
6558	Fence	167 Grenfell Drive

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Seconded by: Councilor Battcock

Town Manager mentioned it was good to see so many making improvements to their properties.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### Councilor Razi

Would like parents to ensure their children are respectful to playground equipment.

Would like to lobby government to help alleviate doctor shortages and help them get licensed to work in our province. Mayor Barron agreed and added the province needs to lower criteria for working our province.

#### Councilor Cole

Would like a letter sent to MNL about hydro rate increases in light of the 100-million-dollar profit from their first quarter of 2022.

Asked for a timeline on the patch work for the shopping center and other areas.

Would like to look into securing the depot from theft.

#### Councilor Pynn

Would like to lobby to get the .05 cent gas prices taken off.

Would like to see more of the highway cleaned up properly.



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### Mayor Barron

Mayor Barron invited companies and people interested in development to approach Council to discuss apartment buildings, housing development, and building senior facilities. Also, would like the college to include senior care programs and lobby government for help with this issue.

Would like to see the water pressure issue around town to be resolved quickly.

Mayor Barron thanked everyone involved in the quick response to the fire emergency in the trailer court, and suggested an award for Matthew Butler for his contribution during the fire call.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Barron wished everyone a good day.

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councilor Cole at 6:26 p.m. Next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ron Barron  
Mayor

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Kathy Bolger  
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

RB:KB:dlr