



WABUSH

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #23-09
September 21, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on September 21st, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Barron.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT Mayor Ron Barron
Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock
Councillor Bob Cole (Phone)
Councillor Rita Pynn (Phone)
Councillor Shazia Razi
Councillor Burke

ABSENT Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brein ✓

OTHERS PRESENT Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk
Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk/Director of Finance

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS** Wrongful Conviction Day was proclaimed for October 2nd, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES** Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 23-08,
23-08S as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried





BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

The MMSB sent in three (3) Representatives to address all stakeholders about the closing of the facility in Labrador West. They will come in to collect recyclables intermittently until a permanent solution is in place. Resident are encouraged to continue to recycle in the interim.

Fall clean-up will be from September 22 – 29th, 2023. The mayor would like wood collected from the clean up saved to lower cost of chipping wood for the playground aesthetics.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Razi and seconded by Councillor Battcock to adopt Agenda for council meeting # 23-09.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the grant request in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Wabush Public Library.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council enter a contract for consultant services with Allnorth Consultants Limited in the amount of \$89,286.00 including HST for project #17-RNC-23-00016, Road Reconstruction - 2nd Avenue.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Mayor Barron requested a letter be drafted to get a time frame for the removal of the rail cars in the industrial park crossing.



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BE IT RESOLVE that council rescind the previous motion awarding tender for a 2023 Komatsu Grader with a wing attachment to Canoe as the amount was not correct.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council award tender for a 2023 Komatsu Grader with a wing attachment to SMS Equipment (Canoe contract) in the amount of \$500,250.00 including HST, delivery and installation of the attachment.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve a change order in the amount of \$10,062.50 including HST to Aguathuna Drafting and Consulting Ltd. for engineering cost for project #17-MYCW-22-0000, Freshwater Pumphouse replacement.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

There was only 1 bidder for this project.

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the Management benefits and salary reviews as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PLANNING**

Report Attached

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
POLICY**

Report Attached

There are three (3) policies in process that will be brought forward in the next council meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PUBLIC WORKS**

No Report Attached

The new grader is ordered.

The fire hydrants have all been flushed.

Road patch work has been completed.

The manhole cover patch work is completed. There are many that are not up to standard. It was requested that payment to the contractor be withheld until this is rectified.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
RECREATION**

Report Attached

Councillor Burke would like to encourage groups to hold events at Jean Lake.

Trail work is ongoing, and residents are asked to be patient as it takes time to get everything completed safely and with high quality standards. Mayor Barron wanted to let residents know that the trail will be completed by next year, and the Town will preserve nature esthetics as much as possible.

Movie nights at the Recreation Center has had positive feedback from residents and Councillor Razi would like to see more in the future.

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

No Report Attached

The RNC, Town of Labrador City, and the Town of Wabush will reactivate a committee to address traffic issues concerning both communities.



The Towns of Labrador City and Wabush will be setting up a meeting to bring together people interested in forming an ATV group. This group will work to create a trail system that will connect both towns. There will be more information posted in the coming weeks.

Union Drive has had problems with winter driving conditions, and finding solutions is top priority.

September 28th, 2023 is Test your Smoke Alarm Day, and Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14th, 2023.

Residents are reminded to have the correct civic number on their house. It needs to be clearly visible for first responders to quickly identify addresses in case of an emergency. Mayor Barron would like a letter sent to any resident that does not comply.

TOWN MANAGER

Report Attached

Recognition was given to Active NL for their contributions to Phase I of the Jean Lake Trail. Phase II will potentially involve Active NL and ACOA funding. Mayor Barron would like to get a sign put up by the trail that recognizes their contributions.

The Pumphouse repair is running smoothly with the water pressure back to normal. The other two (2) pumps will have to be repaired in the coming months.

The solution to the pump house financial increase is an ongoing discussion. Government funding is essential for this project. The Town is also pursuing other options.

The mayor would like the 2024 budget to include painting the water tower.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Information Package Distributed to Council)

Councillor Razi and Councillor Battcock attended a Citizenship Ceremony.

Councillor Razi will attend a mental health training session in the coming weeks.



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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from August 12th to September 14th , 2023, in the amount of \$ 709,625.79. with the following **abstentions**:

36929	Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
36947	Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
37009	Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the following permits:

6693	Excavation	Industrial Park
6694	Storage Dome	Industrial Park
6695	Landscaping	135 Bowater
6696	Fence	42 Snow's Drive
6697	Fence	154 Bowater Ext
6698	Accessory Building	154 Bowater Ext

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

All in Favour
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Burke

Councillor Burke is not in agreement that the M-12 Komatsu will be sufficient for the winter snow clearing needs of the Town.



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Mayor Barron

Mayor Barron suggested that a secure area be designated for residents to store Recreational Vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Burke at 6:38 p.m. Next meeting is to be held on Thursday October 19th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Charlie Perry
Town Manager

RB:TR:dlr