



WABUSH

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #23-10
October 19th , 2023**

TIME AND PLACE A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on October 19th, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by Mayor Barron.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT Mayor Ron Barron
Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock
Councillor Bob Cole (phone)
Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien
Councillor Shazia Razi
Councillor Burke

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

ABSENT Councillor Rita Pynn

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS** Miles for Smiles Proclamation

Mayor Barron proclaimed October 2023 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month for the Town of Wabush.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES** Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes #23-09 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Battcock
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried





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**BUSINESS ARISING
ACTION LIST**

The Town Manager will contact owners of the open rail cars located in the Wabush Industrial Park for removal.

Planning and Land Use Director is looking for options for recreational vehicle storage within town limits.

MMSB is in the process of obtaining an operator with access to storage space due to limited warehousing availability. Residents are asked to be patient in the interim.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Deputy Mayor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Battcock to adopt Agenda for council meeting # 23-10.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Councillor Cole was unable to vote due to technical issues.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the in-kind donation of 1-10 swim pass and 1-10 bowling pass for the online auction for Carol United Church.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the in-kind donation of 1-10 swim passes and 1-10 bowling passes for the silent auction for Labrador West Minor Hockey Association.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Councillor Burke did not vote due to conflict of interest.



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BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a tax reduction request in the amount of \$2220.00 for a non-profit organization.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Councillor Cole was unable to vote due to technical issues. The tax reduction was awarded to the Wabush Legion for the Girl Guide Hut.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council obtain JW Consulting Associates to draft the Accessibility plan for the Town of Wabush in the amount of \$4600.00 plus HST. This plan must be submitted to government by December 31, 2023.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council award tender for Rental Loader on Demand (Jean Lake) to CK Snow Clearing in the amount \$169.93/hour including HST.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The material for this tender was for the elimination of the boardwalk at the Jean Lake trail. This season the Town has completed approximately 1.7 kilometers.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council award tender for Road Sand on Demand to Grey Rock in the amount of \$23.22/ton plus HST.

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



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All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council award tender for Rental Equipment on Demand to Grey Rock for the amounts listed in the attached document.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council award tender for Supply of Snow Clearing Services to CK Snow Clearing in the amount of \$147.77 plus HST per hour.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This tender is for driveway clearing for the Town of Wabush.

BE IT RESOLVED that council award reverse tender for Disposal of 1997 Ford Cube Truck to Energy Lock Inc in the amount of \$550.00 plus HST.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council award reverse tender for Disposal of 1997 Ford Dump Truck to Kings Equipment Rentals Ltd in the amount of \$3800.00 plus HST.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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Councillor Burke and Councillor Razi were declared conflict of interest and left the meeting for the follow motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the request for Reimbursement of Legal Fees of \$4742.50 including HST for representation of a council member in the code of conduct investigation.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Report Attached

Crown Land applications that are located within Town boundaries must be brought forward to Council for approval.

MOTIONS- PLANNING

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the sale of municipal land located at 167 Grenfell Drive as per Section 201.2 of the Municipalities Act in the amount of \$ 2625.00.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the amendment process for the municipal plan.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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This amendment was requested by the Wabush Legion and Tacora Resources to rezone the Girl Guide Hut and the legion snow dump. The cost to rezone will not be the town's responsibility. There will be a report on the rezoning in the coming days.

Land sales for vacant lots on Snow's Drive are now selling 75% below cost. These lots are not serviced.

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

Report Attached

Councillor Burke and Councillor Razi were declared conflict of interest and left the meeting for the follow motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to dismiss the Code of Conduct complaint outlined in the legal report as presented to council.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

There are several policies being drafted and will be presented to Council in the coming weeks.

The Minister will be asked about improvement processes for the Code of Conduct for Councillors in the upcoming MNL meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Report Attached

Councillor Cole reminded residents about the October 15th Street parking ban that will be enforced during the first snowfall.

Public Works employees are attending a government training program for the Wastewater Treatment Plant this week.

Councillor Cole commended the town employees for completing 1.7 kilometers of the Jean Lake Trail.



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COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Report Attached

The arena board advertising is in place for the opening of the Bill Chaplin arena. The ice is in the process of being completed for the coming weeks. (approximately 7-10 days).

Mayor Barron told residents that recreation maintenance budget included ACOA funding which is completely separated from street and road repair and maintenance.

Picnic tables have been put away for the Winter.

Regional Recreation MOU meeting with committee members will be held in the coming weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Report Attached

Residents are reminded that it is required to have a clearly visible civic number on their homes for emergency services. There will be a letter sent to noncompliant properties.

Councilor Battcock reminded residents to participate in the survey conducted by the Town regarding the Grenfell Drive stop sign. The survey will run until October 27th.

TOWN MANAGER

No Report Attached

A portable solution will be replacing the scaffolding at the Mike Adam Recreation Complex until a permanent structure is put in place. The Town will ensure that all entrances will have adequate accessibility. A sign will be put in place to ensure that the emergency lane will always remain accessible at the MARC. Seniors and people with limited mobility are reminded to use the pool side door entrance.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Information Package Distributed to Council)



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**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE:**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from September 14th to October 11th, 2023, in the amount of \$1,103,555.42 with the following **abstentions**:

37041 Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
37109 NTR	Mayor Barron

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The council approved an extra \$500,000 for all asphalt patch work to be completed this season. Grey Rock will complete all repairs that are remaining in the spring and partial funds will be withheld until work is completed.

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the following permits:

6699	Excavation	9 Grenfell
6700	Interior Renovations	9 Grenfell
6701	Occupancy	9 Grenfell
6702	Accessory Building	80 Snows Drive
6703	Excavation	2 First Ave
6704	Excavation	3 First Ave
6705	Excavation	205 Scully Drive
6706	Excavation	47 Anderson
6707	Occupancy	D Grenfell Drive
6708	Occupancy	B Grenfell Drive

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Razi

Councillor Razi is sending her support to Palestine.

Councillor Cole

Councillor Cole reminded residents that council will be meeting with the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador next week. Any residents that would like Council to raise concerns can email the Town Hall.

Councillor Cole reminded residents that there will be a 6-hour power outage this fall.

Councillor Battcock

Councillor Battcock reminded residents that if they see people parked in a disability parking unlawfully to please contact the RNC.

Mayor Barron

Mayor Barron will attend meetings with the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador next week. Issues that will be discussed by Mayor Barron will include senior housing, low-income housing, doctor and nurse shortages and Air Ambulance concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Burke at 7:19 p.m. Next meeting will be held Thursday, November 23, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Charlie Perry
Town Manager