



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #24-1  
January 18<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on January 18th, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Deputy Mayor O'Brein.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien  
Councillor Mary-Lou Battcock  
Councillor Bob Cole  
Councillor Burke  
Councillor Shazia Razi  
Councillor Rita Pynn

**ABSENT**

Mayor Ron Barron (Excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charlie Perry – Town Manager  
Tiffanee Rideout – (Out of Town)  
Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk

**PROCLAMATION/  
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

Proclamation for Epilepsy – Purple Day for Epilepsy March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Deputy Mayor O'Brein was glad she had the opportunity to present and sign this proclamation because she has epilepsy herself.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 23-12 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Cole  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried





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### BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

The adjustment for the playground wood chips has been made on the monthly action list.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Pynn to adopt Agenda 24-1, omitting the accounts Payable portion.

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

#### Report Attached

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approves the destruction of the 2016 Accounting Records as per recommendations from the Department of Municipal Affairs & Department of Finance.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The records only need to be kept for 7 Years.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council deny a donation request from Veterans Service recognition book as we only donate to our local Royal Canadian Legion.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The Town supports our local Legion in Wabush throughout the year.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approve the 2024 Management Annual Increases as recommended by Finance.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole



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In Favour

Deputy Mayor O'Brein  
Councillor Battcock  
Councillor Cole  
Councillor Pynn  
Councillor Burke

Against

Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING

#### Report Attached

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approves Crown Lands Applications 78482 and 161979 approvals.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approves Crown Lands Application 162135 refusal.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approves bid on Snow's Drive lot # 53 approval.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

There are still some outstanding bids that will be processed in February after the 2024 Budget is passed.



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**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approves plan change request as presented to proceed with approval process.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The public will be notified of the plan change for the Zoning changes when completed.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approves sale of Industrial Park lot # 23-6 approval.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

A public notice will be put out when the sale has been approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY

#### Report Attached

**BE IT RESOLVED** Council adopt the amended Land Sales Policy as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

Councillor Pynn reminded all council to keep their books up to date.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

#### Report Attached

Councillor Cole commended the Public Works staff on widening and scrapping down the streets. They should be finished early next week. He wanted to inform residents that the water on Whiteway Drive is a natural spring and not a water break. The new grader will be delivered at the end of February. It was delayed because the unit that



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was supposed to be shipped to us was damaged and it will be replaced not repaired.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

#### Report Attached

Deputy Mayor O'Brein thanked the volunteers who have kept the Jean Lake Trail well maintained. She also thanked Kellie Kelly for her help in setting up and training staff for the eventbright swim registration. She welcomed our new Facilities Manager Jillian Pollett to the team.

Additional Boards for the Arena will be discussed with Council in the coming weeks.

### COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

#### Report Attached

Councillor Battcock told residents that the Town will be working with a new group, Western Labrador Recreation Trails Inc, in the coming months to enhance the trail system for ATV's.

There is ongoing conversation regarding a speed reduction at the intersection of Union Street and Grenfell Drive. The public will be notified when this comes into effect. There will be a flashing stop sign installed at the intersection of Bowater and Grenfell.

Councillor Battcock wanted to remind residents not to park in Ambulance Parking Zones. Mr. Perry reminded everyone not to park between the Bill Chaplin Arena and the south end of the Recreation Center because it is impeding fire lanes.

### TOWN MANAGER

#### Report Attached

Town Manager Perry said the water on Grenfell Drive was from poor drainage of the ditch and causing a backup in the storm drain. Councillor Burke suggested excavating the drainage ditch to allow better run off.

Town Manager Perry said the MARC steps project has been completed by the engineering firm and is being sent to MNL engineering and the Town should have approval to move to a MERC Tender process in the coming days. The project will be completed in the spring of 2024. Additional funding for the project is still in progress. The quote from RMS for the side door railing at the MARC will be done in the coming days.



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Parking at the MARC for seniors will be at the south side entrance. Signage will be put there in the coming days. Residents and seniors are reminded that there is a pool entrance for anyone with mobility issues that want to swim. This entrance is fully accessible. The Regionalization meetings with the Town of Labrador City will be taking place before the end of January.

**CORRESPONDENCE** (Information Package Distributed to Council)

**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE:**

**Report Attached**

Will be deferred until next meeting.

**PERMITS:**

**No Permits**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councillor Razi**

Councillor Razi wanted to remind residents to stay safe on the roads due the bad weather.

**Councillor Cole**

Councillor Cole wanted to wish Mayor Barron a speedy recovery from his broken foot. He wanted to congratulate Matthew Butler on winning the \$ 5000.00 from the Wabush Come Home Year Committee. Councillor Cole also congratulated the Labrador West Ladies and Men's curling teams on their first-place win in the Moncton tournament. This is the first time Labrador West won both male and female categories.

Councillor Cole wanted the Policy Committee to update the taxi policy to reflect the new provincial regulation regarding ride sharing and that Hockey NL reversed its new handshake policy today.

Councillor Cole would like Council to change the current operating system.

Town Manager Perry told council that the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 deadline for the 2024 Budget was approved by MNL. The tax bills will be delayed, and the Town will keep the public up to date.



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### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:10 p.m. The next meeting will tentatively be on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelly O'Brien  
Deputy Mayor

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Charlie Perry  
Town Manager

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