



WABUSH

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #24-5
May 16th, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on May 16th, 2024.
The meeting was called to order at 5:35 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
Deputy Mayor Kelly O'Brien

OTHERS PRESENT

Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk
Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk

ABSENT

Charlie Perry – Town Manager – Out of Town

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

N/A

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 24-4 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour
Motion Carried





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BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

Councillor Razi would like to add items to the action list.:

- Would like the Town to Collaborate with the Schools to start a summer program for children.
- To secure government funding to get public transportation in the community.
- Would like a letter sent to CONA to request that they add an ECE course on campus to train childcare workers locally.

Councillor Pynn added that public transportation is necessary in our area to ensure residents with out personal transportation can access amenities in the community.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Razi and seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Brein to adopt Agenda 24-5 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that council enter into a funding agreement with Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency in the amount of \$160,000 to upgrade and enhance the Jean Lake Trail. This includes removal of boardwalk, installing LED trail lighting, signage, and an audio self-guided tour package.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

Motion Carried

Approximately ½ trail will have lighting on the Town side. The audio self-guided tour package includes headphones with a brief history of the trail. The Town is partnering with the Rotary Club on this initiative.



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BE IT RESOLVED that, we the Ultimate Recipient, Town of Wabush, accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated 24th day of April 2024, Project number 17-RNC-25-00061, First Avenue Road Reconstruction with a total project value of \$1,880,652. This council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share value of \$773,867 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of Town of Wabush.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

The road reconstruction will start by Houseman and will finish in front of Rona Home Center.

BE IT RESOLVE that council approve the request for Family Bowling rates as listed below:

Family of 3 - \$20 (includes shoes)
Family of 4 - \$25 (includes shoes)
Family of 5/6 - \$30 (includes shoes)

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

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the request to offer additional weight room rates as listed below:

Weely Pass - \$15
Monthly Pass - \$20

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor O'Brein

Motion Carried



BE IT RESOLVED that council approve a wage increase for Swim Instructor as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve a donation request in the amount of \$1000.00 for the Wabush Reunion Committee for their 2024 reunion.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

The last reunion was held in 2018 and hosted over 300 current and former residents.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PLANNING**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves land sale at the rear of 110 Grenfell Drive.

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

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves land sale at the rear of 151 Bowater Drive.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

Motion Carried



BE IT RESOLVED that council approves Crown Lands Applications 162521 approval.

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

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves Crown Lands Applications 162579 and 162581 refusal.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves Home Based Business at 8 Cashin Avenue.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
POLICY**

No Report Attached

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PUBLIC WORKS**

Report Attached

Councillor Cole reminded residents that clean up week will be May 27-June 3, 2024. Garbage bins will be placed at the Legion snow dump and Jean Lake parking area for residents to avail of. Residents are reminded to make sure the proper garbage is put into the correct bins. If any resident has a vehicle to be removed from their property, the Town will dispose of them at no cost to them.

Street sweeping will start tomorrow and lawn sweeping will start on Tuesday May 21, 2024. Residents who do not want their lawn swept can call the Town to be added to the no sweep list.



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COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Report Attached

The base for the outdoor ice rink will be taken up in the coming days when it is dried to prevent mold. A concrete pad will be put there this summer.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Report Attached

TOWN MANAGER:

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

(Information Package Distributed to Council)

Council met with the Kami Mine project managers to discuss the opening of their mine. The Town reiterated that fly in fly out workers for this project is not acceptable and they will not support this project unless there is benefit for our community. Residents are encouraged to express their concerns to the Minister of Natural Resources on the government website. There will be a meeting in St. John's with many government departments regarding this project in the coming months.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from April 5th to May 9th, 2024, in the amount of \$ 343,108.47. With the following abstentions:

37736 Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
37768 Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock
37802 Dexter Institute	Councillor Battcock

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6722	Patio/Canopy	28 Whiteway Drive
6723	Water /Sewer	19 Morris Ave
6724	Occupancy	58 Whiteway Drive
6725	Driveway	141 Bowater Drive
6726	Greenhouse	38 Grenfell Drive

Moved By: Councillor Pynn

Seconded By: Councillor Burke

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Councillor Pynn reminded residents to come in to get permits prior to starting any work. Replacement of residential siding, roof and windows do not require a permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Mayor O'Brein

Deputy Mayor O'Brein Attended the MNL conference and said the collaboration and feedback with other communities was insightful. The report is attached.

Councillor Cole

Councillor Cole would like to get confirmation about if the annual 12-hour power outage is taking place or if it has changed to 2 six-hour outages in June.

Councillor Burke would like to contact NL Hydro about clearing brush and leaving it for residents to clean up. This is difficult for seniors and residents with mobility issues. If this is left it will become a safety hazard.

Councillor Cole congratulated the Graduation Class of 2024.



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Councillor Burke

Councillor Burke congratulated Micheal Burke and Evan Butler on being accepted to the HPP in Corner Brooke for Hockey this year, and also wished the Lab Cup soccer players the best of luck.

Mayor Barron

Mayor Barron offered his condolences to the families of the Late Keith Burgess, Tom Goss, and Pearce Johnson.

Mayor Barron wanted to donate time at the Recreation Center to the Late Brayden King's family for a fund raiser.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:21 p.m. The next meeting will tentatively be on Thursday, June 20th, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

RB:TR:dr