

WABUSH
WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #22-09
September 15, 2022

TIME AND PLACE	A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday, September 15th, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	Mayor Ron Barron Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock Councillor Rick Burke Councillor Bob Cole (by phone) Councillor Rita Pynn (by phone) Councillor Shazia Razi
OTHERS PRESENT	Charlie Perry – Town Manager Kathy Bolger - Town Clerk/Director of Finance Tara Hynes – Executive Secretary
DAY OF MOURNING	Mayor Barron wished to extend his condolences to the Royal Family on the passing of the Queen. She did a lot of great work in her 70-year reign. She served in the war and was a fabulous lady. We wish King Charles nothing but the best in the commonwealth and his new role.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	It was moved by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Battcock to approve minutes of meeting #22-08 as presented. All in Favour. Motion Carried
BUSINESS ARISING - ACTION LIST	Action list attached with progress details.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	It was moved by Councillor Razi and seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Brien to adopt Agenda for Council Meeting 22-09. All in Favour. Motion Carried
COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE	BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush award tender for Supply of Road Sand to Allard's Distributing in the amount of \$ 35,966.25 tax included. Moved By: Councillor Burke Seconded By: Councillor Razi All in Favour. Motion Carried



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Councillor Battcock abstained from the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush award tender for Supply of Equipment on Demand to Grey Rock Services in the amounts with tax included as per list of equipment provided with the tender.

Moved By: Councillor Burke

Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour. Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Report attached

Good to see permits are still being issued.

Town Manager Perry reminded residents that permit cards need to be placed in windows to avoid unnecessary calls and check-ins.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Report Attached

Grenfell road work is happening quite fast.

The Town has used CANOE for the purchase of a new loader.

Councillor Cole suggested that the snow bucket be outsourced locally to see if we can get it faster. Town Manager commented that it is not possible as every business is extremely busy and will not be able to provide the work quickly due to shortage of workers.

Dig for Grader – assembled. Should be welded by the end of the month. CAT will do hydraulic hook up.

Councillor Pynn was very pleased that the Town reached out to CANOE for purchasing.

Town Manager Perry commented that work has been done on the 924 Loader to be used as backup and to fill the gap until the new loader is delivered.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Report Attached

Deputy Mayor O'Brien reminded patrons that the Bev Martin Field is for paying leagues only. However, the field by the playground can be used freely.

Ice on the Arena began Monday. A reminder that helmets are required on the ice – Policy released last season on this.



Student work is complete. They did a great job and the Town is looking good.

Rental times for the Arena will have to have 48-hour notice to arrange staff.

Mayor Barron commented that there were no tenders were received for the Arena Canteen. Will have to be re-tendered with a one-or three-year option.

Deputy Mayor O'Brien commented that the Recreation Centre will be utilized for the Minex Trade Fair and Still Standing Show. Even though it is in warm idle these events promote the area.

The Town of Wabush and the Town of Labrador City have formed a joint recreation committee to discuss recreation regionalization. A meeting was scheduled for the end of September but has been moved to tomorrow (Friday, Sept. 16). Deputy Mayor is hoping to have a joint update after this meeting. It is sad to see residents going to Fermont for their swim lessons, however, Deputy Mayor O'Brien requested that people be patient while working towards a solution. this has to be done right. She also thanked Town Clerks of both communities for their hard work thus far on the financial data.

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

No motions at this time

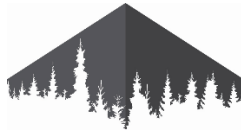
Councillor Razi commented that the Policy Committee is working on two policies right now:

- 1) Code of Conduct – Template received from MNL.
Legislation passed on September 1st and a policy has to be passed by March 1, 2023 by all Municipalities.
- 2) Snow-clearing Policy - Reviewing the policies from other municipalities.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Issue with quads, bikes etc. The committee met with the RNC. Residents need to call in any issues. Town Manager Perry suggested that an ATV association would be useful here.

