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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #23-01
January 26, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Barron. He welcomed Council and encouraged residents to come.

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
Darlene Roberts – Executive Secretary
Tiffanee Rideout – Director of Finance
Kathy Bolger – Director of Finance

Director of Finance Kathy Bolger introduced and welcomed Tiffanee Rideout as our new Director of Finance.

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve minutes # 22-12, and # 23-01P

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried



**BUSINESS ARISING
ACTION LIST**

The Town Manager is still in the process of gathering information for letters to the government as per last meetings action list.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED that Deputy Mayor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Razi adopt Agenda for council meeting 23-01.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Smokey Mountain Ski Patrol to help purchase rescue toboggan sleds.

Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approve a donation in the amount of \$1500.00 to the Special Olympics.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approve the annual grant in the amount of \$3000.00 to the Wabush Public Library.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried



BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approve the destruction of 2015 Accounting Records as per recommendations of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Department of Finance as presented by the Town Clerk.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Town Manager acknowledged the great work that has been completed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approve that the 2022 Audit be completed by Brian N. Miller, CPA, as recommended by the Town Clerk.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This is the last year of the contract and a tender will go out for auditing services.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council appoint Mr. Dave Pollock as Assessment Review Commissioner for 2023.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor O'Brein

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PLANNING**

Report attached

Councillor Pynn mentioned that we are working on getting grants for Phase 2 planning, which would in turn increase revenue base.



**COMMITTEE REPORT:
POLICY**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Permit Policy as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

All changes on policies are attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Tax Information, Compliance Letter, Tax Certificate Policy as presented.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Street Excavation and Reinstatement Policy & Permitting as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Razi
Seconded by: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Tarp Garage Policy as presented.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Development Policy – Residential as presented.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Apartments in Residential Dwellings Policy as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Razi
Seconded by: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Landscaping Policy – Residential as presented.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Land Sales Policy as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Razi
Seconded by: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PUBLIC WORKS**

Report Attached

Councillor Cole commended the Public Works employees on the great work done with the new loader bucket during the hockey tournament, and also thanked Barry Callahan for his donation of their water truck services to the outdoor ice rink. Management is still waiting for fiber optic cables and technician for communications between our pump house and the water tower, and also waiting on bucket attachments for loader. The GPS units will be installed within the next few weeks. Residents were encouraged to not cover fire hydrants with snow.



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**COMMITTEE REPORT:
RECREATION**

Report Attached

Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien reported on recreation activities that are planned for the teen center. The ice rink will open tomorrow, and shovels will be available to residents to clear the rink. Councillor Burke suggested a concrete pad be put down where the rink is located for summer sports.

Thanks was given to SMS who will be donating a free swim and bowling once a month, Marshall for the use of their laser level, and Hydro for the great service with lightning of the rink.

The Mayor called for interested groups to set up bowling leagues.

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

Report Attached

TOWN MANAGER

No Report Attached

Summer student application has been filed and we are looking to employ between 8 -10 students this summer. Waiting on legal for an issue involving an unruly dog. Reminder about the winter parking ban and fines to anyone parked illegally. Would like any council members to let our administrative clerk know if they wish to attend upcoming conferences or training sessions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information Package given to Council.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE:**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from December 7, 2022 to January 19, 2023, in the amount of \$ 2,894,388.97 with the following abstentions:

Cheque 36202	Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
Cheque 36229	Labrador Motors	Mayor Ron Barron

Moved By: Councillor Burke

Seconded By: Councillor Cole

Abstained By: Councillor Razi because babysitting was included.

All in Favour

Motion Carried



PERMITS:

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

6596	Fireworks	181 Grenfell
6593	Fireworks	23 Anderson
6594	Fireworks	94 Cabot
6545	Fireworks	Catholic Church

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Residents were encouraged to obtain fireworks permit as a sign of respect, and to have permission if they are using someone else's property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Razi

Raised concern with the health care system in the area. The Premier will be in the area on February 28 and March 1, 2023 and would like the issues to be addressed with him at that time.

Deputy Mayor O'Brien

Inquired about the owl- Video/Audio streaming for meetings. The Town Manager advised her that we are having some technical issues with streaming but we are working to get it resolved.

Councillor Battcock

Called for volunteers for Cain's Quest skidoo race, and reminded residents that the Still Standing television episode will be airing March 1, 2023.

Councillor Cole

Encouraged residents to visit engage.nl.ca to have input on the NL budget. Would like to bring airfare hike issues, and carbon tax increases to the Premier on his visit to the area.

He called for volunteers for our swimming program, and would like to see the volunteer banquet to start again this year.



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He also inquired about lost revenue with the arena board. The ballfield, and outdoor rink advertising should also be utilized.

Councillor Pynn

Concerned about the high residential assessments negatively affecting our seniors.

Director of Finance Kathy Bolger

Informed residents and council that the Town of Wabush put in a patch for the Gateway's Community Quilt. There will be a special meeting Monday, January 30, 2023 for adoption of the 2023 Budget.

Mayor Barron

Will speak on issues concerning our residents when the Premier visits on February 28 and March 1, 2023. Long term care, and seniors are top priority. He highlighted respectful play at the new outdoor ice rink, and invited volunteers to help with maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:29 p.m. Next meeting will be held on February 23, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

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Kathy Bolger
Director of Finance

RB:KB:djr