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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #22-11  
November 17, 2022**

<b>TIME AND PLACE</b>	A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	The Town Council of Wabush presented a token of appreciation to Mr. Matthew Butler, who, at 16 years old, alerted residents of a fire and quite possibly saved their lives. Mayor Barron expressed Council's gratitude for his heroism and accredited some of his act to his parents who are a role model to him. Mayor Barron again thanked Mr. Butler.
<b>COUNCILLORS PRESENT</b>	Mayor Ron Barron Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock Councillor Rick Burke Councillor Bob Cole Councillor Rita Pynn
<b>COUNCILLORS ABSENT</b>	Councillor Shazia Razi – Out of Town
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	Charlie Perry – Town Manager Kathy Bolger - Town Clerk/Director of Finance Tara Hynes – Executive Secretary Matthew Butler – Resident Jennifer Best-Butler – Resident
<b>WINTER GAMES</b>	Short discussion on winter games. The Town will be entering a team with Tony Lawrence leading the way. We always have a great team for the winter games.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	<b>Deferred until next meeting</b>
<b>BUSINESS ARISING - ACTION LIST</b>	Everything has been actioned.
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	Moved by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Battcock to adopt Agenda for Council Meeting 22-11.  All in Favour. Motion Carried



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### COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

**Report attached**

#### **Donations:**

Be it so moved & seconded that Council approve the amount of \$174.00 to the Ronald McDonald Charities for the SOCK IT for sick kids & their families campaign on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Moved by: Councillor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Cole

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Be it so moved & seconded that Council approve the amount of \$500.00 to the Labrador West Seniors Christmas Party on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Moved by: Councillor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Be it so moved & seconded that Council approve the amount of \$750.00 to the Menihek High School Awards Night on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Be it so moved & seconded that Council approve the amount of \$1000.00 to the Labrador West Ministerial Association in conjunction with the Labrador West Food Bank and family swim passes.

Moved by: Councillor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour. Motion Carried



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Be it so moved & seconded that Council approve the amount of \$500.00 to the Toys for Joys fundraiser being held on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Toys for Joys is at the Royal Canadian Legion in Labrador City starting at 9:00 pm.

Be it so moved & seconded that Council approve the amount of \$250.00 to the Lions Club towards the Santa Claus Parade float awards.

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

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Mayor Barron commented that we attend every year and have won awards. The fire department and our public works department will be participating. It looks fantastic. Would like to thank Billy Kettle for his hard work and dedication. He does a public works float every year.

### **Loan Approval**

Be it so moved & seconded that Council approve a loan from the Bank of Montreal in the amount of \$429,682.31 to purchase a 2022 Komatsu Loader. The term of the loan will be 5 years at an interest rate of 6.20% with monthly payments of \$8,363.02.

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

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Town Manager commented that this is a WA270 with a number of attachments through CANOE procurement. Thank you to Councillor Pynn and Councillor Battcock on their persistence on use of that particular program . It did really pay back and we did order all the necessary attachments. Same attachments as our 924 loader. The new WA270 loader is ready just waiting on coupler.

### **Change Order – Tender**

Mayor Barron declared a conflict of interest, Deputy Mayor O'Brien assumed chair.

Be it so moved & seconded that Council approve a changeover under Section 15.1 of the Procurement Act in the amount of \$ 5,782.44 plus HST for the purchase of 3/4 ton 4 x 4 pickup truck.

Moved by: Councillor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Cole

For the purpose of the public, we tendered and had a successful bidder. The successful bidder went to order but fell through on 2022 model because of COVID availability on certain parts. They ordered a 2023 model with 8ft box which is what we tendered. Small increase in price but fell in the parameters of the procurement act. Even with the increase they still came in as the lowest bidder.

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Mayor Barron resumed chair.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:  
PLANNING**

**No Report**



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### COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

#### Report Attached

Winter parking ban in effect. Clean off your vehicle, you don't realize the big safety hazard you are causing if you can't see where you are going. Councillor Cole reminded residents not to drive at night with no tail lights on, please turn them on automatic or full to avoid an accident.

Couple issues with Wastewater Treatment Plant, water getting in and a light failure. We did have engineers on site to check all deficiencies including those mentioned. There is an electrical team and a mechanical person who are coming in next week. They are obligated to fix all deficiencies by the December deadline. They are looking at UV box as well.

