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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #23-12
December 14th , 2023**

TIME AND PLACE	A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on December 14, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Barron.
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	Mayor Ron Barron Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock Councillor Bob Cole Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien Councillor Shazia Razi
ABSENT	Councillor Burke (Out of Town) Councillor Pynn (Out of Town)
OTHERS PRESENT	Charlie Perry – Town Manager Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk/Director of Finance Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk
PROCLAMATION/ VISITORS/PETITIONS	The Chamber of Commerce will set up a time to address council in the new year.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 23-11 & 23-12S as presented. Moved By: Councillor Cole Seconded By: Councillor Battcock All in Favour Motion Carried Mayor Barron reiterated that Councillor Razi was not in conflict of interest when she voted on the Accounts Payable listing in meeting 23-12S.



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BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

Mr. Perry mentioned that all items on the action list are pending and in progress. He will adjust the list accordingly when items have been completed.

Deputy Mayor O'Brein wanted to adjust the target date from as soon as possible to spring 2024 for the playground wood chips.

Councillor Razi inquired about the door at the Mike Adam Recreational Complex and if it could be modified to swing the opposite direction. The Town Manager advised it was not recommended by the contractors as it would impede the ramp into the building.

The Government approval is in place for the repair of the front steps of the Mike Adam Recreational Complex. When council receives a quotation to fix them, they will review and choose the most cost-effective option.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Razi and seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Brien to adopt Agenda for council meeting 23-11 & 23-12S.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the tender for Trade Services on Demand to Pencil Industrial Ltd. for the following costs:

Journey person Electrician - \$120/hr. Reg & \$140/hr. OT

Apprentice Electrician - \$92/hr. Reg & \$113/hr. OT

Journey person Plumber - \$92/hr. Reg & \$113/hr. OT

Apprentice Plumber - \$72/hr. Reg & 88.20/hr. OT

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



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All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Town Manager will have our staff assist when possible.

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the tender for Transportation Services to Johnny McGregor in the amount of \$250 HST included.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour Mayor Barron
 Deputy Mayor O'Brein
 Councillor Battcock
 Councillor Cole

Opposed Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

The Town Manager wanted to thank Johnny for his service and making sure everyone got home safely from the Town Christmas Party.

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the tender for Rental Equipment on Demand to Rumbolt's Plumbing and Heating for the following cost:

Steam Truck - \$227.70/hr. w/ Operator & \$279.45/hr. OT w/ Operator

Vacuum Truck - \$227.70/hr. w/ Operator & \$279.45/hr. OT w/ Operator

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

No company quoted their rental equipment without an operator on the Tender submission.



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BE IT RESOLVED that council requests through Municipal & Provincial Affairs an extension of the adoption of the 2024 Budget until February 27th, 2024. However, we will strive to have it passed before this date if possible.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Town Manager told residents that if the tax bills were delayed, that all interest fees would be waived for that month.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PLANNING**

Report Attached

MOTIONS- PLANNING

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves a Home Base Business for 58 Whiteway Drive.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor O'Brien wanted to inform residents that there are ongoing land sales waiting for additional information before being completed for council approval.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
POLICY**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED Council adopt the Municipal Complaint Policy as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock



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All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED Council adopt the amended Frozen Water Lines & Sewer Lines as presented.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Councillor Razi reminded residents to wear helmets at the Bill Chaplin Arena as per policy. There will be additional signage put up and enforcement of this policy for safety reasons. This policy will not be changed at this time.

There will be disclaimers put in place so residents can access their plot plans if necessary.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Report Attached

Councillor Cole thanked Public Works for their work fixing two water breaks efficiently.

The new grader is delayed, and it could be delivered by mid February. When the grader is delivered the gate will be put on it to help stop large boulders from entering residential driveways when snow clearing. The second grader is not in working order and is being repaired. The blower will be put on the 950 loader to widen out the streets in the coming days. The loaders will scrape down roads.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Report attached.

Residents are reminded that the outdoor ice rink is almost completed and when it is ready the Town will post it on our Facebook page.

Jean Lake is groomed and looks beautiful. There will be a contest for most beautiful picture on the trail and details will be posted in the coming days. The Prize will be a \$ 100.00 gift card. Residents are encouraged to walk the trail and enjoy its beautiful scenery.

Councillor Cole thanked the new ATV committee for helping both towns in their endeavor of joining trails to connect our towns for safe



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travels for recreational vehicles. This group is a welcome addition for both communities.

The Town of Labrador City has advertised to obtain a Regional Recreational Director and residents are encouraged to apply.

The Town Manager wanted to thank Shawn Dyke for organizing a hockey fundraiser for a family. The event was sold out and raised over \$10,000.00. The Wabush Figure Skating Club also raised over \$1700.00 for the same family.

The Town Manager welcomed our new Recreation Manager Jillian Pollett who will start on January 2nd, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Report Attached

Councillor Battcock wanted to tell residents that the stop sign at the bottom of Union Drive onto Grenfell Drive was not going ahead but a reduced speed in that area is being discussed.

Residents are reminded that the parking ban is in effect for snow clearing.

Mayor Barron met with the Minister of Justice & Labrador Affairs regarding making sure the community is safe for all residents.

The intersection to the highway from the industrial park from Rona is being looked at as a high-risk intersection and council will discuss solutions to this area in the coming months.

TOWN MANAGER

Report Attached

Town Manager Perry said all ACOA forms are submitted. The Town is waiting to receive 60,000.00 in funding for the Bev Martin Softball Field in the coming weeks. Jean Lake Trail ACOA money is expected for the 2024 season.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Information Package Distributed to Council)

Councillor Razi will be nominating a candidate for the Prime Minister's award.



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**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE:**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approve Accounts Payable Listing from November 16th to December 06th, 2023, in the amount of \$ 324,056.17 with the following abstentions:

37259 Dexter Institute Councillor Battcock

37311 Labrador Motors Mayor Barron

Moved By: Councillor Razi

Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the following permits:

6712	Excavation	25 Second Ave
6713	Occupancy	16 First Street
6714	Sign	16 First Street
6715	Detached Accessory Building	141 Bowater Ext.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Mayor O'Brien

Deputy Mayor O'Brien would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All the best in 2024.



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Councillor Razi

Councillor Razi would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She would like to have a Christmas Movie organized at the Recreation Center for the Children during the Holidays.

Councillor Razi would like the snow by JR Smallwood Collegiate cleaned up due to visibility concerns.

Councillor Battcock

Councillor Battcock would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Cole

Councillor Cole wanted to tell residents that the Quebec Government has extended the \$ 500.00 flights to Quebec until 2027 and has increased the cap to over forty-eight million dollars.

The Quebec Government has also committed to paving ten kilometers from Gabriel to Manic 5 in 2024.

Councillor Cole wanted to congratulate Margarie Dumersque on winning the Chase the Ace for over \$221,000.00.

Roger's internet will install innovative technology in 2024 that will connect the most rural areas to wireless service.

Councillor Cole wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Barron

Mayor Barron would like to thank residents and Major Phylis for coming to the Annual Tree Lighting at the Town Hall this year. He would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and remind everyone to have a safe holiday season. He also would like anyone who needs a ride during the holiday to call him at 709-944-4945.

Thank you to all the Town of Wabush Staff.



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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:18 p.m. Next meeting will tentatively be on Thursday, January 18th, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly O'Brien
Deputy Mayor

Charlie Perry
Town Manager

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