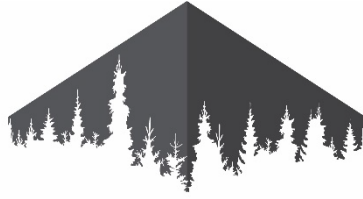


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# LABRADORCITY

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**September 12, 2023  
6 pm**

In Attendance: Mayor Belinda Adams  
Deputy Mayor Mitchell Marsh  
Councillor Ryan Pike  
Councillor Dawn Willcott  
Councillor Junior Humphries, Virtual

Staff Present: Kim Conway, Director of Finance & Admin  
Wayne Power, Director of Public Works  
Craig Purves, Director of Planning & Development  
Krista Hedlund, Deputy Clerk  
Jackie Greenham, Communications

Regrets: Councillor Kim Hartery  
Councillor Jonathan Riviere

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**1.1. Adoption and Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Councillor Willcott

**Seconded By:** Councillor Pike

**Be it resolved** the agenda for the meeting of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**2. Delegations**

N/A

**3. Adoption and Signing of Minutes**

**Moved By:** Councillor Pike

**Seconded By:** Councillor Willcott

**Be it resolved** the minutes of the public meetings held July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**4. Business Arising from Minutes**

All follow up items from the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting have been actioned.

**5. Correspondence**

**5.1 Department of Transportation & Infrastructure: Municipal Infrastructure – Revised Capital Works Contingency Allowance Policy**

Correspondence received from the Department indicates that Municipal Infrastructure has not funded project over runs since 2017, however the Capital Works Contingency Allowance Policy establishes guidelines for estimating and incorporating contingency allowances into project cost estimates. The policy also now includes allowance for the inclusion of escalation. Full details can be found on the Government of NL website.

**5.2 IOC External Stakeholder Business Brief – June 2023**

IOC issued their External Stakeholder Business Brief for July 2023 outlining updates on their Health & Safety, Environment as well as Business.

**5.3 Kami Project – Letter to Landowners**

Correspondence has been received from Champion Iron providing updates on the next steps on the Kami Project Feasibility Study as they are revising the scope and have initiated an update to determine the future development opportunities related to the project. As part of this effort, a short drilling program will be conducted at the site. Notice has been provided about this Drilling & Exploration work to landowners in the area.

**5.4 Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs – Omnibus Land Acquisition**

A letter dated August 17, 2023 from the Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs provides approval for the Town to proceed with acquiring and hold the real and personal properties described in our request dated February 28, 2023.

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Acting Town Manager**

**Moved By:** Councillor Pike

**Seconded By:** Councillor Willcott

**Be it resolved** Council ratify the poll of August 23, 2023 to appoint Mr. Wayne Power as Acting Town Manager during the period August 23 – September 11 inclusive while Acting Town Manager Kim Conway is away on annual leave.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**6.2 Labrador City Fire Association – Request for Annual Grant**

**Moved By:** Councillor Willcott

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Marsh

**Be it resolved** Council approve releasing the annual grant to the Labrador City Firefighters Association in the amount \$8,500.00.

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Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**6.3 Collective Agreement with United Steelworkers, Local 6185**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Marsh

**Seconded By:** Councillor Pike

**Be it resolved** Council ratify the Collective Agreement with United Steelworkers, Local 6185 for the period May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2027.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**6.4 Property Tax Rebates**

**Moved By:** Councillor Pike

**Seconded By:** Councillor Humphries

**Be it resolved** Council approve Property Tax Rebates for 2023 in the amount of \$16,077.57 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**7. Committee Reports**

**7.1 Planning & Development**

**a) Proposal for Seniors Park Plan**

**Moved By:** Councillor Willcott

**Seconded By:** Councillor Pike

**Be it resolved** Council partner with Leanna Butters, Ph. D candidate on her doctoral thesis which outcomes include design and engagement for a senior-specific community space.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**b) 5 Year Plan Review**

**Moved By:** Councillor Willcott

**Seconded By:** Councillor Humphries

**Be it resolved** in accordance with Section 28 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, the Town of Labrador City retain the services of Anna Myers, MCIP for review of the Municipal Plan & Development Regulations, 2018-2028.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**7.2 Recreation & Community Services**

**a) Ironfest 2023** – was a huge success; ticket sales increased from 2022, and in-kind donations surpassed previous years and we are so grateful for the community support. Without everyone coming together and event of this magnitude could not be possible.

