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

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on February 22nd, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien

OTHERS PRESENT

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

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 24-1 and 24-2S as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried



BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

The MARC steps funding will receive additional funding from our Capital Works Projects and the Tender will be presented in the coming weeks. The rail on the new south entrance has been installed.

The safety concerns regarding the intersection of the Industrial Park and the Highway are being discussed with the Public Works Department and the Transportation and Works Department. The best solution will be implemented for the safety of the residents. The Government will be announcing where the allocation of road work will be allocated in the coming days.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Battcock to adopt Agenda 24-2 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the in-kind donation of ice time to the Labrador Male Hockey Team for practice for NL Winter Games.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Town of Wabush will allocate in kind donations to help teams raise money for their travel.

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve an in-kind donation request of one 10 swim pass and one 10 Bowling pass for Lab West Dancers Inc. for their auction happening in the spring.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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BE IT RESOLVED that council deny the Ad request from Downhome to display our Ad in the 2024 Downhome booklet.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Town of Wabush will use the advertising from Down Home Magazine on an as needed basis.

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves an in-kind donation to the Western Labrador Recreation Trails Inc. for any on hand, unused material.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This group is now incorporated and is collaborating with the White Wolf Snowmobile Club to start working on the trail system this summer.

BE IT RESOLVED that council deny a donation request from the Lab West Minor Basketball for new uniforms. Council agrees to offer an in-kind donation at the group's request.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves a donation request in the amount of \$1725.00 to the Knight of Columbus.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the Wage Schedule for non-unionized employees as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Town Manager wanted to thank the non- union staff for all their dedication and hard work. This workforce helps keep the facilities running smoothly. The Town of Wabush will offer free training sessions to residents who would like to become a lifeguard and an incentive opportunity will be discussed to retain the current and future staff and volunteers.

BE IT RESOLVED that council deny the sponsorship request from Cains Quest 2024 as council sponsored the 2023 Cains Quest.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the 2023 property/water sewer taxes for the property located at 8 Union Drive in the amount of \$3897.90.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Councillor Cole thanked them for offering their space to nonprofit organizations when it is so hard to find in town.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush requests to borrow \$453,644.10 from the Bank of Montreal. The term of this loan will be 5 years at an annual interest rate of 5.79% and monthly payments of \$8725.98. The purpose of the loan is to finance the purchase of a Komatsu Grader with Wing attachment.

Moved By: Councillor Burke



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Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This is an especially important piece of equipment that will be added to the fleet for snow clearing. The older grader will be retained until it is too costly to maintain.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the land sale, lot G122 Grenfell Drive.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Town of Wabush has developable residential and commercial land for sale and encourages anyone to reach out for more information.

COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

Report Attached

There are policies that are still being developed for council to review in the coming Months.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Report Attached

Councillor Cole wanted to commend the Public Works department on the great work being done on the roads and corner lot snow removal.

The Whiteway water issue will be addressed in the spring when the source can be pin pointed so the cost of infrastructure damage will be minimal during a water dig.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Report Attached

The 49th Bill Chaplin Adam Invitational was a success, and everyone had an exciting time making memories.

The Winter Carnival is in the coming weeks with many activities and



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residents are encouraged to attend.

Councillor Burke wanted to congratulate all travelling teams for the Winter Games and wish them all the Best of Luck. Mayor Barron also wanted to wish the teams well.

The Cains Quest will be beginning in the coming days and the Council would like to wish everyone safe travels and best of luck.

Mayor Barron would also like to wish Colin Rumbolt well when travelling to Calgary to ski in the Special Olympics.

Mr. Perry wanted to let residents know that all staff in recreation will be wearing safety vests so residents can identify our staff and if they need anything to let them know.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Report Attached

Councillor Battcock wanted to remind residents about the reduced speed on Union Street to Grenfell Drive during the winter months, and the new stop sign on Jennings Street. The signs will be put up in the coming days.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Information Package Distributed to Council)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from Jan 11th to February 13th, 2024, in the amount of \$425,538.92 With the following abstentions:

37501 Labrador Motors Mayor Barron

37548 Labrador Motors Mayor Barron

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6716 3 Sea Cans/Jersey Barriers E Grenfell Drive

Moved By: Councillor Pynn

Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour

Motion Carried

The Town Manger wanted to let residents know that the section of road from Ultramar to Rafters was lettered instead of numbered for the dispatch of 911 purposes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Razi

Councillor Razi attended the Summit held at the Arts and Culture Center and was disappointed with the lack of attendance. It was highly informative and contained a great deal of information.

Councillor Razi commended the Public Works Director for doing a wonderful job on the roads.

Councillor Razi wanted to encourage residents to volunteer during the Winter Carnival.

Councillor Cole

Councillor Cole wanted to thank Sarah Roberts for her generous donation of cleaning supplies to the AP Low primary School and would like the Government to step up, so schools are not left looking for essential goods for the classrooms.

Councillor Cole would like to have enclosed steps for residents from the overflow parking lot to the Arena for safety during the Winter Months.



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Councillor Pynn

Councillor Pynn, Councillor Battcock and Councillor Razi attended the Summit in Labrador City and thought it was a highly informative session. The information in the Summit will be brought forward in the meeting in the coming week with the Premier. The Summit committee members were at the Labrador Mall taking suggestions and concerns from residents on how to improve the area.

Councillor Razi would like to address the lack of public transit in the area. Many issues were addressed during the Summit, including but not limited to fly in fly out workers, seniors, health care, and lack of affordable housing.

Mayor Barron

Mayor Barron would like to send his condolences to the family and friends of the late Shelia Kennedy. Shelia was a pioneer of our community for many years and will be missed.

The 2024 Budget will be held directly after the adjournment of this meeting and residents are encouraged to stay tuned.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:26 p.m. The next meeting will tentatively be on Thursday, March 21st, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Charlie Perry
Town Manager

RB:TR:dr