The fiber optic is run from the pumphouse to the water tower. CRRS will get back to us on when it should be working. The Public Works Supervisor checked the voltage on the water plant panel and the water tower panel. It was discovered that there is no voltage on the water tower panel, we removed the modem and brought it to a local shop to have it fixed.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

#### Report Attached

Labrador West Minor Hockey hosted the Alvin Parrill Memorial Tournament. The largest with 48 teams participating. Amazing tournament. Congratulations to the organizers.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

#### Report Attached

1. **Residential / Business Civic Numbering Policy**  
- as circulated to council

Be it so moved & seconded that Council amend the Residential/Business Civic Numbering Policy as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded by: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour. Motion Carried



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2. **Rules of Procedures for Conduct of Meetings Policy**  
- as circulated to council

Be it so moved & seconded that Council amend the Rules of Procedures for Conduct of Meetings policy as presented.

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

*Only change is that time for meeting is by majority vote.*

All in Favour. Motion Carried

3. **Accessory Buildings Policy** – as circulated to council

Be it so moved & seconded that Council amend the Accessory Buildings Policy as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

All in Favour. Motion Carried

4. **Building Regulations** – as circulated to council

Be it so moved & seconded that Council amend the Building Regulations as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded by: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour. Motion Carried



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5. **Retirement & Departures for all Full Time Employees & Services Awards for all Full Time Employees and Volunteer Fire Department Policy** – as circulated to council

Be it so moved & seconded that Council amend the Retirement & Departures for all Full Time Employees & Services Awards for all Full Time Employees and Volunteer Fire Department Policy as presented.

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

All in Favour. Motion Carried

6. **Flowers & Fruit Baskets Policy** – as circulated to council

Be it so moved & seconded that Council adopt the Flowers & Fruit Baskets Policy as presented.

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

All in Favour. Motion Carried

7. **Discretionary Use & Variance Request Policy** – as circulated to council

Be it so moved & seconded that Council amend the Discretionary Use & Variance Request Policy as presented.

*Only change is cost from \$150 to \$100.*

Moved by: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

All in Favour. Motion Carried



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8. **Councillor Renumeration** – as circulated to council

Be it so moved & seconded that Council amend Councillor Renumeration Policy as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded by: Councillor Cole

*This is a change in the wording of the policy not the amount of remuneration. The policy now reads that the amount of remuneration is approved during budget process annually.*

All in Favour. Motion Carried

9. **Policies – Obsolete** – as circulated to council

Be it so moved & seconded that Council rescind the following policies & regulations:

Moved by: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded by: Councillor Cole

- Disconnect of Services – 2014 – replaced with Tax Recovery Plan
- Property Tax and Water & Sewer Tax Exemptions – Non-Profit Organizations – 2006 - Covered in the Municipalities Act.
- Provincial Tournaments – 1987 – In Donations Policy
- Public Tender Openings – 2006 – Under Public Procurement Act
- Rental Rates – 2006 – Part of Tax Structure (Budget Process)
- Class Cancellation – Pool – 2014 – No longer used
- Residential Medium Density – Hospitality Home – 1999 – No longer used
- Retirement – 1988 – Covered under Collective Agreement and Staff Contracts
- Poll Tax Exemptions (Handling of Applications requesting Exemptions) – 2006 – No longer used
- Residential Christmas Decorating Contest – 2000 – No longer needed
- Residential Beautification Contest – 1999 – No longer needed
- Selection of the Sport and Recreation Honor Roll Society - 1992 – No longer needed (no volunteer banquet)
- Lolly McGregor Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award – 1995 – No longer needed (no volunteer banquet)





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- Smoke Free – Recreation Facilities/Events – 2008 – OH & S Regulations
- Smoke-Free Policy – 2009 – OH & S Regulations
- Sick Leave Policy – Non-Unionized Employees – 2004 – covered under Employee Contracts
- Signature Authority – 2006 – Covered under Municipalities Act.
- Statutory Holidays – Pool – 2014 – Collective Agreement and Labour Standards Act
- Snowmobile Regulations – 1984 – regulated under Highway Traffic Act
- Softball Field – Advertising Signs – 1994 - No longer used.
- Swim Registration Policy – 2014 - No longer used
- Tax Agreement Policy – 2015 – Covered under Tax Recovery Plan
- Tax Exemption – May 2013 - Covered under Municipalities Act
- Town's responsibility for Water Breaks – 1994 – Policy is already under review – Frozen Water & Sewer Lines Policy
- Traffic Regulations – May 2001 – Replaced with 2015 Regulations
- Travel Expenses – 2015 – Replaced with New Policy
- Travel and Expenses for Non-Management Personnel – 1998 – Replaced with New Policy
- Travel (Application for Common Law Spouses and Dependents) – Covered under Collective Agreement
- Use of Recreation Center for Functions Such as Bingos, Card Games, etc. – 2006 – Covered in Tax Structure (Budget Process)
- Use of Recreation Centre – USWA Local 6285 – 1985 – Covered in Tax Structure (Budget Process)
- Use of Safety Apparel – 1988 – Covered under OH & S Regulations
- Vacation – Full Time and Full Time-Part Time Employees – 1993 – Covered in Collective Agreements and Employment Contracts
- Voluntary Termination for Non-Union Employees – 1989 – Covered in Employment Contracts
- Yearly Budget Preparation Deadlines – 2013 – Covered in the Municipalities Act

Mayor commented that the Policy committee did an awesome job at passing new motions and rescinding old out of date policies. Mayor thanked the committee for their work on this.