**b) Sledge Hockey Training**

**Moved By:** Councillor Pike

**Seconded By:** Councillor Willcott

**Be it resolved** that the Town of Labrador City host a Sledge Hockey Performance Training Session October 20-22, 2023 with Kevin Waters from Halifax. The cost of this event is \$3,200.00 and the event will be open to the public to register for.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**c) Upcoming Community Events:** Terry Fox Run September 17<sup>th</sup> hosted by Darryl Dinn and Tanya Lake; Farmers Market at Menihek High School on September 24, Fall Kids Dance – tentatively set for September 26<sup>th</sup>; Trunk or Treat will be held October 21; with a limit of 100 vehicles. Registration will be first come first serve basis; Family Halloween Skate / Teen Skate will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>; Celebration of Light is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pancake Breakfast will be held November 25<sup>th</sup> with more details to follow regarding the purchase of tickets; Lions Club Parade & Tree Lighting will take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>; and finally to end the year off, our First Night Celebrations will be December 31<sup>st</sup> with an Magic Show at the Arts & Culture Centre.

**7.3 Municipal Services**

- a) **MMSB** – a committee has been struck with both Towns and the industry/business community; will continue to work to find a solution for recycling in Labrador West
- b) **Traffic Calming** - studies continuing around town, and residents understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

**8. Applications for Permits**

**8.1 Permit 23-241 Approval in Principle for Maximum Size Driveway 4038 Malakoff Crescent**

**Moved By:** Councillor Willcott

**Seconded By:** Councillor Pike

**Be it resolved** Council approve Approval in Principle permit 23-241 for Maximum Size Driveway located at 4038 Malakoff Crescent; subject to no objections being received and stipulations outlined on the permit.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**8.2 Permit Ratification List #8**

**Moved By:** Councillor Pike

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Marsh

**Be it resolved** Council approve Permit Ratification List #8 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**9. Unfinished Business**

N/A

**10. Tenders**

N/A

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**11. Approval of Accounts & Purchase Orders**

**Moved By:** Councillor Pike

**Seconded By:** Councillor Willcott

**Be it resolved** Council approve Accounts & Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,508,978.10 dated July 25 noting abstention by Deputy Mayor Marsh on cheque number 19812 & \$4,264,330.86 dated September 12, noting abstention by Deputy Mayor Marsh on cheque number 20099, for a total of \$5,773,308.96.

Question called; Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor Marsh, Councillor Pike, Councillor Humphries, and Councillor Willcott, all in favor. **Carried**

**12. Community Recognition**

**CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP CELEBRATION** - Congratulations to Frank Skrinjar, Nilesh Vishe, and Hafeeza Pathan, who recently received their Canadian citizenship! We were delighted to join them, the Association for New Canadians, Rio Tinto IOC, The Town of Wabush and MHA Jordan Brown in celebrating this significant milestone!

**TAKE BACK THE NIGHT March** will be held September 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8pm. This event is held to create awareness for and to advocate against violence against women. This event is organized by the Status of Women, and we encourage residents to contact them or check them out on Facebook to learn more about this very important initiative.

**World Suicide Prevention Month** is dedicated to raising awareness about suicide, promoting mental health and well-being, and offering support to individuals who may be struggling with suicidal thoughts or behaviors. This month-long campaign, which takes place every September, is part of a global effort to combat the alarming rates of suicide and reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues.

Suicide Awareness Day was recognized this past weekend on Sunday Sept 10th, and we would like to express how vital community is in preventing suicide by offering support, reducing stigma, and providing resources. Through initiatives like support groups and educational programs, communities create safe spaces for open conversations and help individuals in crisis. Together, we can make sure people with suicidal thoughts feel understood and supported. There are a number of resources to call for help; some of which include:

- Labrador West, The Mental Health and Addictions: 285-8251
- The Provincial Health Line: 811
- Talk Suicide Canada Help Line: 1.833.456.4566.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, please reach out because help is out there and there is an extensive network of professionals ready to help and talk to you. You are not alone.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL** - Students are now back to school, and we would like to wish our local students the best for the new year. We would also like to remind residents to be mindful of school buses back on the roads and watch out for children making their way to and from school.

**PLANNED POWER OUTAGE REMINDER** - Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 7am – 7pm. There are a number of steps you can take to prepare such as protecting electronic equipment with surge suppressors, having back up power for emergency medical equipment, keeping a cell phone charged and ready just to name a few. Keep an eye out on our Facebook Page next week for a full checklist on how best to prepare for a planned power outage.

**Congratulations to Fire Chief Joe Power on** being awarded the lifetime achievement award by the Newfoundland & Labrador Association of Fire Services.

**13. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment**

The date of the next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm by Councillor Willcott.

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Kim Conway, Town Clerk

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Belinda Adams, Mayor