Mayor Barron commented that illegal dumping is still an issue. Barricades aren't there to stop anyone from using the trails, they are there to stop trucks from dumping their illegal garbage. Despite the cameras, posts etc. illegal dumping in the watershed area is still an issue. This cost hundreds or even thousands of tax payers dollars to clean up. There are 6 cameras recording problem areas. It is our legal responsibility to protect our water supply.



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Mayor Barron also reminded residents that we will remove abandoned vehicles at any time and excess garbage on clean up weeks. Please help us clean up our town. Councillor Pynn stated that this is environmental issue and important to keep properties clean & safe.

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Perry thanked the Fire Department for their prompt response to the fire call at the Old Wabush Pumphouse. There was a shorted-out Heat Trace Cable. It was replaced and put back in short order.

Mayor Barron requested that an emergency plan be developed in case something was ever to happen to the pumphouse. Town Manager Perry will check this out.

Jean Lake – East side (Town Side) is still open. At the North (beach) end please use caution as there is heavy equipment in use.

Grenfell Drive work should be completed for the season by mid-October. The causeway on Jean Lake will be by the end of October. Earlier than that if there is snow. Councillor Burke suggested a couple loads of stone while the trucks are still over there.

Councillor Razi raised concern over the washed-out patchwork that is sinking on Bowater. It will have to be fixed frequently over the rest of the week with all the rain. Mayor Barron commented that the road beside Barron/Flynn/McGregor needs to be reinstated. It was impassable today.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information Package given to Council. No Action Required.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from August 10 to September 9, 2022 in the amount of \$ 811,760.74 as presented with the following abstentions:

Cheque #35892	Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
Cheque #35840	Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
Cheque #35852	Labrador Motors	Mayor Barron

Moved By:	Councillor Burke
Seconded By:	Councillor Razi

All in Favour. Motion Carried.



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PERMITS:

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

6573	4 Grenfell Drive	Attached Greenhouse
6574	20 Cabot Drive	Excavation
6575	22-3 First Avenue	Excavation
6576	12 Dunfield Street	Patio
6577	10 Cashin Avenue	Excavation
6578	13 Gilbert Avenue	Fence
6579	41 Whiteway Drive	Excavation
6580	71 Bowater Drive	Detached Accessory Building

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

All in Favour. Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Razi

Questions concerning her use of remuneration. If anyone would like to know anything, reach out to her.

Council wishes to nominate Councillor Razi for the position of Labrador Director with the MNL. Councillor Razi accepted the nomination as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush nominate Shazia Razi as Labrador Director for MNL.

Moved by: Mayor Barron
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor O'Brien
Witnessed by: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour. Motion Carried

Councillor Razi commented on the rain that is forecasted and the flood warning. This is a precautionary warning. All the catch basins are cleared.

Councillor Burke

Councillor Burke questioned what the cost of attending the MNL meetings as Labrador Director would be for the Town of Wabush. Town Manager Perry commented that MNL has funding for travel & expenses for their directors.



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Councillor Burke stated that the water under the overpass was left too long. Pumps should have been sooner. Town Manager Perry stated that the overpass is the responsibility of Champion Mines (bloom lake), however, Department of Highways maintains it. When Department of Highways contacted Champion, she was told the pumps are fine. Motorists have been flying through it (approx. 2 ft deep). Vac truck has since remedied the problem.

Another problem area is the catch basin which needs to be cut out near the Bus Depot in the Industrial Park.

Town Manager commented that the asphalt machine wasn't out at all this summer, the small crew were concentrating on Fire Hydrant repairs. Councillor Burke requested that no more asphalt be stockpiled. Town Manager Perry stated that a barricade will go up to prevent residents/businesses from adding to it. The asphalt from Grenfell Drive has been brought to the landfill.

Councillor Cole

Councillor Cole commented on the sugar tax that is taxed by HST. A bottle of pop has four taxes on it. If the government is only worried about people's health, put the income from the taxes to lowering the price of essentials, like milk.

ADJOURNMENT

Town Manager informed Council and the public that the Town of Wabush is closed Monday in remembrance of the Queen.

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Razi at 6:31p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for October 20th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Kathy Bolger
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

RB:KB:tgh