



**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #23-03
March 23, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE	A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Barron.
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	Mayor Ron Barron Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock (Phone) Councillor Rick Burke Councillor Bob Cole Councillor Rita Pynn Councillor Shazia Razi Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien
OTHERS PRESENT	Charlie Perry – Town Manager Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk Kathy Bolger – Town Clerk
PROCLAMATION/ VISITORS/PETITIONS	None
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes #23-02, 23-03S, and # 23-04S as presented. Moved By: Councillor Pynn Seconded By: Councillor Razi All in Favour Motion Carried
BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST	Spring clean-up, and widening of the streets will start Friday, March 24 th . Public Works Staff will be attending the Waste Water conference in Gander on March 27, 2023.



ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Deputy Mayor O' Brien and seconded by Councillor Cole to adopt Agenda for council meeting # 23-03.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve donation in the amount of \$ 375.00 for 1/8th page (full color) business card for the RNC Annual Community Guide.

Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 for the Ronald McDonald House Radiothon.

Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Ronald McDonald Radiothon raised \$ 33,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve donation in the amount of \$500.00 for the Graduation Class of 2023.

Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a travel assistance grant in the amount of \$250.00 to Owen Lapshinoff who represented NL in the Canada Winter Games in PEI for a snowboarding Competition.

Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Cole



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All in Favour
Motion Carried

This is a policy to donate to our athletes attending National Competitions.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve donation in the amount of \$300.00 for the Hams of Western Labrador, Amateur Radio Operators.

Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Cole

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This group contributes to keeping lines of communications open in town during emergency situations, and are an annual donation recipient.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve business application in a Commercial Core Area under discretionary uses as presented.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The advertisement for the business application will be posted around town and on social media.

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Mobile Vehicle Regulations – Sales from Vehicles as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

No Report

The new Public Works Director Edward Power will start on Monday, March 27. The hiring committee was commended for their work in filling this position.

The Public Works staff will start widening, and scraping the streets on Friday, March 24, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

No Report

Labrador Winter Games were held in Goose Bay last week and Tony Lawrence was commended on his team's exceptional performance coming in 6th place overall.

Congratulations went out to the Town of Labrador City on placing 1st overall, and the tribute they shared with the Late Denis Drover and his family during the games.

Grandfalls-Windsor hosted the Special Olympics and the Olympians from our area were commended for their achievements. Many awards were brought home to Labrador West. The Town apologized for lack of presence on the team's arrival home, and would like to have attended.

The Labrador West Winter Carnival is a great success with many activities still going on daily. The Town of Wabush's new mascot RJ has made his debut during the events and is a hit with the children.

Thank you was extended to all the volunteers during these special events.

Thank you to resident Andrew Milly for grooming the Jean Lake Trail when our groomer was down. WLB was thanked for the use of their Crane for the Labrador Loppet tent set up. Recreational vehicle owners were asked to adhere to the signs during this event for safety of the participants.

The Ice Rink is a great success with many volunteers recognized for their contributions. Barry Callahan was thanked for supplying the water truck.



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

Report Attached

TOWN MANAGER

No Report Attached

The Second Avenue Road Reconstruction funding agreement has been approved and will extend from second Avenue to the Railway Crossing.

Regional Recreational meetings are still ongoing, and a representative from Municipal Affairs attended the last meeting. The next meeting will include both towns and the Transportation and Infrastructure Minister to discuss further funding.

There will be 8 seasonal workers hired to complete projects before the Come Home Year Celebrations. This number does not include summer students.

The Town will utilize the asphalt machine this summer for patching and road maintenance.

The Tacora Recourses Luncheon with Joe Broking was attended and a meeting took place with our ACOA representative Colin O' Brien today to discuss funding opportunities.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information Package given to Council.

The letter from our Health Minister Tom Osborne regarding our Health Care System will be posted on our Facebook Page tomorrow.

A Letter of Support will be drafted to the Board of Education at the request from a resident regarding the state of repair of the Menihek High School, and would like the Health and Safety concern addressed.

The Town of New West Valley would like to get a signed letter of support to MNL to provide compensation to volunteer Fire Fighters for their time and services. We will send this on Friday, March 24, 2023.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE:**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from February 10 to March 15, 2023 in the amount of \$ 323,562.58 with the following abstentions:

Cheque 36378 Dexter Institute Councillor Battcock



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Cheque 36415 Dexter Institute Councillor Battcock
Cheque 36425 Labrador Motors Mayor Ron Barron

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

None

Permits are in preliminary stages for parcels of land located in the Industrial Park. Permits will increase according to different stages of legal and Governmental approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Mayor O'Brein

Reminded residents about Purple Day for Epilepsy on Sunday, March 26th.

Councillor Razi

The grader will be back in service early next week to scrape roads, and start annual spring clean-up. Mayor Barron would like to have the boot on the loader next season.

The Water Tower parts are expected to arrive in 6-8 weeks to completely switch out 2 panels for the communications issues.

Residents are reminded to contact the RNC if they are experiencing high levels of late-night noise due to snowmobiles and loud mufflers.

Councillor Cole

Would like to have a meeting in conjunction with the Town of Labrador City with Hydro regarding the 12-hour power outage being conducted on June 18, 2023. The Town Manager will contact the Goose Bay Distribution Center to set up a three-way conference call.

The Provincial Budget announced extra funding for MOG for Municipalities was announced today. This will be over a 2-year period. Council would like to see money allocated to infrastructure repair.



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Councillor Battcock

The Come Home Year Committee was invited to attend a meeting to update the Council and Residents on their progress for this July's festivities. Volunteers are needed and encouraged to reach out to Gail Hodge or Jim Dobbin.

Mayor Barron

Condolences to the family of the Late Tommy Keating.

Tony Lawrence was recognized for the teams outstanding performance at the Labrador Winter Games, and also his volunteer hours for the Town of Wabush over the years. He congratulated the Town of Labrador City on their performance and the tribute to the Late Denis Drover and his family.

The Special Olympics athletes were commended for their outstanding performance in Grandfalls-Windsor last week.

The meeting with the Premier, and also a meeting with Minister Abbott was held last week and the discussion was our lack of seniors care in our area. It was reiterated that the lack of care was an important issue concerning our area. The announcement of the voucher system was discussed to alleviate costly flights for residents that need to travel due to medical reasons. The cost of Interprovincial airfare needs to be addressed as well.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Deputy Mayor O'Brien at 6:23 p.m. Next meeting is to be April 20th , 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Director of Finance

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