Town Clerk Bolger commented that not all rescinded policies will be reinstated. Some are covered under Municipalities Act, Collective agreements, Tax Recovery plans, Procurement Act etc.



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

**TOWN MANAGER** Application for funding for asphalt work for Second Street has been submitted.

Ballfield Building – One entity has come forward . Application re-submitted.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Information Package given to Council.

**1) Winter Game Request – addressed at beginning of meeting**

Office of the Seniors’ Advocate Newfoundland and Labrador

Meeting with Seniors’ Advocate in early December. Minister John Abbott discussed a meeting with Premier. List is done and Minister Abbott should reach out to us shortly. Councillor Pynn will sit in. Long term facility needed for our seniors. Councillor Pynn filled out survey request regarding seniors needs in the area.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Be it moved & seconded that the Town of Wabush Accounts Payable Listing be approved from October 13 to November 9, 2022 for a Total of \$ 287,322.54 with the following abstentions:

Cheque #35296	Labrador Motors	Mayor Barron
Cheque #35393	Labrador Motors	Mayor Barron
Cheque # 36041	Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor O’Brien

All in Favour. Motion Carried

**PERMITS:** Be it moved & seconded that the Town of Wabush approve the following permits:

6586	26 Grenfell	Excavation/Landscaping
6587	28 Grenfell	Excavation/Landscaping
6588	10-1/14 First Street	Excavation/Grubbing/Tree Removal
6589	7 Guy	Detached Accessory Building
6590	7 Guy	Demo Garage
6591	77 Grenfell	Garage Extension



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Moved by: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

All in Favour. Motion Carried

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Donation Challenge**

Be it moved and seconded that I, Mayor Barron, accept the challenge from the Town of Labrador City and request approval for a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Ronald McDonald House.

**I would like to extend the challenge to the Town of Churchill Fall to donate the same.**

Moved by: Councillor Burke  
Seconded by: Councillor Cole

All in Favour. Motion Carried

#### **Deputy Mayor O'Brien**

Good to see the Recreation Centre back open and people in pool.

Joint committee will meet in the next couple of weeks. The work has just begun.

#### **Councillor Cole**

Inquired as to why we are not broadcasting live. Town Manager Perry responded that he had tested it this week & the cable is in but not picking up the feed. Big Land Networks is looking into it.

Would like council to write a letter to Provincial Government – re: Auditor Generals' Report on NL Hydro.

- Excessive over the pay scale for Hydro. Management is way above provincial pay scale.
- Some Employees entitled 108 paid sick days which is very excessive. Why does the government allows Nalcor to get away with it.



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- This translates into higher electricity bills to everyone in the province. This has been identified by the Auditor for a long time. It's time to do something about it. It's slowly being addressed but not quick enough.

Councillor Pynn & Councillor Cole expressed that citizens should speak up and be heard.

Mayor commented that usually in January we send a delegation to St. John's to meet with the Ministers. He had a conversation with the Premier last Sunday and he is eager to sit down to discuss various issues in the area.

Councillor Cole commented that we are closer to the source for hydro and it should be cheaper for the area. The growth of the area depends greatly on power & it is next door but we can't access enough of it.

It was mentioned that the hill next to Grenfell Corner store is a concern. A lot of people sliding though the intersection because it was so slippery. Councillor Cole suggested a 4 way stop sign as it would make a big difference. He will make the recommendation at next MEO meeting.

### **Mayor Barron**

On the passing of former Mayor Jim Farrell - Condolences to Greta. Jim was a part of Council for almost 20 years. Contributed a lot to our community, he was involved in a lot of organizations for many years. A very soft spoken & true gentleman. A donation has been sent in his memory. Town Manager Perry will call her to express our sympathy & his contribution to our community.

Also, condolences go out to the family of the late Gertrude Moulard. She was the eldest lady in our community and very respected.

Our thoughts go out to our MP Yvonne Jones who is stepping back from government for medical reasons. We thank her for her continued work as MP. We wish her a full recovery during her fight.

Budget meetings are progressing & informed Council to talk to the Town Manager for anything that needs costing ASAP.



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### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Burke at 5:42 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for December 15 ,2022 at 5:30 p.m. A special meeting will be scheduled for budget if necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ron Barron  
Mayor

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Kathy Bolger  
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

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