



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING # 24-2SB  
February 22, 2024**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on Thursday February 22, 2024, at the Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.

**COUNCILLORS  
PRESENT**

Mayor Ron Barron  
Councillor Rita Pynn  
Councillor Rick Burke  
Councillor Bob Cole  
Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock  
Councillor Shazia Razi

**ABSENT**

Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien (Out of Town)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**BUDGET**

Financial & Administrative Chairperson Councillor Rick Burke presented the 2024 Budget Speech & highlights.

The 2024 budget was delayed to confirm the Tacora Grant-in-Lieu.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council adjust the 2023 Municipal Budget motion to purchase the 2023 Grader w/ wing attachment from capital reserve.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council agrees to finance the 2023 Grader w/ wing attachment in the 2024 budget.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour



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Motion Carried

The reason for the financing delay is that the interest rates are more favorable in 2024.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush in accordance with provisions of Section 77 (1) of the Municipalities Act as amended, adopt the 2024 Budget as presented by the Finance and Administration Committee showing total revenues of \$ 11,294,112.00 and total expenditures of \$ 11,294,112.00 for a balanced budget.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### Tax Structure

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with provisions of Section 112 (2), 114,120 to 124,125,130,131,136 of the Municipalities Act, 1999 as amended, the Town of Wabush adopt Schedule 1 – 2024 Tax Structure effective January 1, 2024, as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### Permits & Licenses Fee Structure

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush adopt the Schedule II – 2024 Permits & License Fees effective January 1, 2024, as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



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### **Recreation Fee Structure**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush adopt the Schedule III – 2024 Recreational Fees effective January 1, 2024, as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

There will be some minor changes to the fee schedule that will be posted on our web site.

### **Taxes Due & Payable**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with provisions of Section 101 (2) of the Municipalities Act, 1999 as amended, all taxes shall be due and payable thirty (30) days from the date of invoices, effective January 1, 2024.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### **Interest Rate**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with provisions of Section 107 (1) of the Municipalities Act, 1999 as amended, simple interest on taxes unpaid on or before the due date be set at 12% per annum effective January 1, 2024.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried





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Councillor Cole told residents that if they need to avail themselves of a payment plan to contact the Town.

### **Utilities & Cable Companies**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with provisions of Section 5 of the 1992 Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act as amended, Business Tax (Class 9) be set at the rate 2.5% effective January 1, 2024, on the gross revenue of the utility/cable company for the preceding year derived within the municipality of Wabush.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### **Tax Exemption & Remission**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with provisions of Section 111 (1) of the Municipalities Act, 1999 as amended, that council set the Total Family Income threshold for 80% Residential Property & W/S Tax Rebate at \$ 32,500.00 plus \$ 2,500.00 per dependent, effective January 1, 2024. The Total Family Income threshold for 50% Residential Property & W/S Tax Rebate be set at \$ 45,000.00 plus \$ 5,000. 00 per dependent, effective January 1,2024.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### **Appointment of Town Manager & Town Clerk**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush appoint, if the Town Manager is absent from the office, the Town Clerk to fill the position of acting Town Manager during his/her absence.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn



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All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### Corporate Cards

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a credit limit of \$ 40,000.00 be established with the Bank of Montreal for the Town of Wabush.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

Mayor Barron thanked the Committee and staff for all their hard work on the 2024 Municipal Budget.

### ADJOURNMENT

Thank you to the residents that tuned in, Council and Staff. With no further business Councillor Cole moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron  
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout  
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

RB:TR:dlr