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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #23-08
August 24, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on August 24, 2023.
The meeting was called to order at 5:43pm by Mayor Barron.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

- Mayor Ron Barron
- Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien
- Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock
- Councillor Bob Cole
- Councillor Rick Burke
- Councillor Rita Pynn (phone)

OTHERS PRESENT

Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk/Director of Finance
Frances Bell – Administrative Clerk

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

FASDNL month was proclaimed for September, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes #23-07
as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien
Seconded By: Councillor Mary Lou Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

None at this time



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ADOPTION OF AGENDA It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Bob Cole to adopt Agenda for council meeting # 23-08.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE** No report as the committee did not meet this month.

MOTIONS: **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approved a change order in the amount of \$45,144.98 including HST to Englobe for engineering cost for Grenfell Drive Reconstruction.

Moved By: Councillor Rick Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Deputy Mayor O'Brien

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approved an award tender for a 2023 Komatsu Grader with a wing attachment to Canoe in the amount of \$435,000.00 including HST.

Councillor Bob Cole elaborated: We had budgeted \$760,000.00 for this current year. Now, we can utilize the remaining monies for something else.

Moved By: Councillor Rick Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Bob Cole

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approved Tax Discount Application in the amount of \$480.00 to a resident of Wabush.

Moved By: Councillor Rick Burke
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien

Town Clerk, Tiffanee Rideout, commented that all tax requirements were met.

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PLANNING**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the homebased business “J & J Electrical” located at 45 Whiteway Drive.

Deputy Mayor Kelly O’Brien elaborated: This business meets all requirements. It’s for doing book-keeping of the company.

Moved By: Councillor Deputy Mayor Kelly O’Brien
Seconded By: Councillor Mary Lou Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council convey land to resident located at 23 Dunphy.

Moved By: Councillor Deputy Mayor Kelly O’Brien
Seconded By: Councillor Mary Lou Battcock

To elaborate: Properties in trailer court: Wabush Mines gave the land to the Town of Wabush back in the 1980’s. Now, the owners can have the property conveyed to them when they request it. There are not many left. It is beneficial to the owners to come in to have the land conveyed to them before they want to sell the property.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Kelly O’Brien also added (from the attached Planning Committee report):

- Some crown land requests were refused only because they were outside the town cabin development area.

- Letters were sent out to individuals operating businesses without approval. Those operating homebased businesses are being approached to pay for a permit.

- The request from a resident to purchase some land and put an apartment above his garage is not yet approved. More information from owner is needed before a conclusion is made. Still working on it.



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COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

No Report Attached
Did not meet this month (out of town)

Councillor Rita Pynn reports that they are working on policies and will update as they are ready.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Report Attached

Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien added to the attached report:

- A big Thank you also to Councillor Mary Lou Battcock for her work on the Come Home Year committee
- Jean Lake area improvements look great. The rocks placed there keep people from parking on the beach.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Report Attached

Councillor Mary Lou Battcock elaborated on the attached report.

- Off-road Vehicle regulations - still working on it.
A meeting with Inspector Kelly and representatives from the Town of Labrador City was held to discuss how to deal with dirt bikes, ATV's, etc. on our roads. The RNC reinforced that residents must report a complaint and video incidents to crackdown on this issue.
- Try to form a joint traffic committee, to meet quarterly to deal with this issue. Hopefully, to start up in September.
- Also, facilitate a meeting to form a new ATV group. Work on creating a trail between both towns for off road vehicles.
- More municipal officers' presence is needed on the road. The RNC need to help make the change. Parents need to take charge of their children who are ignoring the safety rules and regulations of operating an off-road vehicle.
- Councillor Rick Burke commented that Corner Brook has the Wildlife and Land Resources ride their trails on off road vehicles. Maybe, that would work here?



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COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Report Attached

Councillor Bob Cole read the attached report.

- Paving on Grenfell Dr. is being done and should be completed before the end of September.
- the line painting is done with a machine from Energy Lock. Suggestions were made to have the rental of machine and the labourers costs put into the town's budget for next year.
- The hydro flushing of the water lines has started and should be finished before the winter.

TOWN MANAGER

Report Attached

- Town Clerk, Tiffanee Rideout, read the attached report.
- Jean Lake Trail – Phase II work is pending ACOA Project Approval.
Mayor Ron Barron elaborated: Although the public is commenting on the condition of the trails, he would like to inform everyone that the trail is closed and there are signs stating, "Use at Own Risk". Work cannot proceed until we receive the Provincial Government Approvals.

CORRESPONDENCE

("Information Only" Package Distributed to Council)

- Kids Eat Smart Program sent a "Thank you for donation" certificate
- SPANL - the rise in prices causes the higher demand for assistance with school supplies. There's a local post on social media about someone starting a School Supplies exchange group.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from July 14th to August 11th, 2023, in the amount of \$255,352.26 with the following abstentions:

Dexter Institute Councillor Mary Lou Battcock cheque # 36809
Lab Motors Mayor Ron Barron Cheque #'s: 36 and 816
Lab West Rowing Association Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien



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cheque #'s 3, 686, 236 and 863

Moved By: Councillor Rick Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Mary Lou Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the following permits:

6663	excavation
6664	patio
6665	patio
6666	driveway
6667	accessory building
6668	excavation
6669	patio
6670	driveway
6671	excavation
6672	excavation
6673	excavation
6674	patio
6675	fence
6676	landscaping
6677	front step
6678	landscaping
6679	front step
6680	driveway
6681	driveway
6682	accessory building
6683	patio
6684	accessory building
6685	fence
6686	parking lot/curb/sidewalk
6687	fence
6688	driveway
6689	excavation
6690	fence
6691	excavation
6692	interior renovations

Councillor Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien further elaborated: It is always good to see a lot of house and property (patios, fences,



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driveways) improvements happening in town again.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Burke

All in Favour

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Bob Cole

Would like to discuss the closing of the Recycling Depot MMSB in Labrador West. No other business will be taking it over, right now. We shouldn't pay deposit fees if we don't have the service available.

The Town Council, along with the Town of Labrador City Council, should write a letter of concern to MMSB and cc the provincial government.

Many organizations depend on recycling refunds as fundraisers and will be missed. Some people have stopped recycling and a lot of recyclables will end up in the landfill... concerning.

They (MMSB) get the highest return rate from Labrador West and right now it's free money for them.

Councillor Rita Pynn

Correspondence with the Department of Environment, Minister Davis, regarding cleaning up the garbage in town. He is very interested in some points discussed about the garbage in town.

Municipal Affairs, is not giving us authority to do what we need to do.

We will keep pushing it until we have something to take to residents to clean up their properties.

Mayor Ron Barron

Special mention to the Come Home Year Celebrations. Congratulations to the organizing committee and volunteers and those involved. It was a fabulous event. The Dorina Harvey Band was amazing and we hope to get them back for future events. There were 64 events planned with few hiccups. Very well attended. Hats off to the committee.



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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Rick Burke at 6:19 p.m. Next meeting is to take place September 21, 2023. (tentative/subject to change).

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

RB:TR:fb